

PLENTY PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL NO. 1915

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Monday 24th July

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please find below the details of the year 3 camp. The camping program is an important part of our Outdoor Education program. There are 104 students in year 3 and we would like ALL students to attend.

VENUE: Arrabri Lodge, Warburton

DATES: Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th & Friday 20th October.

COST: Approximately \$292

This quote is based on 80% of students attending. The final cost will depend on the number of students who do attend. This will mean two payments of approximately \$100 and \$192 (the first payment being a non-refundable/non-transferable deposit).

ON SITE ACTIVITIES: Camp activities include mini golf, giant swing, flying fox, archery, climbing wall, sensory trail, orienteering, trampoline, night bush walk, dancing & toasting marshmallows.



STAFF: One adult for every 10 students.

TRAVEL: Bus (with seatbelts)

PARENT HELPERS:

When we have determined the number of children attending the camp, we will know exactly how many extra adults will be required to ensure the 1:10 ratio. At this stage we have 5 teachers who will be attending. We will probably need about 5 additional adults. Parents helping on camp will be required to undergo a Working With Children check, be available for the 3 days of camp, work long hours, cope with late nights and early mornings, help with the constant supervision of children, participate in all activities and duty groups, be caring, understanding and patient, have HEAPS of energy and a good sense of humour, be available for ALL students – not just your own and get on well with children. No cost will be involved, as you will be covered in the staff ratio. *If you believe you can meet this job description, please indicate on the following page that you wish to be considered as a parent helper.*

STAFFING FOR CAMPING PROGRAM

One adult to ten students (legal requirement) at no charge to the adults.

Minimum of 50% of the adults to be qualified teachers to fulfil ratio, however extra volunteers can be taken.

Parent volunteers are a wonderful asset on camps and we need the very best volunteers for the safety and care for all children attending. Attendance by parents is not a right; it is by invitation, to fulfil legal rights and to help make our school vision a reality. All adults to have a police check and the school will pay for parent volunteers.

Minimum of one senior teacher (Leading Teacher, Assistant Principal, Principal) to attend each camp.

Priority for selection of helpers

- Aim for gender balance.
- As School Council approves school camps and is legally responsible, priority is given to one non DE&T school councillor.
- As part of pre-service training, priority given to trainee teachers to attend.
- Priority to trained nurse or doctor.
- Priority to parents who are known to the school.
- Priority to parents who will take on a “de facto” staff role, where it is judged there will be no possible conflict of interest between de facto staff role and parent role with own child.
- Where there are more volunteers than places, after all criteria have been looked at, names will be drawn out of a hat.

As there are increasing numbers of children at school who have serious medical conditions, e.g. liver transplant, juvenile diabetes, etc. whose care involves administering needles, monitoring blood levels, etc, some parents will need to attend camp with their child. The parent is deemed as being out of the adult ratio and would be required to pay their own way, if necessary. The school will negotiate to get transport and accommodation at a reduced rate.

In order to finalise arrangements and calculate the precise cost of the camp, we need to know the exact number of students attending as soon as possible.

To confirm your child's place, please complete the details below and return it with a **non-refundable/non-transferable** first payment of

\$100 by Monday 21st August 2017.

Further details including the exact cost will follow when final numbers are known. The next letter will include the payment slip for the final payments. **Please speak to Kristina Elvey (Business Manager) if you are experiencing financial difficulties and would like to organise a payment plan.**

**PLEASE NOTE – NO LATE PAYMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED.
Your camp deposit must be received by Monday 21st August 2017.**



If you have any queries, contact your child's teacher at the school on 9404 4311.
Scott Jessup (Year 3 Curriculum Leader), Jeremy Matheson, Stephanie Hughes & Emma Wallmeyer.
Year 3 Teachers

✂----- Cut off and return to the school by Monday 21st August 2017 -----

Parent permission

I give permission for my child _____ of home group _____
to attend the year 3 camp to Arrabri Lodge from **Wednesday 18th October – Friday 20th October (inclusive) 2017**

Name _____ Phone no: _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Amount enclosed: \$100 CSEF / Cash / Cheque / Credit Card / QKR



Credit Card payment ✂-----

PLENTY PARKLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL – CREDIT CARD VOUCHER (Minimum payment \$10)

Child's name:	Home group:	Payment for: ie. Camp	Amount
		Year 3 Camp 2017 at Arrabri Lodge	

Please charge my: Bankcard Visa Mastercard Amount: \$ _____

Card Number _____

Expiry Date: ____ / ____ Name on Card: _____

Signature of Cardholder: _____ Phone No. _____ Date: _____

✂----- Cut off and return to the school by Monday 21st August 2017 if you are interested in being a parent helper -----

I am interested in being a parent helper on the year 3 camp to Arrabri Lodge.

Name of interested parent

Level of first aid qualifications (if any).....

Working With Children check No Yes Date Received.....

Child's home group

Daytime phone number

(You will be contacted as soon as possible)