YEAR 4 & 3/6S ANNUAL OUTDOOR EDUCATION CAMP 2016

AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

WEDNESDAY 9.11.16 TO FRIDAY 11.11.16

AN INVITATION TO YOUR CHILD

Dear Parent

This year the Annual Outdoor Education Camp for Year 4 & 3/6S will be held at Aussie Bush Camp. The following information is supplied to enable you to fully appreciate what we are offering your child.

1. **DATES OF CAMP:** Wednesday November 9th to Friday November 11th 2016.

2. **AUSSIE BUSH CAMP** is situated behind the Ayers Rock Road House, approximately 2½ hours drive from Chittaway Bay. The children are accommodated in permanently erected tents which are absolutely weather proof. They have raised concrete floors to withstand even the most torrential downpour and are equipped with fly screened windows and doors. The camp has a hexishelter which is the central meeting place for all activities. There is a meal room and dance hall for evening bush dancing. Positioned near the camp site is the ablution block which is modern and well maintained.

Aussie Bush Camp is designed to provide an environmental awareness program within the surroundings of the Australian bush. A major feature of this program is the mangrove forest. This is seen close up from canoes as well as in detail when an experienced guide takes each group on a tour of the mangroves on a specially constructed boardwalk through this primitive landscape of gnarled trees.

**MEALS** are prepared by experienced staff. All meals are home cooked of high quality and extremely tasty. A typical menu would be:

- **Breakfast:** Juice, cereal, milk, eggs, toast
- **Morning Tea:** fruit
- **Lunch:** hamburgers
- **Afternoon Tea:** fruit
- **Evening:** roast chicken & vegies, ice-cream & fruit salad
- **Supper:** milo & biscuits

The children are expected to wash and wipe up their own cutlery and crockery.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM** - through participating in our program we hope to provide children of the lower primary age group with a variety of experiences which would otherwise be unattainable within the confines of the classroom.
As this will be probably the first time these students have stayed overnight without close relatives being present, a major aim of the program will be to encourage their social development through appreciation of the need for a mix of dependent, interdependent and independent behaviour. This will be provided through participation in the "housekeeping" activities associated with camp format and through provision of opportunities for the development of self reliance and reliability in the performance of personal and group related tasks.

Throughout the program an emphasis will be placed upon activities which promote an awareness and an understanding of the environment. These activities will be so designed as to ensure an atmosphere of participatory enjoyment is maintained. Due recognition will be given for the need for "quiet time" and unstructured yet guided periods will be included for undirected recreational activity.

SPECIFIC AIMS:

* To develop an awareness of the need to work harmoniously with peers, teachers and parent helpers in a co-operative spirit.
* To develop independence and responsibility.
* To develop the special skills associated with the various recreational activities of the camp.
* To develop an enhanced appreciation of and for the environment.
* To develop an interest in participating in a wide range of outdoor recreational activities.
* To foster closer understanding & relationships between the children and accompanying staff and parents
* To enhance and develop skills of observation, organisation, communication, investigation and expression.
* To provide a basis for the extension and enrichment of the schools Environmental Education Program.

Therefore our main aims will be to encourage social and environmental awareness and maturity within our junior primary members of our school community through activity involvement in an educational camp.

CAMP ACTIVITIES:
1. Canoeing 1 - Safety
2. Bushwalk and Fossil hunt
3. Environmental Trail and Rain Forest study
4. Flying fox – Safety, following instructions. Overcoming fear
5. Abseiling
6. Giant swing
7. Sand dunes – environmental study
8. Night shows e.g. bush campfire, play night
9. Archery skills

STAFF - the children will be supervised by three camp instructors and two Chittaway Bay School teachers.

TRAVEL will be by Charter Bus which will collect and return us to and from the school gate.

COST - the camp cost will be $271.00. This includes accommodation, all meals and transport costs.

PAYMENT OPTIONS
We have an **Excursion Bank Card System**, whereby initial deposit of $25.00 and instalments in multiples of $5.00 will be accepted at any time. The payment will be recorded on the card and progress payments can be easily followed. The card will be given to all children.

**OPTION 'A':** Deposit of $25 by Friday June 24th and full payment anytime before Friday October 21st.

**OPTION 'B':** Deposit of $25 by Friday June 24th and payments at regular intervals with final payment to be made by Friday October 21st.

**WHO IS TO ATTEND** - as the camp involves overnight stays the children will be expected to display social and emotional maturity, responsibility, reliability and a good behavioural history.

This invitation may be withdrawn if between now and the date of the camp your child’s behaviour or level of responsibility leads us to believe that he/ she could not be trusted to behave in an acceptable manner for the whole period of the camp. **We cannot allow the participation of any student who could put his/ her safety or the safety of others at risk by non-compliant or irresponsible behaviour.**

If you would like to accept this invitation for your child to attend this unique educational opportunity please complete the form below, detach it and forward to the school as soon as possible.

J.Hall                          D.Docherty
Relieving Principal   Co-ordinator

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CHITTAWAY BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

YEAR 4 & 3/6S AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

**WEDNESDAY 9.11.16 TO FRIDAY 11.11.16**

I hereby give permission for my son/daughter .......................................................................................

to attend the above camp which has been arranged for children attending this school.

I understand the cost to be $271.00 all inclusive.

I undertake to pay this amount using **OPTION 'A'** (   ) Deposit + full payment anytime

**OPTION 'B'** (   ) Deposit + regular payments

NAME OF CHILD............................................................................... CLASS .......................................

Signed ...............................................................  Date ..........................................

Parent/Guardian

(   ) I have enclosed the $25.00 deposit
Dear Parent/Caregivers

Your child has been invited to participate in the above excursion.

This participation has rights and responsibilities for both students and staff. Students have the right to be effectively supervised and be safe and the responsibility to behave as if they were at school. Any misbehaviour will not be tolerated.

Should the student fail to comply, he/she will forfeit his/her right to attendance. Staff will telephone the Principal who will contact the student’s parent/s. Parents will then be required to collect the student immediately. The student will not be allowed to attend any other out of school functions for the remainder of the year.

This invitation is dependent upon:

a) Child’s classroom studies are satisfactory and work is complete.

b) Child’s behaviour being satisfactory prior to the date of excursion.

Should staff not feel confident that your child’s behaviour will not be a danger to him/herself or others, this invitation will be withdrawn.

J.Hall - Relieving Principal

CHITTAWAY BAY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Aussie Bush Camp: Conditions of Participation

The Principal

I have read and agree to the conditions of participation outlined above.

Signed:……………………………….Student:………………………………. Class:……