Douglas Park Public School

Years 5 and 6 Excursion to Canberra, 2013

20.03.2013

Dear Parents,

A two day excursion to Canberra has been planned for Year 5 and 6 students from Thursday 25th July to Friday 26th July 2013, travelling with Hunts Capital Coaches, Camden. The accommodation for the Thursday night will be at the Best Western Sundowner Resort in Canberra. Mr Paterson and Mrs Roche will be accompanying the children on this excursion.

During Term 2 and 3 the children will be learning about government and our national capital so the excursion will be an interesting and worthwhile learning experience for them.

The itinerary includes visits to Parliament House, National Museum, the Electoral Education Centre, Australian War Memorial, National Exhibition Centre, Royal Australian Mint and Questacon. A range of stimulating activities including guided tours and lessons will occur at these venues throughout the two days.

Children will need to provide lunch on Day 1, with all other meals provided by the motel.

The cost for this excursion is **$155.00** and covers coach travel, dinner, bed and breakfast accommodation, lunch on Day 2 and any entry fees to venues. A rebate from the Federal Government for each child travelling to Canberra for a school excursion is available and we have factored that into the cost so that the school will claim the overall rebate after the excursion.

The children will need to arrive at school at **6.15am** on Thursday 25th and we will return at approximately **6.30 to 7pm** on Friday 26th July. Children will need to provide recess and lunch on Day 1, with all other meals provided by the motel. All medication needs to be clearly labelled and handed to the teachers prior to leaving with full instructions. Children may keep puffers with them.

If you wish your child to participate in the wonderful excursion he/she needs to have the permission note and deposit returned to school by Monday 20th May and full payment is due at the office by 28 June 2013. You can pay it by instalments.
The following is a list of what your child will need to bring.

- Recess and lunch for Day 1
- Motion sickness tablets for home journey (if required)
- Pyjamas
- Toiletries - soap, deodorant (no aerosols please), tooth paste/brush, etc
- Socks/underwear for 2 days
- Warm jumper and jacket
- Hat and sunscreen
- Water bottle

Please label all clothing.

Children will not need to bring nibblies or lollies. There is no eating allowed on the bus or in rooms. Children may take cameras but they will need to be responsible for them.

There will be opportunities for children to purchase souvenirs. A small amount of money is recommended. We would suggest that children bring less than $20.00. We will also have a short stop at McDonald's at Sutton Forest on the way home so the children might like to save some of their money to purchase something to eat or drink there.

Children are not to bring mobile phones. Parents may contact us on 0423691303 if needed.

This number will be available from 7.30am until 9.00pm each day. If unable to take the call, a teacher will ring you back as soon as possible. A full medical note will be sent home early next term.

Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any queries regarding this excursion.

Joanne Roche       R. Tomlin
Teacher        Principal

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TO
DOUGLAS PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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I give permission for my child ___________________ of class ____________ to travel with Hunts Coaches, Camden to and from Canberra from Thursday 25th July to 26th July to participate in the Years 5 and 6 Canberra excursion, staying at the Best Sundowner Resort in Canberra. I realise the cost is $155.00 and enclose a deposit of $50.00 to secure a place on this excursion.

Signed __________________ Date ___________