Dear Parents,

With camp five weeks away, it is extremely important that we get organised. This is a very exciting time. Camp is a very important aspect of our students’ learning in Year 3/4 and we strongly recommend that all students attend camp. Camp is invaluable when teaching students organisational skills, independence, getting along, problem solving and self-confidence. Camp Arrabri at Warburton is a perfect setting to explore all of these things. We will be holding an information evening on Wednesday, 5th August at 6-6:45pm in 3/4E and 3/4J, for any parents who have any questions or who wish to find out more about the camp process. It will be very similar to the one held last year.

In this pack you will find:

- General Information
- Confidential Medical and Access Report
- Luggage Checklist
- Payment and Permission Form
- Preliminary Itinerary

The Permission Form, Confidential Medical Form and full payment (balance $260.00, total charge $310.00) MUST be completed and returned to the school by Wednesday, 19th August. If you need assistance with payment options please contact Christine Leyshan (Business Manager) for alternative arrangements.

**STAFF:**

- 11 Staff will be accompanying the children to camp:
  - Stephanie Eden-McIlroy
  - Colleen Johnson
  - Rosanna Caruso
  - Malcolm Dow
  - Peter Cracknell
  - Kate Pilgrim
  - Virginia Wallace
  - Donna Brammer
  - Jane Hutchins
  - Rosa Salemme
  - 3/4 Student Teacher

**LUNCH ON THE FIRST DAY:**

- Students will need to bring their own packed lunch (in disposable bag) including morning snack, fruit snack and their water bottle.

**MEDICAL:**

The Confidential Medical form needs to be completed in full and returned to your classroom teacher ASAP. **NB: Medication is required for the return journey.**

- Students who use “puffer or pack/inhalers” must have two - named, (one kept with the student and one with a staff member).
- All medication (including travel sickness pills) must be handed to Mrs Stephanie Eden-McIlroy on the day PRIOR to departure, with the completed CAMP MEDICATION FORM (this is in addition to the Confidential Medical Report, and can be found on the school website under Parents tab and then Camps).
- Please label medicines clearly - **NAME, DOSAGE, INSTRUCTIONS.**
- Make sure your child also knows about dosage, etc.
- Any special information about your child should be given to staff before departure.
- **TRAVEL SICKNESS** – if you indicate on the confidential medical form that that your child may suffer from bus sickness, it is highly recommended that your child take some precautionary medication to avoid travel sickness on the morning of departure. If unsure about the medication required, please consult your doctor or pharmacist. (In the event your child is sick on the bus and you have not provided any medication, we are not permitted to administer any medication to ease their discomfort).
ACTIVITIES:
The children will take part in a range of activities which promote environmental awareness, group co-ordination and initiative skills. On the Arrabri website, www.arrabri.com.au, there is a list of activities, some of which the children will participate in.

LUGGAGE: (luggage checklist attached)
All bags are to be of the soft sided, sausage bag type, and should not be over 12kg in weight (NO SUITCASES). This is a request from the bus company.
- 1 main bag + 1 small back pack or school bag for the bus.
- Please see that all items are named, particularly bags and clothing.
- No responsibility will be taken for lost or damaged items.
- If sending a camera, please ensure batteries are fully charged.

CONTACT WHILST ON CAMP:
- It is considered unnecessary for your child to have direct phone contact with you during the camp.
- A Tiqbiz will be sent in the afternoon of Wednesday, 2nd September to assure all parents of our safe arrival at camp. Another Tiqbiz will be sent late morning of Friday, 4th September to advise expected arrival time for the afternoon. If there are any delays on our way home, an additional message will be sent.
- We will also touch base with the school on a regular basis, this information will be passed on through announcements and information in the newsletter.
- The school has the phone number for the camp. In the event of an absolute emergency where you need to contact your child, you can call APS on 9822 7003 or after hours – Rochelle Cukier 0402 993 724 or Malcolm Dow 0413 959 979.
- If necessary, due to accident or illness, parents will be contacted.

BEHAVIOUR:
- Disruptive behaviour which threatens the child’s safety or the safety of others will result in the parent being contacted and asked to COLLECT the offending child from the camp. If the parent cannot be contacted arrangements will be made to return the child to school.
- APS school rules apply whilst students are on camp and Camp Arrabri also has rules that need to be followed, helping to make this a safe camp for all.

DEPARTURE:
- Please be on time - children should be at school by 8.15am as departure will be 8.45am sharp. (Any student requiring Travel Sickness medication will need to take it half an hour before the bus leaves).

RETURN:
- 3.00pm (approximately) at APS on Friday, 4th September, 2015.
- Children should be met on their return by a parent or guardian.
- Any child not collected will be directed to OOSHC.

If you have any concerns or questions about any aspects of the camp, please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher for further information.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 3 days. Thank you,

Stephanie Eden-McIlroy, Rosanna Caruso, Colleen Johnson and Kylie Ashton