Dear Parents,

**YEAR 3/4 LADY NORTHCOTE RECREATION CAMP 2016**

Later in Term 3, Year 3/4 students have the opportunity to attend a fantastic adventure camp in Rowsley Valley (near Bacchus Marsh). Lady Northcote Recreation Camp is situated in rural farmland on the fringes of the Brisbane Ranges National Park, which is home to the state’s richest wildflower habitat, magpies, kookaburras and an abundant population of koalas. It is an adventure based camp delivering an onsite activity program including: Low ropes, Giant Swing, Bush Cooking, Archery, Canoeing, Orienteering and more!

Camps are an excellent opportunity for students to develop independence and social skills and to learn in a different setting that offers a variety of unique experiences. Lady Northcote Recreation Camp will compliment many of our academic and social programs such as ‘You Can Do It’, Health and Physical Education, Science and SOSE. All activities are conducted according to the Education Department’s ‘Safety in the Outdoors Guidelines’ and students will be fully briefed on safety matters and appropriate use of any equipment being used.

Each small group will get to take part in several adventure activities during the 3 days at camp. These activities are all on a rotational basis.

This year, some of the activities students will take part in will include:
- Giant Swing
- Canoeing
- Bush Cooking
- Low Ropes Course
- Archery
- And lots more!

**The details of our 2016 camp are as follows:**

**Dates/Transport:**
Camp is a 3 Day / 2 Night Camp to Lady Northcote Recreation Camp. Our camp this year is in Week 9 of Term 3.
Children leave school at approximately 9:00am on **Monday September 5th**. Children will return to school at approximately 2:30pm on **Wednesday September 7th**.
We will be travelling on buses with seatbelts on all seats (Sunbury Coaches).

**Costs:**
**The cost for the camp this year is $246 (all inclusive).** This amount includes transport by bus to the camp, accommodation, food for the 3 days as well as all the activities that the children take part in.

All payments and forms must be completed by **MONDAY 22nd AUGUST 2016**.

**Accommodation**
Students will sleep in rooms within lodges. Each room accommodates groups of 4-5 students. Students will need to bring their own sleeping bag, pillow and towels. Shortly before attending the camp, students will be involved in a process to decide on groups for the cabin.

**Program**
During the day students will have the opportunity to participate in a broad range of experiences, as mentioned above and on one of the evenings we will have the traditional ‘Red Faces’ type entertainment. (Students are encouraged to have a bit of fun and organise a short performance with a group of friends; minimal costuming is required).

**Parental assistance**
Some parents will be needed to assist with the camp. Please think carefully before volunteering and keep in mind that your assistance is needed for all children and that you may not always be in the group in which your child is a member. Remember, all children need the opportunity to develop independence and look after themselves and their belongings, so your role will be to support and assist all students.

For parents to assist with our school camp, they must ensure they have a current working with children check card. Please return the expression of interest form by **FRIDAY 5th AUGUST 2016**. Parents will be notified by Monday 22nd August 2016.
Permission note and payment
To reserve a place for your child it is necessary for you to complete the attached form and return it to school with either full payment or a deposit of $50.00 by FRIDAY 5th AUGUST 2016.

Full payment of the camp is due by MONDAY 22nd AUGUST 2016.

Payment can be made in full or by instalments. To pay by instalments, please see the office staff. Please note: Your child cannot attend camp unless payment has been received in full.

TIQBIZ APP – Communication Alerts
If information regarding this event changes (eg. return to school time is delayed unexpectedly) an alert will be issued to families via our Tiqbiz app.
We strongly suggest you download this free app, as this will be the form of communication we use if we need to convey updated information to parents at short notice.
Once you register in Tiqbiz, remember to select both “whole school” and your children’s year level when prompted. This will ensure you receive all notifications we send for the whole school, as well as those to specific year levels.
Please contact the office if you require any assistance with the app.

Further Details
Medical forms, clothing lists, program details and a Code of Conduct form will be sent out closer to the camp date. If you have any further questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Katelyn Hurley (Room 12) or by email at hurley.katelyn.L@edumail.vic.gov.au

Phil Clinkaberry
Principal

NB: Please retain above section as a reference

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I give permission for my child ______________________ from room_______ to attend Lady Northcote Camp from Monday 5th September to Wednesday 7th September 2016.

In the event of accident or illness, I authorise the teacher in charge, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to seek such medical or surgical treatment for my child as may be deemed necessary.

Parent Signature:________________________________________

Emergency telephone contact ____________________________

Payment Details
Please find enclosed a payment of $_____

☐ QKR – receipt number: _______________________________

☐ Direct Deposit – date deposited: _______________________

☐ Cash Enclosed

☐ Take from CSEF payment (For those families who have received this allowance)

Full payment must be completed by Monday 22nd August 2016.

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Name of Parent:.................................................. Contact number:...........................................

☐ I am able to assist with Camp

☐ I have a current Working with Children Check

☐ I understand the requirements of being a volunteer assistant at Camp

Parent Signature:.................................................