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## Junior Primary excursion note Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In continuing to develop our focus on understanding our connection to land (where resources come from), an excursion to **Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve** has been planned for **Thursday 8 June**. We will be travelling to and from the venue by bus.

This excursion will allow each grade to focus on the following curriculum areas:

**Kindergarten** – Recognising why places are special to people and describing the features of these places.

**Year One** – Investigating places, their natural, managed and constructed features, and the activities located in them.

**Year Two** – Exploring connections between people and places past and present; and their importance.

At Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve we will have an opportunity to:

- Learn from rangers about the importance of the Indigenous connections to the area (hearing how Tidbinbilla was a meeting place that included feasts and dances);
- Learn how Indigenous groups hunted for food (boomerang/spear display included);
- Observe kangaroos and emus in their local habitat (and if time permits visit the koalas);
- Investigate how constructed features assist in looking after the flora and fauna; and
- Reflect on the environment through drawing.

Below is important information about the day itself.

**Date:** Thursday 8 June 2017

**Time:** Children are to arrive at school as normal. The bus will depart at 9:15am. It will take 45 minutes to travel to the reserve. Our time with the rangers is from 10:15-12:45pm (This includes a recess break between rotations). The children will have lunch at the recreation area at approximately 1:00pm before departing the reserve at approximately 1:40pm. We will return to school by 2:30pm.

**What to wear:** Children are to wear their **sports uniform** and be wearing **enclosed** shoes.

**What to bring:** **Recess, lunch** and **drinks** in either a lunch-box or a clearly labelled plastic bag; **warm clothing**.

**Cost:** There is no cost to parents as the excursion will come out of the excursion levy.

**Supervision:** 4 members of staff will be attending. Children will be split into two groups with 2 members of staff (along with one ranger) with each group.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's class teacher.

Please complete the permission note attached and return to school by **Monday 5 June 2017**.

Sincerely

Fran Tomadini / Alana Quirk / Breena Walshe / John Siljeg  
Junior Primary Teachers

**JUNIOR PRIMARY EXCURSION – TIDBINBILLA NATURE RESERVE**  
**THURSDAY 8 JUNE**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Statement:**

This excursion has been carefully planned. Supervision of pupils will be conscientiously carried out. Students are expected to follow all rules and procedures in place. Parents may be contacted if their child places themselves or others at risk due to non-compliance.

**Parent Consent:**

As Parent/Guardian of the above named student, I give my consent for him/her to participate in the **Junior Primary Excursion to 'Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve on Thursday 8 June 2017**. The children will be transported to and from the venue by bus.

I authorise the teachers and centre staff to obtain medical assistance which they deem necessary should an accident occur. Listed below are specific medical requirements or other needs relevant to my child participating for this excursion.

Medical Condition (e.g. allergies, asthma)	Treatment Plan

Emergency Contact (for 8 June):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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