4 May 2016

MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS

Dear Parents/Caregivers

As from 13 May 2016 it will be possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $Make a payment. Payments for P&C run initiatives will still need to be made to them by cash or cheque.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Kathy Browne
Principal
Stage 1 Featherdale Wildlife Park Excursion

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Stage One Students will be attending an educational excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park at Doonside, on Thursday 30th June, 2016. This excursion is directly related to topics that Stage One is studying during Term 2: Our HSIE unit called The Need for Shelter and our Science unit called Schoolyard Safari. The opportunity to observe different animals in their habitats first-hand will support class learning activities and discussions, and increase students' understanding across these curriculum areas.

Date: Thursday 30th June, 2016

Cost: $27.00 per student

Transport: Travel to and from Featherdale will be by bus. Buses will depart at 9:15am and will return by normal dismissal time. Please ensure that your child is at school by 9:10am.

Dress: Students will need to wear school uniform, including their school hat.

What to Bring: We ask that students bring their recess and lunch (including at least two drinks) in a small backpack. Students who require asthma puffers should bring these also. Please DO NOT send any money with children as there will not be any opportunities to buy anything. In addition, we ask that the students do not bring any cameras, iPads or other valuable items which may become lost or broken.

Each class will require a parent helper to attend. If you would like to attend, and have a current Working With Children Check (WWC) please complete your details in the space on the permission slip and attach a copy of your WWC. Unfortunately, pre-schoolers cannot be accommodated. Names will be drawn from a hat and parent helpers notified a week before the excursion.

Please return the permission slip below with $27.00 payment in a clearly marked envelope to the collection box outside the Administration Office by 9:10am on Friday 17th June, 2016.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Kirsten Smoth
Excursion Organiser

Mrs Kathy Browne
Principal

Please place permission slip and $27.00 payment into the collection box outside the Administration Office by 9:10am, Friday 17th June, 2016.

Stage 1 Featherdale Wildlife Park Excursion

I give permission for my child ___________________________ of class _______ to attend the excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park at Doonside on Thursday 30th June, 2016. I understand travel will be by bus to and from the venue. Students will be leaving school at 9:10am and returning to school by normal dismissal time. Please find enclosed payment of $27.00.

Parent / Caregiver Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

I am available to attend and assist on this excursion: Yes / No

Name: ___________________________ Mobile Phone Number: ___________________________
STAGE 1- Term 2

Dear parents/caregivers,

This term, Stage One is studying the HSIE unit called the Need for Shelter and linking it with the Science Primary Connections topic called Schoolyard Safari. Through investigation and observation students will learn how animals move, feed and protect themselves. They will explore and compare the habitats of different animals and be involved in report writing.

Our studies will culminate in an excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park on Thursday, 30th June. More information on the excursion, will be sent home in the next few weeks.

During class time, your child will be asked to draw, label and construct a model of a shelter suitable for a small creature, pet or human.

Children need to supply the materials needed to build their shelter. (e.g. small boxes, bottle tops, milk cartons, sticks, small figurines) Paper, glue and sticky tape will be provided.

Could you please talk to your child about what they might make and send them with the materials by the beginning of Week 4?

A copy of the assignment is included to assist the discussion with your child, however the task will be completed at school.

Please contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

Thanking you,

B. Whelan   A.P.

Kathy Browne  Principal