Grade 5 Camp Coonawarra 2015 Information Pack

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Please find the following documents enclosed for your attention:

- Introductory Letter
- Camp Coonawarra Leaflet
- Permission Slips & DEECD Parent Consent with deposit (to be returned by Tuesday 2nd June)
- Clothing and Packing List

The following forms will be sent home closer to the Camp date:

- Medical Information Form (all students)
- Anaphylaxis/Allergy/Asthma Management Forms (as required)

Please stick this on your fridge door as a reminder:

**Important Dates for Camp Coonawarra**

Tuesday 1st - Friday 4th September

Total cost - $330 (excluding horse riding)
Or $357.50 (including horse riding)

- Tuesday 2nd June: Permission slips + $50 deposit returned (non-refundable)
- Friday 14th of August: Remaining balance of camp cost is due
- Tuesday 1st September: Depart from school for Camp Coonawarra!

Note: Parent Helper Application forms are available from Miss Alana Newbiggin upon request to be returned by Tuesday 2nd of June.
Camp Coonawarra - Grade 5, 2015

6/5/15

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Over the last seven years the Grade 5’s at our school have attended Camp Coonawarra in East Gippsland. The setting provides a camping program which is open to all children in the year level, provides personal challenges, team building experiences and opportunities to prepare students with leadership skills required in Grade 6 and beyond. This will be our seventh year that we are sending our Grade 5’s to Coonawarra, and the Grade 5 teaching team is looking forward to another tremendous camp.

The camping program has been developed as an integral part of our curriculum particularly in the area of Personal, Social and Physical learning and we hope to see all Grade 5 students becoming actively involved in this wonderful opportunity. If you ask students who have attended the camp in previous years, it comes up as a BIG highlight of their year.

If you would like to learn more about Camp Coonawarra and the facilities and programs that it offers, you may wish to visit their website at www.coonawarraresort.com.au.

Camp Details

Dates: Tuesday 1st September to Friday 4th September 2015
Time Period: 4 day camp (3 nights)
Cost: $330 (no horse riding) or $357.50 (horse riding included)
(Note: Costs include bus travel, accommodation, all meals except first day lunch and activities - horse riding is separate)

Could you please complete and return the three Permission Slips attached at the end of this paperwork (Parent Consent form, Reply Slip & Deposit Form and the Horse Riding, Vehicle Transport & Dietary Requirements form) with your deposit of $50.00 no later than Tuesday 2nd of June. Please note that the balance needs to be paid by Friday 14th of August. If you wish to pay in instalments, please contact the office for details.

Regards,

Alana Newbigin
Coonawarra Clothing Checklist

- Change of underclothing and socks for each day (plus an extra set for canoeing)
- Shorts, at least 2 pairs that will dry quickly
- Shirts/Skivvies
- Swimming attire
- Tracksuit pants or long pants
- WATERPROOF parka or jacket!!!
- Warm hat (beanie)/ sun hat
- Pyjamas
- Thermal or woolen top for canoeing
- Jumpers/windcheaters
- Old lace up shoes for canoeing NOT THONGS
- Sturdy footwear, sneakers or boots. (Slippers for indoor use-optional. Ballet flats or thongs are not appropriate for bushwalking)
- Boots (smooth soled with a heel for horse riding-OPTIONAL)

- Towels x2
- Handkerchiefs
- Regular Medication
- Drink Bottle
- Torch
- Sleeping bag
- Pillowslip
- Toiletries (no aerosol spray cans)
- Insect repellent/sunscreen
- Camera (optional)

Please pack two plastic bags – one for dirty clothes and the other for wet shoes.

From November to April every year, fire restrictions apply.

For the protection of campers they must bring to camp: - a long sleeved, non-synthetic shirt or jumper, long trousers and a hat. This is recommended by the Ministry of Education and the Country Fire Authority.
Packing Your Luggage

The bus company has made the following requests for our trip to Coonawarra:

Luggage space under coaches is limited. By asking parents to follow a few simple rules when packing, we can ensure the best possible use of this space.

- Bags must be soft sided (no suitcases or hard framed backpacks)
- Maximum weight of 12kgs
- Sleeping bags are to be kept separate (not tied to luggage)
- Bag and sleeping bag to be clearly marked with the child’s name and school name
Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Proforma

Parent Excursion Consent

To obtain effective consent, schools need to provide sufficient information to parents about the nature of and risks associated with the excursion. Parents must be able to give informed consent to their child’s participation in the excursion after considering the risks. Specific information about the excursion should be included here or provided as an attachment. There must be full disclosure. Parents should also be given the opportunity to ask questions.

A risk assessment of all adventure activities must be completed and submitted to the school council as part of the approval process.

Name of school:
Montrose Primary School

Title of excursion:
Grade 5 Camp - Coonawarra

Educational purpose of the program:
Outdoor Education
To explore adventure and personal challenges
Interpersonal skills – Personal, Social and Physical Learning
To build social groups and friendships

Details of supervising staff:
Alana Newbigin, Ken Hallett, Mel Caudry, TEACHER, AIDE, PARENT

Costs: $330. If horse-riding (optional) add an additional $27.50, for a total of $357.50.

Name and contact details of the 24-hour school emergency contact:
School Office Hours 9728 2203
After Hours – 0457 502 980

Departure details:
Tuesday 1st September 2015 - leaving Montrose Primary School (Burley St car park) at 7:30am sharp.
Please be at school by 7.00am to be marked off and to pack bus

Return details:
Friday 4th September – arriving at Montrose Primary approximately 3pm.
We will send a SMS around lunchtime on the day of return with a more accurate time - Please don’t call the office.

Distance from expert medical care:
The closest Hospital is Bairnsdale 52km away

Accommodation arrangements:
Cabin style accommodation 4 – 8 students per cabin

Travel arrangements:
Bus – seat belted

Adventure activities to be undertaken or that may be offered to students throughout the program:
Giant Swing, Flying Fox, Initative Activities, Canoeing, Archery, Team Rescue, Horse riding, High and Low Ropes Course, Swimming, Camp Games, Giant Games, Night Hike, Campfire, Disco, Movie Night, Talent Show

Activities within this program present the potential for students to sustain physical injury. The following procedures will be implemented – along with other strategies – to manage the potential risks in the program. Safety Guidelines well explained and strictly adhered to both before and during camp.
Activities are run by Camp Staff and/or Montrose Staff/Parents

A risk management plan for this program has been developed by staff and is available for parents to review on request.

Attachments
☐ Grade 5 Camp Coorawarra 2015 Information Pack
☐ Reply Slip and Deposit, Horse Riding Permission Slip, Vehicle Transport Permission Slip (Please do not separate)
☐ Medical form – will be sent home in Term 3, closer to Camp
☐ Asthma and Allergy/Anaphylaxis forms will be sent home separately in Term 3 for those who indicate it necessary on the Medical form
Student behaviour
‘I understand that in the event of my son’s/daughter’s misbehaviour or behaviour that poses a danger to himself/herself or others during the excursion, he/she may be sent home. I further understand that in such circumstances I will be informed and that any costs associated with his/her return will be my responsibility.’

ICT/Photograph consent
‘I agree to my child using the Internet and computer network in accordance with the same Internet student users agreement that applies at their current school.’ [Strike out if you do not consent]
NB – there is no Internet access or computer usage on camp and so N/A. We will however be taking photos and video footage of individual and groups of students for Camp reflection activities once back at school.

I also consent to my child being photographed and/or visual images of my child being taken during activities by the school for use in the school’s publications, school’s website or for publicity purposes without acknowledgment and without being entitled to any remuneration or compensation.’ [Strike out if you do not consent]

Consent for emergency transportation
‘In the event of an emergency I consent to my child being transported in a privately owned vehicle driven by a member of the supervisory staff listed above.’

Student accident insurance
The Department of Education does not provide student accident cover. Parents may wish to obtain student accident insurance cover from a commercial insurer, depending on their health insurance arrangements and any other personal considerations.

Parent consent

I have read all of the above information provided by the school in relation to the Grade 5 Camp to Coonawarra Farm Resort 2015, including any attached material.

I give permission for my daughter/son ___________________________ (full name) to attend.

Parent/guardian: ___________________________ (full name)

_________________________ (signature) ____________ (date)

In case of emergency I can be contacted on:

________________________________________ OR:

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Please also fill in the attached Horse Riding and Vehicle Transport Permission Sips and the Camp Deposit Form and return all forms to school by Tuesday 2nd June, 2015.

Thankyou,

Grade 5 Teachers
Alana Newbiggin, Mel Caudry and Ken Hallett
Grade 5 - Camp Coonawarra Reply Slip and Deposit

Child’s name ................................................................. Grade .................................

My child will be attending the Grade 5 Camp to Coonawarra from Tuesday 1st September to Friday 4th September 2015. Please find enclosed the deposit of $50.00 to confirm my child’s place on the camp.

Parent/Guardian’s name ..................................................................................................

Parent/Guardian’s signature ........................................ Date ..............................

PLEASE NOTE: FULL CAMP PAYMENT MUST BE MADE BY FRIDAY 14th of AUGUST, 2015

Payments Details:  Grade 5 Camp Coonawarra 2015
Deposit: $50 (non-refundable) due Tuesday 2nd June.

Method of Payment: □ Cash □ Cheque (Made payable to Montrose P.S.) □ Credit Card (For payments over $10)

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Horse Riding, Vehicle Transport & Dietary Requirements
Grade 5 Camp Coonawarra 2015
to be returned with camp deposit by Tuesday 2nd of June.

Horse Riding Permission slip

Child’s name................................................................. Grade........................................

☐ I give permission for my child to participate in the horse riding activity at Camp Coonawarra.

My child’s horse riding competencies are best described as (please circle):
Never ridden  Limited horse riding experience  Capable horse riding skills  Proficient horse rider

OR

☐ I do not give permission for my child to participate in the horse riding activity at Camp Coonawarra.

Vehicle Transport Permission

☐ I give permission for my child  to travel with one of the teachers or parents in a vehicle during the
period of the Grade 5 Camp (Tuesday 1st September to Friday 4th September 2015) should it be required for
student medical/welfare purposes.

Special dietary requirements:
e.g. vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, dairy allergies etc

Parent/Guardian Name: .................................................. Date: .................................

Signature: ..................................................................................................