The Goldfields Camp

Monday 5th May - Wednesday 7th May 2014
&
Wednesday 7th May - Friday 9th May 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 4 & 5 students,

In May 2014, Level 4 will be off to the Victorian Goldfields.

You will notice that the camp is split over two separate camps, with two classes participating in the first camp and three classes in the second. This will allow the classroom teachers to better connect with their grades, where previously grades have been split. Buses will be leaving Kalinda Primary School at 9am on the first day of camp (first camp on Monday the 5th and the second on Wednesday the 7th) and returning by approximately 4pm on the final day (Wednesday the 7th for the first camp and Friday the 9th for the second). At this stage grades have not been aligned to any particular camp.

Travel Arrangements:
Bendigo Coachlines seat-belted buses

Camp 1
Departure Time: 9:00am Monday 5th May
Return Time: 4:00pm Wednesday 7th May

Camp 2
Departure Time: 9:00am Wednesday 7th May
Return Time: 4:00pm Friday 9th May

The following is a brief outline of the activities, however, an information evening will be held in Term 4 to showcase the trip and to answer any questions you may have (date pending).

- Old Treasury Building or Creswick Museum (to be finalised)
- Sovereign Hill (including Goldfields technology, Gold Rush immigration education sessions)
- Blood on the Southern Cross
- Eureka discovery walk
- Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka
- On site camp activities associated with the gold rush era including; hut building, damper making and gold educational tour, as well as team building activities including; giant swing, flying fox, archery and ropes course.

PLEASE NOTE: CLOTHING LISTS, FINAL ITINERARIES, FULL MEDICAL AND MEDICATION REQUEST FORMS WILL BE SENT HOME AT A LATER DATE.
Purpose:
Due to a change in the Australian National Curriculum, we have reassessed the learning outcomes for our Level 4 students, and although the Queenscliff camp offered a fantastic experience, it did not offer the necessary outcomes the National Curriculum outlines.

The Victorian Goldfields experience offers students a fantastic insight into the pioneers of Australia, on both an economic and a democratic level. The camp is designed to offer a hands on, holistic experience looking at the Civics and Citizenship, Geography and History associated with the Victorian Goldfields and the impact it had on Australian society.

Sovereign Hill offers a unique way to explore the Gold rush era, taking students back in time to explore gold panning, gold smelting and shops, as well as specialised sessions regarding immigration and goldfields technology.

One of the key focuses of the experience will be exploring the beginnings of democracy within Australia through the lens of the Eureka Stockade. The Blood on the Southern Cross, Eureka discovery walk and Museum of Australian Democracy at Eureka offer unique and engaging experiences to allow students to determine how democracy began to change throughout Australia’s history.

The Goldfields camp will offer an excellent way for our students to bond together on a new level, just as the successful Canberra camp achieved. Team building activities encourage students to support each other and work together to reach common goals, allowing them to achieve success on a personal level (such as when participating in the giant swing) and in a safe team environment.

Cost:
The cost of the camp is $250. All accommodation, transportation, meals (except lunch on the first day) and entry fees are included in the price.

We realise this has been a pricey time for parents. There will not be any excursions in Term 4 and we have set up a payment plan so that you can choose to pay by instalments or in one lump sum.

In order to ascertain numbers, we require a non-refundable deposit of $50 and permission form by Thursday October 31st 2013. Children cannot attend a camp without written permission from a parent or guardian.

A full payment schedule will be forwarded with the option of paying in one lump sum, 4 staggered payments of $50, or if you unable to meet any of these scheduled payments, please feel free to ring the office to discuss alternative arrangements.

Special Requests:
We greatly appreciate parent helpers on our camps and parents on past trips have thoroughly enjoyed themselves, so if you are interested please tick the box on the permission form.

If you are wishing to be considered to assist with this camp for its duration, you must have the new Working with Children Check (details at the office). Once parents have been chosen, we will let you know by personal notice so that your family and work commitments can be arranged.

We really look forward to travelling with your children to the Victorian Goldfields!

Ray Brookman, Stuart McLean, Michelle Ogilvie, Matthew Anthony, Russell Monaghan.
2014 Victorian Goldfields
Deposit Payment & Permission Form

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Child's Name: ____________________________  Grade ______

Deposit enclosed: (non-refundable) $50

I have read and understood the information relating to the Victorian Goldfields trip commencing Monday 5th/Wednesday 7th of May 2014 and give permission for my child to attend.

Contact Name: ........................................  Ph: ........................................

Parent/Guardian Signature: .................................  Date .................................

(Children cannot attend a camp without written permission from a parent or guardian.)

Please indicate if you would like to be a parent helper for the duration of this camp. You must hold a new Working With Children Check (details at the office). Parent helpers will be selected by ballot (if interested please include your name and tick the box).

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Parent Helper Name: ..............................................................

Please return PERMISSION SLIP AND NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of $50 in payment envelope provided by (31st October 2013). This is important to finalise numbers attending.