Information for Parents

10 March 2016

YEAR SIX 2016 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Dear Parents

Once again, we are looking forward to taking Year 6 students to visit Canberra, our national capital. This excursion is linked closely with our Year 6 HSIE curriculum and will be held in Week 3 of Term 2: (Sunday, 8 May - Thursday, 12 May). The trip has been a tradition over many years, and will be a wonderful opportunity for all Year 6 students, and will provide a special highlight to mark their final year of Primary schooling.

Over the five days we will be visiting many places of interest such as the International Cricket Hall Of Fame (lunch break at Bowral), Telstra Tower, Old Parliament House, New Parliament House, Electoral Education Centre, High Court, Government House, Australian Institute of Sport, National Gallery, National Museum, National Capital Authority and Questacon.

We have chosen this particular time for the excursion, as Parliament is scheduled to be sitting during this week. The highlight of our trip will be the tour of Parliament House, including a special visit to ‘Question Time’. We are hopeful of meeting our local Federal member, Mr Joel Fitzgibbon, and possibly other parliamentarians who may be available. Another significant highlight will be our afternoon visit to the Australian War Memorial.

This excursion will be ‘full on’, but we’re sure that all the students will thoroughly enjoy this unique learning experience and will gain many benefits from their time in Canberra.

Travel will be by bus, departing from Scone Grammar School at 7:00am. We will also make a pick-up at Muswellbrook Railway Station at 7:30am. Mr Saunders, Miss Thomas and Rev Nate will be the supervising teachers, and during our time in Canberra, we will be staying at the Greenhills Conference Centre.

Cost for the excursion will be $540 / student. As previously advised, this will be added to your Monthly Statements in six instalments (April - September) of $90 / month.

Would you please complete the permission form attached and return it to the School by Thursday, 24 March, together with other requested information.

There is room for up to seven parents to join us, and assist in the supervision of the children. We would like to take four mothers and three fathers if possible. The cost for each accompanying parent will be $270. Please indicate on the attached form if you would like to be considered and attend as a supervising parent. Due to the number of children in Year 6, it may be necessary for some accompanying parents to travel by car. We will contact selected parents once the parent list is finalised.

On the following pages is a detailed list of other important information and requirements for the trip. If you have any further questions, please contact Mr Saunders, Miss Thomas or me at the School by phone, or through a note in the diary.
Thank you for your assistance.

Mr G Feeney

Head of Primary

YEAR SIX CANBERRA EXCURSION - NOTES

The bus will leave:

- Scone Grammar School at 7:00am sharp - **Please be there 15 minutes early.**
- (Muswellbrook Railway Station at 7:30am - **Please be there at 7:15am**)

Return times (Thursday pm) are **approximately:**

- Muswellbrook 8:00pm and
- Scone 8:30pm. We will advise parents via the SGS Skoolbag App re our ETA.

Emergency contact numbers -

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<td>Mr Saunders</td>
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<td>Miss Thomas</td>
<td>0429 654 432</td>
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<td>Rev Nate</td>
<td>0468 824 833</td>
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<td>Mr Feeney</td>
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**McDonalds money** ($10) in a named envelope - to be handed to either Mr Saunders or Miss Thomas at the bus, for safe keeping until Thursday evening.

Children will need **Sunday morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.**

Please note - No nuts in any food.

All **Medication** (except for asthma puffers) is to be handed to teachers, along with written dosages and instructions for use. Please advise if there is any additional medical information staff need to know, that is not already on the School database.

**Spending money** for souvenirs (not food): $25 - $50. There will be limited opportunities for shopping - please assist us with enforcing upper limit).

Students are to wear full School PE uniform on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.

On Monday and Tuesday, full School winter uniform is to be worn.

**Warm** casual clothing will be required for the evenings.

Students will need to bring their iPads, headphones, chargers and charging cables.

**Students are asked not to bring mobile phones.** Staff will phone parents, immediately if there is any emergency or any other need for contact.
**PACKING LIST**

Full School winter uniform (named)
Full School PE uniform (named)
SGS Tracksuit - If available (named)
Small pillow for bus (optional)
Spending money
Small backpack
Warm casual clothes (named)
Toiletries (incl hand sanitizer)
Warm pyjamas (incl. bed socks)
Tissues
Warm underwear (singlets/skivvies etc)
Pens, pencils etc.
Raincoat
Scarf, beanie, gloves
School hat
SGS Yr 6 Jersey
2 coat hangers
Towel
Plastic bag for dirty washing
Pillow Case, Sheets or Sleeping Bag
Small drink bottle, suitable for topping up with water (non spillable)
Sunday lunch, morning tea, afternoon tea, drink. Please note - No nuts in any food!
iPad, Headphones, Charger and Charger Cable

All items (each individual piece) need to be clearly named / labelled!

* No mobile phones

* NO LOLLIES

We will supply: Canberra Workbook (iPad version)

* Many thanks - happy packing.*