Dear Parents

**Year 5 Camp 2015 – Creswick Log Cabin Camp**

Planning for the Year 5 Camp is well underway with 83 children having paid a deposit and confirming their places.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of this Camp, which is new to the students of Thomas Mitchell. We were aware that sending out a request for an expression of interest and deposit in December 2014 was at a potentially inconvenient time. The opportunity to participate in this camp which complements our curriculum perfectly arose, together with the offer of accessing a significant subsidy for our students, was one which we did not want to pass up.

Your support has enabled us to continue planning what promises to be a fun filled, busy and action packed camp, and to confirm the subsidy that was offered only at that time. As a result I am pleased to confirm that the overall cost of this camp has been reduced by a massive $110 per child!

Below are some details about the camp and the exciting experiences your child will take part in.

| When: | Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} to Friday 17\textsuperscript{th} April 2015 (Please note this is the first week of Term 2) |
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| Who: | 83 x Year 5 children, selected Thomas Mitchell Primary School staff and parent helpers. Please note all parent helpers will have completed a successful Working With Children Check. |
| Visits and Activities: | We are planning onsite activities including a Giant Swing, Frisbee Golf, and a Flying Fox. Children on camp will also experience butter making and cheese making, using cow’s milk from Donegan’s Farm. Offsite excursions for our children will include a day trip to Sovereign Hill, returning at night for the “Blood on the Southern Cross” show. Other excursions will be a visit to: |
| | - Donegan’s Farm to experience the workings of a dairy farm, |
| | - Museum of Australian Democracy Eureka (M.A.D.E.) , and |
| | - Ballarat Botanical Gardens. |
| Cost: | This camp would usually cost in excess of $330 to participate in, and additional charges would apply to visit Sovereign Hill and M.A.D.E. However, we have been fortunate in securing subsidies through the “City Kids Project” which will cover the cost of transport, Donegan’s Farm, and the Butter & Cheese Making activities. **The reduced total cost to parents is now confirmed at $280.00.** |
| | This comprises the food component of $105.00 (including $9.55 GST), $175.00 for accommodation, other sundry expenses, the subsidised cost of travel, and trips to Sovereign Hill, M.A.D.E. the Botanical Gardens and Donegan’s Farm. |
| **Parent Assistance:** | We may also require additional parental assistance on the camp. Should you be interested in participating, please complete the section attached. Please note, any parent selected to assist on camp will require a valid Working with Children Check.

We will be in contact with all parents to discuss your expression of interest. Successful parents will also be required to attend an information session (we will also contact you about this). |
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| **Money:** | **The total cost of the camp to parents is confirmed at $280.00.** All parents will have paid a $50 deposit (this was payable last December), **leaving a balance of $230.00 due.**

Parents are required to pay the amount in full by Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} March 2015 and are asked to select one of the following payment options:

- **Option 1:** $230.00
  - Balance of payment in full (**excludes $50 deposit already paid**)  

- **Option 2:** $80.00 (1\textsuperscript{st} instalment due by Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} February 2015)
  - $80.00 (2\textsuperscript{nd} instalment due by Friday 13\textsuperscript{th} March 2015)
  - $70.00 (3\textsuperscript{rd}/final instalment due Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} March 2015)

Payments can be made at the office by EFTPOS/credit card/cash/cheque. |
| **Refunds:** | We have contracted with Log Cabin Camp Creswick, Sovereign Hill, M.A.D.E. and the bus company for this number of children to attend the camp. If your child is unable to attend we may not be able to return any or all of the money paid. Should this situation occur please advise the school’s business manager, Tracey Etherington, in writing within 7 days, so that we may consider an application for refund. |

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<tr>
<td>Melissa Reid</td>
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<td>Year 5 Camp Coordinator</td>
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The total cost of the year 5 camp this year is $280.00. Please complete and return to school with your payments, indicating Option 1 or 2. Full payment is to be completed by Friday 20th March, 2015.

Payment can be made by cheque – made out to Thomas Mitchell Primary School, cash, credit card or EFTPOS. If payment is to be made using a credit card or EFTPOS facility, please call into the school office to facilitate this transaction.

A preprinted envelope is attached for you to enclose payment and forward back to school.

Student Name: ……………………………………………………………………………………

Class: ……………………………

I enclose payment of:

☐ OPTION 1: $230.00 – paid in full (excludes $50 deposit already paid)

☐ OPTION 2: $80.00 – 1st instalment due by Friday 27th February 2015 $80.00 – 2nd instalment due by Friday 13th March 2015 $70.00 – 3rd/final instalment due by Friday 20th March 2015

(excludes deposit of $50.00 already paid)

Signed: …………………………………………………………………………………… Date: …………………………………
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Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th April 2015

PARENT ASSISTANCE (IF REQUIRED)

☐ I am willing to attend the Year 5 Creswick Log Cabin Camp to assist staff and students throughout the week of Tuesday 14th to Friday 17th April 2015.

☐ I understand I will be required to present a valid Working With Children Check if I am selected to assist.

☐ If selected, I understand I am required to attend an Information Evening about my role on camp.

Signed: ................................................................. Date: ......../........./2015

Assistant’s Name: .................................................................

Relationship to Child: .................................................................

Contact Phone Number(s): .................................................................

Please return this form to school by Monday 23rd February 2015