Wednesday February 5, 2014.

Dear Parents,

**YEAR 5/6 CAMP 2014**

This year, year 5/6 students have the opportunity to attend a fantastic Adventure Camp called Camp Rumbug which is situated in the beautiful Foster North hills in South Gippsland. Camp Rumbug is an Adventure Camp, designed to deliver exciting onsite activity programs.

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 Rumbug 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 13 activities during the 3 days at camp, which are on a rotational basis. This year, some of the activities students will take part in will include:
- The Great Mud Race and Commando Course
- Giant Swing
- Orienteering
- Raft Building
- High/Low Ropes
- Archery
- Abseiling
- And more!

The details of our 2014 Year 5/6 Camp are as follows:

**Dates:**
The 2014 Camp is a 3 Day / 2 Night Camp.

Children will need to be at school at 7.40am on **Wednesday, April 30th** for an 8.00am sharp departure.

Children will return to school at approximately 5.00pm on **Friday, May 2nd**.

**Accommodation**
The site has a main lodge that accommodates 160 with dining, sleeping and toilet and shower facilities all under one roof. Mattresses are provided, but students will need to bring their own sleeping bag, pillow and pillowcase. Shortly before attending the camp, students will be involved in a process to decide on groups for the cabin and be given a briefing on what activities will occur at the camp.

**Program**
During the day students will have the opportunity to participate in a broad range of experiences, as mentioned above, and in the evenings we will have a night walk as well as 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).

**Travel:**
Bus

**Cost:**
$260 (all inclusive – accommodation, camp costs, travel, meals and incidentals). Payment can be made in full or by instalments. To pay by
instalments, please contact the office staff.

Please Note: Your child cannot attend camp unless payment has been received in full.

All payments must be completed by **Friday April 18th 2014**

**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.**

**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 $100.00 by **Friday March 14th 2014** with the balance due by **Friday April 18th 2014**. Payment plans are accepted – please make arrangements with the office.

Medical form, clothing list, program details and Code of Conduct form will be sent out closer to the Camp date.

**Special Dietary Requirements**

If your child has special dietary requirements for Camp Rumbug, could you please see Chris Weedon in Room 6 to discuss your child’s needs and receive the necessary paperwork to forward to Camp Rumbug by **Friday March 14th 2014**.

Chris Weedon (coordinator)  
And the Year 5/6 Team  
Phil Clinkaberry  
Principal

**NB Please retain above section as a reference**

**YEAR 5/6 CAMP 2014 PERMISSION AND DEPOSIT FORM**

(Please complete and return to school with your $100.00 deposit by Friday March 14th)

I give permission for my child ________________ from room_________ to attend Camp Rumbug from Wednesday May 30th to Friday April 2nd 2014. 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 $100.00 □  I enclose full payment of $260.00 □

**YEAR 5/6 CAMP 2014 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - PARENT HELPERS FORM**

Name of Parent:_________________________________________Contact number:______________________________________

- [ ] I am able to assist with Camp

- [ ] I have a current Working with Children Check

Signed:___________________________________________