Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are once again excited to announce that the Year 6 students are heading to Canberra in 2016. The tour dates are:

**Monday 8th February to Friday 12th February 2016**

With the trip early in the school year, it is a fantastic opportunity for the Year 6 students and teachers to form new friendships and get to know each other.

The itinerary for the week is as follows:

**Monday February 8th 2016**
We leave school early this morning and travel to Canberra making brief stops when and where necessary. We arrive late afternoon in Canberra for four nights accommodation, staying at **Sundown Motel**, Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah ACT 2604 (Ph:02 6239 0333).

**During the week:**
The program will include all of the following activities:

**National Capital Exhibition @ Regatta Point**
A great introduction to Australia’s Capital City. The history and development of Canberra is told with rare photos, original plans, clever and stunning laser show and audio-visual presentations. This is an excellent vantage point to view Lake Burley Griffin, the Captain Cook Water Jet and the various National Institutions on the lakefront. The exhibition answers everything you ever wanted to know about the National Capital.

**Government House**
Government House is the official residence of Australia’s Governor General, Her Excellency Ms Quentin Bryce AC CVO. Students will be treated to a special talk by personal from Government House and are able to hear about the role the Governor General. They are able to see the wide range of awards that are presented at Government House and many beautiful gifts that have been given to the country. Students will have the opportunity to tour parts of the residence and the expansive grounds that extend to the lake.

**Parliament House Guided Tour**
Guided Tours will provide an insight into the historical and architectural significance of Parliament House. As Parliament is not in session, students are able to have a close look at the chambers.

**Parliament House Education Program**
Parliament House is the focus of Australian democracy. The Educational programs explain the responsibilities and procedures of Australia’s Federal Parliament.

**Australian Institute of Sport**
Tour the home of past, present and future sporting champions with one of Australia’s elite athletes as your guide. The tour gives you a unique view of the world class facilities and an insight into the life of an elite athlete.

**Museum of Australian Democracy @ Old Parliament House**
The temporary home of Australia’s Federal Parliament from 1927 – 1988, contains plenty to see. It is a unique venue, highly evocative of Australia’s political history and main characters.

**Electoral Education Centre**
The Electoral Education Centre runs topical classes on the federal electoral system for students. The centre’s programs are designed to make students aware of the importance of elections and participation in parliamentary democracy.

**National Gallery of Australia**
A tour of the Gallery’s paintings, sculptures, prints, photographs, drawings and decorative arts is arranged. Displays from the national collection of Aboriginal, Australian, Asian, African, early and modern American and European arts change regularly.

**Embassy Drive Tour**
Seventy countries have diplomatic representation in Canberra and many of these missions reflect their country’s architectural style. The Indonesian and Papua New Guinea missions operate cultural centres and the Embassy of China is built in traditional pagoda style.

**National Museum of Australia**
The new National Museum is both educational and entertaining. Technology and imagination are combined to create an experience which explores “the things that have made us Australian’. Hands-on interactive exhibitions allow students to actually experience the stories of Australia.

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Mount Ainslie Lookout
This provides a spectacular view of central Canberra and the Parliamentary Triangle. From this vantage point you can really appreciate the city’s distinctive layout with its lakes, parks and gardens. The backdrop of hills and mountains adds to the stunning vista before you.

Australian War Memorial
The Australian War Memorial is Australia’s National Memorial to those who died in war. It contains an archive centre of research and galleries displaying relics, documents, photographs and art. The Hall of Memory, where the tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier is located, is the centre of the formal commemorative areas of the Memorial.

High Court of Australia
The High Court’s role as the pinnacle of the Australian judicial system is reflected in the building’s grand approaches, glass façade, towering hall and elegant courtrooms. Special note should be made of spectacular use of Australian timber in the courtrooms.

Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre
This “hands-on” exhibit is entertaining as well as educational. A spiral walkway leads you to the various galleries of the Centre. Over 200 interactive exhibits deal with the mysteries of science by demonstrating their everyday applications.

On Tuesday evening we will have a **Botanical Gardens Night Tour** including spotlighting, supper and a visit to the Education Room. On Wednesday evening we will be going **mini golfing**.

Friday February 12\textsuperscript{th}
After an early breakfast, we will begin our journey home again with a late afternoon arrival at school.
As you can see it will be an action packed, thoroughly enjoyable week.

The cost of the camp (including accommodation, transport and entry to all venues) is $475.
This includes Parliament and Civics Education $30 Rebate from the Federal Government.
As we are leaving very early in **Term 1 2016**, payment for **Canberra 2016** will need to be collected during **Term 4 2015**.

Three payment options have been devised to support families as much as possible. If any families are concerned about meeting the cost of the camp, could they please come to the office and see Ms Higgins as soon as possible.

**Option 1:** Full payment, $475 on **Friday 24\textsuperscript{th} October, 2015**

**Option 2:** **Deposit Payment** $175 due **Friday 23\textsuperscript{rd} October**
Fortnightly payments with total cost paid by **Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} December**

**Option 3:** Fortnightly payments with the dates organised with Ms Higgins.

Any other payment options need to be arranged with Ms Higgins.

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**An information evening will be held for all parents of students attending Canberra 2016 on Tuesday 13\textsuperscript{th} Oct, 2015 at 6:00pm.**

**Thank you**
Cathy Davis
Camp Coordinator
Canberra 2016

Please return this signed notice to school before payments begin in Term 4 2015, to confirm attendance and payment option for the Canberra Tour 2016.

Permission for attendance at Canberra Tour 2016:

I give permission for ________________________________ in _______

to attend the Canberra Tour and stay at the
Sundown Motel, Jerrabomberra Ave, Narrabundah, ACT 2604,
from Monday 8th February until Friday 12th February 2016

Signed: ________________________________

Contact number during camp: ________________________________

Please tick your preferred method of payment for Canberra Tour 2016

Payment for camp:

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Full Payment: Installments: Payment Dates organised with Ms Higgins.

Please return this confirmation to school by Friday 16th October, 2015

Thank you

Cathy Davis
Camp Coordinator
Option 1: Full Payment Option for Canberra Tour 2016

Full payment for camp is required to be made by Friday 23rd October, 2015.

Enclosed is payment of $475 for camp.

Signed: ______________________________ Date: ______________________________

REMITTANCE ADVICE

For credit card payments please return this completed form inside the sealed envelope.

AMOUNT $ __________

Credit Card Type: Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ BankCard ☐

Number: __________________________

Name of Card Holder: __________________________________________________________

Expiry Date: ___/___ Signature: ________________________________________________

Thank you for your support.

Cathy Davis

Camp Coordinator
Option: 2
Payment by Installment: Payment dates must be strictly adhered to. Thank you.

Name: __________________________________________

Payment 1 Amount: $175
Due date: Friday 23rd October 2015
Balance: $300
For credit card payments please return this completed form inside the sealed envelope.

AMOUNT $ ________________________________

Credit Card Type:  Visa ☐  MasterCard ☐  BankCard ☐

Number: _____________________________________

Name of Card Holder: ..........................................................

Expiry Date: ____ / ____   Signature: ...............................................

Option: 2

Name: __________________________________________

Payment 2 Amount: $100
Due date: Friday 6th November 2015
Balance: $200
For credit card payments please return this completed form inside the sealed envelope.

AMOUNT $ ________________________________

Credit Card Type:  Visa ☐  MasterCard ☐  BankCard ☐

Number: _____________________________________

Name of Card Holder: ..........................................................

Expiry Date: ____ / ____   Signature: ...............................................

Option: 2

Name: __________________________________________

Payment 3 Amount: $100
Due date: Friday 20th November 2015
Balance: $100
For credit card payments please return this completed form inside the sealed envelope.

AMOUNT $ ________________________________

Credit Card Type:  Visa ☐  MasterCard ☐  BankCard ☐

Number: _____________________________________

Name of Card Holder: ..........................................................

Expiry Date: ____ / ____   Signature: ..............................................
Payment by Installment: Payment dates must be strictly adhered to. Thank you.

Option: 2

Name: ________________________________

Final Payment Amount: $100
Balance: $0

Due date: Friday 4th December 2015

For credit card payments please return this completed form inside the sealed envelope.

AMOUNT $ __________

Credit Card Type: Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ BankCard ☐

Number: __________

Name of Card Holder: ____________________________________________________________

Expiry Date: ___ / ___ Signature: ________________________________________________

All installment payments for Canberra Tour 2015 are to be completed by

Friday 4th December 2015.

Thank you for your support.

Cathy Davis
Camp Coordinator
Option: 3
Name: ______________________________________

Payment by Installment: Payment dates have been arranged with Ms Higgins.

Payment 1 Amount: $175          Due date: ________________
Balance: $300
For credit card payments please return this completed form inside the sealed envelope.

AMOUNT $ ______________________

Credit Card Type:  Visa ☐  MasterCard ☐  BankCard ☐  

Number: ______________________________________

Name of Card Holder: ______________________________________

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Balance: $200
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