Dear parents,

Every two years our school is offered a limited number of places at the Department of Education Somers School Camp. This year, schools in our district have been allocated the dates of 20th October to the 28th October 2015.

The camp requires a nine-day commitment, so please don’t express interest unless all nine days can be attended. The camp runs during the school week and over one weekend. The Sunday of the camp is a day when visitors can attend from 12.00 – 2.30pm and again children must be able to return to their camp activities willingly after their family leaves.

Children who gain selection from our school will join with 160 Grade 5 and 6 children from our school district in this very special Outdoor Education and Personal Development program. At this stage, we anticipate approximately 16 students from Killara will be selected; however it may be more or less dependant on the amount of interest across the district.

The camp has both indoor and outdoor activities - all run by specialist permanent teaching staff. The activities are mainly physical and outdoor and include High and Low Ropes Courses, Boating, Rock Climbing, Abseiling, Challenge Swing and Initiative Activities. Other activities include: Archery, Art, Drama, Environmental Studies, Bush Cooking, Orienteering, Bike Education, Flying Fox, Bush Dancing, Disco Night, Singing and Diary Writing.

At Somers Camp, there are separate boys and girls living arrangements. All activities are done in mixed groups.

The fee for this camp is $250 and must be paid in full before children can attend. The fee includes transport, accommodation, meals and pocket money.

If you are eligible to obtain and have applied for the CSEF payment, the money received from this may be used to offset some of the fee for this camp. If you require more information about this payment, please visit http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/Pages/csef.aspx

This is a great camp and provides children with the opportunity to accept challenges, improve their self esteem, meet and mix with others from our local area, have fun and learn at the same time.

If you would like your Grade 5 or 6 child to attend please fill in the expression of interest form below and return it to the school by Wednesday 15th June 2015. If more than 16 EOIs are received, a ballot will occur for boys and girls separately (as even gender numbers are required). Unsuccessful applicants will be put on a waiting list in case further positions are allocated.

No payment is required at this stage and more information will be provided if your child is selected.

If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact me at school on 9744 6432 or alternatively by email – weedon.christopher.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

Chris Weedon
& 5/6 Team

Phil Clinkaberry
Principal

Somers Camp 2015

Expression of interest for 20th October to 28th October 2015

I would like my child to be considered for attendance at Somers Camp in October and acknowledge that my child would be able to commit to all 9 days of the camp. I understand that there will be a ballot, should the number expressing interest exceed the number of places.

Name: ____________________________ Room: ______

Signed: ____________________________