28th July, 2016

Dear Parents,

**Year 6 Camp 2016 – Coonawarra Farm Resort**

**Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th October**

As you may be aware, the Year 6 students participate in a school camp that is an important part of our curriculum studies. The camp this year will be a 4 day camp held at Coonawarra Farm Resort, located in a wonderful bush setting on the Iguana Creek, East Gippsland.

Coonawarra Farm Resort is a quality campsite with excellent facilities and activities. Carpeted bunkrooms with central heating sleep up to 6 per room.

Students will participate in a wide range of environmental and exhilarating challenges which may include flying fox, climbing wall, giant swing, high ropes course, archery, orienteering and initiative courses. A combination of individual and team building challenges will take place. Activities such as trivia quest, talent quest and games night may take place in the evenings. They will also visit the ‘Den of Nargun’ on their return bus trip to Melbourne. The ‘Den of Nargun’ is a culturally significant walk situated in the Mitchell River National Park.

We estimate the cost of this camp to be around $380, dependent on the numbers of children participating. To finalise the cost of the camp, we are now asking parents to provide an expression of interest as to whether your child will be attending the camp in 2016, together with a non-refundable $50.00 deposit. Please do this by completing the form below, indicating if your child will or will not be participating and return it to school with the $50 deposit by **Thursday 11th August, 2016**. Payment of this deposit will confirm your child’s participation.

Please note: If you are not able to forward the deposit by this date we encourage you to contact our business manager, Tracey Etherington. **As we need to confirm our booking numbers and pricing with the camp facility, we cannot guarantee children can be accommodated if payment is received after the deposit closing date.**

Upon finalising numbers, we will forward another letter confirming the cost and instalment arrangements. 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 contact you at a later date to discuss this.

Please contact Celia Hamilton, Year 6 Teacher in Room 17 at school, if you require further information. I am more than happy to chat to you about any concerns you may have or to answer any questions arising about this camp.

Yours sincerely,

Celia Hamilton  
Year 6 Camp Coordinator

John Hurley  
Principal
Please complete and return this section to school by Thursday, 11th August 2016.

THOMAS MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Year 6 Camp, Coonawarra Farm Resort
Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th October 2016

My child ................................................................. in class ..........

☐ Will be attending the Year 6 Camp to Coonawarra Farm Resort. I enclose a (non refundable) deposit of $50 to secure a place for my child.

OR

☐ Will not be attending the Year 6 Camp to Coonawarra Farm Resort in 2016.

Signed: ................................................................. Dated: .........................

Parent/Guardian Name: ........................................... Phone: .........................

PARENT ASSISTANCE (IF REQUIRED)

☐ I am willing to attend the Year 6 Coonawarra Farm Resort Camp to assist staff and students throughout the week of Tuesday 11th to Friday 14th October.

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

Signed: .................................................................................. Date: ....../......../2016

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

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

Contact Phone Number/s:.................................................................