Dear Parents,

Later in Term 3, the year 3/4 students have the opportunity to attend a fantastic Adventure Camp called Allambee Camp. Allambee Camp is an exceptional camp which is situated in a truly unique and peaceful location atop the Strzelecki Ranges. It is located in the West Gippsland region and is only a 1 hour and 45-minute drive from the Melbourne CBD.

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. Camp Howqua will complement 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
- Billy Carts
- Flying Fox
- Low Ropes Course
- Archery
- Vertical Challenge
- And lots more!

THE DETAILS OF OUR 2015 CAMP 1 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Dates/Transport:
Camp is a 3 Day / 2 Night Camp to Allambee Camp. Our camp this year is in Week 8 of Term 3.

Children will need to be at school at 8:30am on Monday August 31st for a 9:00am sharp departure. Children will return to school at approximately 3:30pm on Wednesday September 2nd.

We will be travelling on buses with seatbelts on all seats (McKenzie’s Tourist Services)

Costs:
The cost for the camp this year is $225 (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 FRIDAY 21st AUGUST 2015.

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 31st JULY 2015. Parents will be notified by Friday 14th August 2015.

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 31st JULY 2015.

Full payment of the camp is due by FRIDAY 21st AUGUST 2015.

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 (unless by special arrangement and in special circumstances only).

Special Dietary Requirements
If your child has special dietary requirements for Allambee Camp, could you please see Katelyn Fraser in Room 14 to discuss your child’s needs and complete the necessary paperwork to forward to Allambee Camp by FRIDAY 31st JULY 2015.

Further Details
Medical forms, clothing lists, program details and a Code of Conduct form will be sent out closer to the camp date.

John, Rachel, Kathryn, Julie
3/4 Team – Camp 1
Phil Clinkaberry
Principal

YEAR 3/4 ALLAMBEE CAMP 2015 PERMISSION AND DEPOSIT FORM

(Please complete and return to school with your $50.00 deposit by FRIDAY 31st JULY)

I give permission for my child ______________________ from room_______ to attend Allambee Camp from Monday 31st August to Wednesday 2nd September 2015.

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 ______________________

☐ I enclose my deposit of $50.00, with the remaining balance due by Friday 21st August.

☐ I enclose full payment of $225.00

YEAR 3/4 ALLAMBEE CAMP 2015 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PARENT HELPERS FORM

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

☐ I am able to assist with Camp

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

☐ I have a current Working with Children Check

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