CAMP WEEKAWAY 2017

Dear Parents,

Camp is just around the corner, and as you can imagine, all staff & students are eager to get there to enjoy the amazing activities and facilities of Camp Weekaway. Camp Weekaway is located on over 70 acres of natural bush at Benloch, approximately 80kms north of Melbourne. The closest town is Lancefield, 15kms away. The children will be involved in many exciting activities, which are well supervised, by staff & camp instructors, to ensure the safety of our children. The children will be involved in the following activities over the three days:

- Canoeing
- Mountain Biking
- Flying fox
- Archery
- Ropes Course
- Initiative Activities
- The Maze
- Damper/Rogaining
- Night Walk
- Campfire Activities

These activities will be conducted in groups of approximately 14 students. Also, while on camp, the children will have free time where they can enjoy the following fabulous facilities the camp has to offer. These include:

- Volleyball
- Basketball
- Minor Games

The following staff will be attending and a car will be on site.

- Evert Eykman
- Nadine Kingsley
- Helen Paroukas
- Marcus Mooney
- Matt Barker
- Maria Sakellaris
- Dawn Charles
- Nathan Beaumont

The children will be in rooms of 4 to 6, with separate dorm rooms for boys and girls. The layout and placement of staff will enable close supervision of all rooms.

On Monday February 13th the children should place their luggage under the bus and go to their classroom for a roll to be taken. We hope to be on the road by 9.15am. We anticipate returning to school by 2.30pm on Wednesday February 15th.
Children will need to bring lunch and morning tea on Monday. Make sure it is packed separately from the rest of their luggage. We will stop on the way to camp for morning tea, and eat lunch shortly after arrival at camp. (Food is not provided by camp for Monday’s lunch).

Children are asked to bring some food to share on camp. This may be biscuits, chips, lollies etc.... Please note that we do have children with nut allergies and would kindly ask if you could not include items containing nuts. Not too much please – the children are well fed at camp. Foodstuffs are to be taken to Miss Paroukas’ prior to camp.

**No electronic games or mobile phones are to be taken.**

Please ensure that your child’s belongings are clearly labelled with their name. Remember to pack as economically as possible. It’s only 3 days, not 3 weeks.

Make sure that you have completed the necessary medical forms. If there are any changes, please contact your child’s teacher. Remember, all medication required should be clearly named and dosage indicated. All medication should be given to Ms Sakellaris on Monday morning. Children who suffer from travel sickness should hand in travel sickness tablets for the return journey.

If there is an emergency and you need to contact your child or staff, please call the Principal, Ron Cantlon at school on (03) 9570 1016 and he will contact the camp.

If you require any other information, please contact your child’s class teacher or Helen Paroukas.

**All payments must have been completed by Monday February 6th for your child to attend camp, unless you have made previous arrangements with the school.**

Yours sincerely,
Year Five Team

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**Camp Weekaway**
186 Kitchenhams Rd
Benloch, 343
WHAT TO BRING

- Sleeping Bag or Doona
- Sheet
- Pillow case
- Change of underclothing & socks for each day
- T-shirts/shirts
- Tracksuit pants or long pants
- Windcheater/jumper
- Shorts
- Bathers
- Pyjamas
- Sneakers
- Slippers
- Old shoes for canoeing
- Raincoat (waterproof)
- Hat
- Towels
- Personal Toiletries
- Sunscreen
- Torch
- Drink bottle
- Bike Helmet
- Plastic bag for soiled clothing
- Smile

Optional
- Camera
- Beanie/gloves/scarf
- Gumboots/thongs
- Book
- Cards/board games

Please Note: Bring a snack and lunch on the first day.
This is to be taken on the bus, not in luggage.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Good Clothes
- Valuable Items
- Computerised Games