Junior Primary Transport Camp 2016

5 September 2016

Dear Junior Primary Parents,

Our camp is not too far away and plans are well underway! It is going to be a fun and exciting time for all. This year we have made some changes to the program with Year 1 students Day Camping and only the Year 2 students staying overnight. JP Camp will occur at the beginning of Week 5 in Term 4. Please read this camp notice carefully and keep it in a safe place for future reference.

**WHERE:** Oasis Christian Camp  
66 - 72 Monbulk Road  
Mt Evelyn  

**WHEN:** Term 4, Week 5  
Monday 7 – Tuesday 8 November 2016

It is a good idea to start talking to your child about the upcoming camp. Mark it on the calendar together and begin to talk about what it might be like. Please continue to talk to your child about the camp throughout the lead up to it; this is an important part in preparing your child for the experience and dispelling any worries. Teachers will be spending a lot of time preparing for camp at the beginning of Term 4 too.

**PROGRAM**

The camp is part of our Term 4 Core Studies unit on ‘Transport’ and will be held at the Oasis Christian Camp in Mount Evelyn.

On Monday 7 November 2016, we will assemble in our own classes at 8:45am and will depart school at approximately 9am. We will travel by coach directly to Belgrave where we will start the day with a train ride on Puffing Billy to Emerald Lake. We will then visit a miniature railway museum as well as do some activities at Emerald Lake. Afterwards, we will travel by coach to Oasis Christian Camp in Mount Evelyn where we will have a camp tour and do some further transport activities. Year 1 students will be day camping and going home after dinner. Year 2 students will be staying the night at Oasis Camp.

**YEAR ONE PROGRAM**

On Monday 7 November 2016, the Year 1s need to be picked up by a parent from Oasis Christian Camp in Mount Evelyn at 6:45pm and signed out. If another parent is collecting a child, a note will need to be provided at the time of pick up.

On Tuesday 8 November 2016, all Year 1 students will be involved in a YEAR ONE SPECIAL TRANSPORT DAY at school during normal school time. Students will participate in a range of fun learning activities to both reflect on their day camp experience and continue to learn about transport. This will be a great day for Year 1 students to enjoy together.

**YEAR TWO PROGRAM**

The Year 2s will remain overnight at camp and participate in team building and initiative activities the following day. This will be a lovely time for the Year 2s, as they prepare for the next step to Middle Primary.

The Year 2s will return to school and be ready for normal pick up time on Tuesday afternoon, 8 November 2016 - exhausted, but full of wonderful stories to share with their family.

**STAFFING**

Mrs Kaye Smith (Camp Leader), Miss Fiona Murray, Miss Viv Theunissen, Mrs Di Emery, Mr Scott Mealy, Mr Peter Owen and Mrs Narelle Wilson.
EQUIPMENT
An equipment list is attached to this notice. Most meals are provided, as this is a catered camp. However, students will be required to bring their own morning tea, lunch and drink bottle for MONDAY 8 NOVEMBER.

Please help your child to pack their own bags so that they are aware where their undies and PJs are! It is easiest if they have a bag with their clothing, and a separate bag with all their sleeping gear inside. (A big stripey bag is good for the sleeping gear). Please clearly label everything with their name, especially on the outside of their bags. Bags can be taken to the Kiss’n’Drop before school starts on the Monday.

MEDICATIONS & SPECIAL DIETARY FORMS
Please complete and return the attached Student Medical & Dietary form to your child’s class teacher by this Friday 9 September 2016.

It is important that parents/guardians keep us informed, particularly if there has been any recent illness or issues that teachers and leaders need to be aware of. If your child is asthmatic, please ensure that your asthma management plan is up to date and lodged with the school office.
Information on these forms will be kept strictly confidential and forms are destroyed at the conclusion of your child’s camp. Students will not be permitted to attend the camp if they have not returned their medical form. All student medications, with instructions, are required to be signed in and handed to Mrs Narelle Wilson on the Monday morning of the camp outside the ECHIDNA classroom.

Also, please ensure that any changes to your emergency phone numbers are noted on the attached Medical Emergency form (especially changes in mobile phone numbers). In the unlikely case that we need to contact you during camp, we must have accurate and updated emergency and backup emergency numbers.

For catering purposes, please ensure that the section relating to your child’s dietary requirements, including adequate details of what they are unable to eat and alternatives, is completed and returned to school in a timely manner. Thank you for assisting us in this.

BEDWETTING
This is a common problem with children this age. Please put your child at ease. If your child does wet the bed, pack a spare sleeping bag for them to use in case of an accident. If you have any concerns, please discuss this with your child’s teacher.

PARENT HELPERS
We require 2 day parents for Monday 7 November 2016 as well as 2 dads OF YEAR TWO STUDENTS to stay for the entire camp. If you have a Working with Children Card registered at the MECS office and would like to help out on our camp this year, please fill out the expression of interest form attached to this notice and return by this Friday 9 September 2016. We will notify you by letter if you are required on camp.

Camps are a special and happy time of learning about our Core Studies unit on Transport, being together, developing independence, and playing in a comfortable and safe environment.

Yours in Christ,

*Kaye Smith, Fiona Murray & Viv Theunissen*  
Junior Primary Teachers
Dear JP Teachers,

I, ____________________________________________, am available to attend as a parent helper for:

☐ Just Monday 7 November 2016 of the JP Transport Camp
☐ The entire 2 days of the JP Transport Camp on Monday 7–Tuesday 8 November 2016.

Name of child in Junior Primary: ……………………………………………………………………………………………

Child’s Class: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

I have a current ‘Working With Children Card’ registered at the MECS office.

Parent Mobile number: ______________________________

Parent signature: ______________________________

Date: ____________________
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Please drop any luggage off at the Kiss’n’Drop on the Monday morning before school starts.

PLEASE NOTE that on this camp students SHOULD NOT BRING:

- Money
- Lollies / Sweets
- Electronic Games

Two named brown paper bags will be given out to each student a few days before camp, one for morning tea and the other for lunch. These will be collected by teachers in class tubs at students’ classrooms on the first morning of camp. All other food is provided.

### FOOD Items Required

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**Year 1 Equipment List**

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<td>Teddy (ESSENTIAL)</td>
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<td>Toothbrush, toothpaste &amp; small hand towel</td>
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<td><strong>Wear</strong> shoes or runners that are appropriate for physical activity</td>
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<td>Teddy (ESSENTIAL)</td>
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<td>Two sets of underwear and socks</td>
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<td>Toothbrush and paste</td>
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<td>Towel and hairbrush/comb</td>
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<td>One garbage bag</td>
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<td>Clean t-shirt, jumper and trousers/or suitable change of clothes</td>
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### SLEEPING Gear Bag Items Required

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<td>Sleeping bag (ESSENTIAL)</td>
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<td>Spare sleeping bag, ONLY if there is a bedwetting concern</td>
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Please ensure all items are clearly labelled!