Grade 5/6 Camp to Far South:

Information and Itinerary

Dear Parents/Care Givers

We are looking forward to camp in the first week back of Term Two. We pleased to confirm our plans with you.

Accommodation:

Far South
247 Narrows Road
Strathblane (near Dover)
Tasmania 7117

Emergency Contact Number: 0407 124 654

Please note that this is purely for urgent matters only.

Travel Arrangements

We will be travelling on two buses. The school bus and a bus provided by a company regularly used by the school. Some staff will also have their own cars with us, so we will have a further vehicle in the case of an emergency.

Itinerary

Wednesday, 27 April

8:15am: Gather with bags on softfall for roll call and a final briefing.
Leave school by bus at approximately 8:30am. Please note the early departure time.

Huonville Oval: Morning tea and toilet stop

Tahune Airwalk: Packed lunch, guided tour around the Airwalk. Bush walk incorporating two swinging bridges.

Far South: Evening meal (catered for by Far South), camp fire, sleep!

Thursday, 28 April

Far South: Breakfast

Hastings Caves and Thermal Pools: Morning tea, guided tour of caves and swim in thermal pool. Lunch (provided by Far South)

Far South: Afternoon tea, activities at the camp, evening meal (catered for by Far South), Quiz Night, sleep!
Friday, 29 April

Far South: Breakfast, pack up and clean up!

The Wooden Boat Centre, Franklin: Guided tour and informative talk

Huonville Oval: Lunch and toilet stop

St Cuthbert’s: Unpack buses and head home for a rest!

*It is our intention to return to school before the end of the school day. In the event of a delay we will contact the School Office who will communicate with you regarding how late we might be.*

Please take note of the following important reminders…

- Please remember to pack recess and lunch for the first day. As usual we request you show consideration for our children with allergies and remember to avoid foods that contain nuts.
- We will be going on some longer walks. Comfortable sturdy footwear, sunhats and water bottles are essential.
- Please apply sunscreen before school on Wednesday.
- Please pack for all weathers. Children will need a warm sweater/hoodie and long pants for the caves on Thursday, even if the weather forecast is good.
- Children MUST be able to carry their bag from the coach to the accommodation. This may involve walking over rough ground and using stairs.
- Please clearly label all medication with name, correct dosage and other relevant information. Please give the medication (contained in a zip lock bag) to Mrs Williams, Mrs Potter or Mrs O’Rourke on the morning of the excursion.
- Students will not need to bring any additional sweets or snacks with them to camp. Far South will provide adequate food for our stay.
- The final cost of camp is $180. This includes: all meals (except recess and lunch on the first day), accommodation, guided tours around Hastings Caves and Pool and The Tahune Airwalk, admission to the Wooden Boat Centre and activities located at the Far South Camp site. **A small portion of this money will also go towards a long day excursion planned for mid Term Two (31 May) – more information about this will be sent home at a later date.** All camp money must be paid by the end of Term Two.

We are happy to answer any questions you might have before camp. Either catch us in the classroom or send us an email.

Warm regards,

Deb Williams, Di O’Rourke and Katie Potter
Grade 5/6 Camp - Far South
Requirements

When packing for camp please ensure that everything is labelled clearly. The items marked with an * are compulsory. All clothing needs to be practical and suitable for all types of weather. There is limited room on the bus for the storage of luggage. We ask that your child bring a bag, not a suitcase. Children must be able to carry their own bag from the bus to their sleeping accommodation. This may involve steps or travel over rough ground.

**Day Pack**
* day pack (for bush walks)
* sun hat (school hat is fine)
* jacket/coat or similar (waterproof please)
* cut lunch and morning tea for the first day
* drink bottle (not glass)

**Outdoor Clothes**
3 pairs of socks
2 warm jumpers
2 pairs of trousers
1 pair of shorts
swimming kit (towel, swim suit, plastic bag for wet clothing - no bikinis please. Rash vest preferred for sun safety. Goggles and swimming hats are optional)

**Footwear**
* 2 pairs of shoes, including one pair of sturdy walking shoes that can cope with possible wet and muddy conditions.
* thongs/sandals

**Bedding**
* pyjamas
* pillow slip
* sleeping bag

**Toiletries**
* toothbrush and paste
* face washer and soap
* personal medication
* 1 (or 2) towels
* brush or comb

(This must be contained in a zip lock bag, with the students name and instructions. Please hand this in to the teacher.)
* tissues or hankies
* sunscreen (sunscreen will also be available to students)

**Miscellaneous**
* 1-2 supermarket bags for wet dirty clothes/wet towel.
* pen/pencil clipboard
* 1 tea towel
* sunglasses (optional)
* torch
* camera (students take full responsibility for these)

No money or valuables eg. mp3 players, ipods, ipads or mobile phones etc.
No electronic hair styling equipment please.