

Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our integrated unit of work over the last two terms has included a focus on the environment from the perspective of preservation and care for our environment including an Aboriginal perspective, from a religious focus of the founder of the Josephite tradition, Julian Tenison Woods, from a scientific focus on the classification of plants and animals and also a focus of engaging with our natural environment from a perspective of personal wellbeing.

As a culmination of our work, we would like to travel down to the Huon Valley to the Tahune Airwalk and take part in a guided walk on the Airwalk and also complete the longer Swinging Bridges walk. We would like to visit St Joseph's Church at Sacred Heart School, Geeveston where Father Julian Tenison Woods travelled to celebrate Mass in the 1890's as he and Saint Mary MacKillop worked to establish Josephite Schools across the country to educate the poor. The school is also a wonderful resource for learning about Tasmanian Aboriginal culture with bark huts, camp sites and an established Reconciliation garden.

In order to make the most of this experience, we would like to take the Grade 3 class on an overnight stay. It is proposed that we would leave school on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> September, stay overnight at Sacred Heart School, Geeveston and return to school by home time on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September. As your children will take part on a 2 night camp in Grade 4, we also see this as a valuable experience in preparation for this.

As the cost of the camp has not been planned for in our school levies, it is proposed that each student pay \$20 towards the cost of the camp. This would cover the cost of the bus, entry to Tahune Airwalk and food for the camp. As well as volunteering to drive the bus, Mr Eddie Scott has offered to make sausages with the class prior to the camp and this will become part of our BBQ dinner, helping to cut costs.

We would like to make you aware of the proposed camp dates and give you the opportunity to ask us any questions well in advance of the camp dates.

Please sign the slip below to let us know that you have read the notice. Please feel free to contact us via email [kate.jackson@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:kate.jackson@catholic.tas.edu.au) or [therese.kelly@catholic.tas.edu.au](mailto:therese.kelly@catholic.tas.edu.au) or see us in class if you have any questions.

Regards,  
Kate Jackson & Therese Kelly

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I ..... (parent/guardian) of ..... (child's name)  
have read and understood the information regarding the Grade 3 camp on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>  
September and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.

Signed: ..... Date: .....