Dear Parents,

As part of the Outdoor Education Program, the Year 2 students will be attending a full day of adventure activities based at Wombat Corner Lodge, Emerald on Tuesday 27th October, 2009. The cost of this activity will be $60.00 and is not included in the Excursion Levy.

The focus of the day will be on developing independence skills, co-operation and responsibility. The Adventure Day introduces the Year 2 children to the Camping Program that is an integral part of the school’s ‘You Can Do It’ Program and prepares them for the overnight camp to Sovereign Hill that is a feature of Year 3.

The children will be expected to wear sensible and comfortable casual clothes that are not special or new as they may become dirty due to the range of planned activities. Proper, comfortable shoes (preferably runners) are to be worn – no sandals or thongs are allowed – as there will be walking involved. If the weather looks uncertain a jacket will need to be worn. All children MUST wear their school broad brimmed or Legionnaires hat. NO baseball caps please as these do not protect necks and ears.

Lunch and dinner have been included in the cost of the excursion and the children will need to bring a SMALL snack and a clearly named drink bottle of WATER. Please do not provide your child with a lot of food as they will have to carry it and it is unnecessary. Do not bring lollies or sweets as they are not necessary.

The children will need to be at school ready to leave by 8:45am. We will travel by bus to Belgrave Station where we will catch the historic Puffing Billy steam train that takes us through the hills to our destination at Emerald Lake Park. Upon arrival our group will be escorted to our base for the day at Wombat Corner Lodge. For more information and pictures of the Lodge go to their website: http://www.wombatcorner.com/.

For the rest of the day the children will be involved in a variety of adventure activities such as rogaining, low ropes course, initiative trail, archery, mini golf, trampolining, flying fox and photo trail. At meal times they will learn about camp meal routines such as serving, clearing up, waiting in turn and using ‘restaurant’ manners.

After a most satisfying day of activities, fun and learning we will leave the campsite by 6:30pm and drive directly back to school on the bus where parents will be expected to pick up their children at 7:30pm. All buses used will be fully seat belted.

The staff that will be accompanying the children will be Ms Cook, Mr Burke-Smith and Mrs Kaliviotis. Mrs Bobinac and Ms Walker will be attending as student aides and 1 parent from each class will be required as helpers for the day.

The children are not allowed to bring any money, extra food or sweets, or electronic games (such as PSP, Gameboy etc). They may bring a camera but it must be clearly named and the child will be responsible for it. They may wish to bring a backpack for their drink, coat and optional camera.

Year 2 Teachers
Ms Cook, Mr Burke-Smith and Mrs Kaliviotis