27th February 2012

Dear Parents

To enhance and support classroom HSIE units; British Colonisation of Australia, Places; The, Now and Tomorrow and Aboriginal culture, Stage 2 will be visiting Red Hill Environmental Education Centre, Gulgong for an overnight excursion. This excursion is restricted to 165 students. In order to secure a place, please return the permission slip below and a deposit of $45 per student or the full amount of $85 which includes bus travel, all meals, accommodation and the cost of all activities. Three trips have been organised, please advise your child’s teacher if you have family commitments that will preclude your child from attending on a specific date. The exact date of your child’s trip will be advised when final numbers have been obtained.

Medical information, gear list and a full itinerary will be sent home closer to the excursion.

The children will be involved in the following activities:

- The impact upon a community and the Wiradjuri people of the area due to the discovery of gold in 1870 – through dialogue, heritage artifacts and photographs
- Historical role play and dress in period costume
- Gulgong Heritage walk and discovery re-enactment of “The Ghost of Sun Tong Lee”
- Being a student in a class in 1872
- Gold history, cemetery study, museum visit
- Lawson Country performance by bush musician and poet, Bob Campbell
- Aboriginal lifestyles, tools and weapons
- Cooking damper and churning butter
- Pitching and sleeping in tents
- Setting up a bush camp
- Performance of Henry Lawson’s “The Loaded Dog”
- Gold panning
- Evening meal at Odie’s Bistro or the Butcher Shop Cafe

Details in summary:

Date: Trip 1: Wednesday 2nd - Thursday 3rd May
Trip 2: Tuesday 8th - Wednesday 9th May
Trip 3: Thursday 10th - Friday 11th May
Depart: 9.00am
Return: 4.00pm the following day
Cost: $85

Yours sincerely

Colin Hare
Stage Leader

Sharon Murray
Principal

Please return this permission note with payment to your child’s teacher by Thursday 5th April.

I hereby consent to ……………………………………….. in Class ………. participating in an excursion to Red Hill Field Studies Centre, Gulgong in May. I understand that details regarding my child’s trip date will be advised when final numbers have been obtained. I enclose a $45 deposit or full payment of $85 to secure my child’s place.

Signature of Parent / Guardian ……………………………………………………Date……………………