Dear Parents,

Year 6 is a very busy year. To try and reduce the amount of notices being sent home for permission to participate in different activities, we have combined most of Term 1’s activities into this one form. Below are descriptions of each activity, including cost and dates.

**‘TERRA AUSTRALIS OI, OI, OI’ INCURSION**

Our Term 1 Integrated Studies focus is Australian history. As part of this unit our students will participate in an incursion that will cover major Australian historical events, from the arrival of the First Fleet to Federation. This incursion involves our students using mime, slow motion, improvisation, props and costumes as they experience the challenges of building our national identity. Events covered include the hardship of the goldfields, Eureka Stockade, early explorers and the capture of Ned Kelly.

- **When:** Monday 27\(^{th}\) February 2017
- **Cost:** $10.50 (this incursion is covered by the excursion levy)

**MOOROOLBARK COLLEGE TRANSITION VISIT**

Our Year 6 students have been invited to attend a transition visit to Mooroolbark College. Visits, such as this one, helps to prepare students for high school. They provide a valuable opportunity for students to ask questions and explore the secondary school environment. They will experience three lessons in various subject areas and lunch (hot dog and icy pole) will be kindly provided by Mooroolbark College. As Mooroolbark College is located within close proximity to Bimbadeen, we will be walking to and from for this excursion.

- **When:** Wednesday 8\(^{th}\) March 2017
- **Time:** Depart Bimbadeen at 9am and return approximately 1pm
- **Cost:** This is a free activity
- **Bring along:** Own morning tea and drink bottle
- **Uniform:** Full school uniform and comfortable walking shoes

**LILYDALE HIGH TRANSITION VISIT**

The second transition visit this term is to Lilydale High School. This day will consist of a Year 6/Year 7 Sports Carnival. Lilydale High School will organise and pay for the buses to drive us to and from the school.

- **When:** Tuesday 14th March 2017
- **Time:** Depart Bimbadeen at 9am and return approximately 2pm
- **Cost:** This is a free activity
- **Bring along:** Own morning tea, lunch, drink bottle, hat and sunscreen
- **Uniform:** Sports tops and runners
HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT (PUBERTY)

Family Life Victoria will be running sessions to talk to the Year 6 students about Human Growth and Development (Puberty). This is part of your child’s curriculum and the Class Teacher will be present throughout the day.

The approach used is sensitive, positive, tolerant and fun. The core modules are related to Victorian Curriculum health curriculum including reproduction, pregnancy and birth and the physical, social and emotional changes at puberty.

Family Life Victoria programs offer students an opportunity to gain accurate, age-appropriate information about puberty and reproduction. The content of the sessions is age-specific and interactive, using a variety of audio-visual materials, discussion and games. The program respects and supports the role of family in sexuality education and promotes their involvement through discussion before and after sessions. We encourage the children to talk about the day’s events with their parents.

YEAR 6 PROGRAM
- **LOOK I’M CHANGING** - This session focuses on providing information about the physical changes of puberty for boys and girls. Periods and sperm production are discussed.
- **I’M IN CHARGE** - This session will give students an opportunity to discuss some of the common emotional changes that young people may experience at puberty.
- **WHAT’S IT ALL ABOUT** - The process of conception, foetal development & birth are covered in the context of family relationships.

When:  6GM Thurs 23rd March, 6ML Wed 29th March and 6MR Thurs 30th March  
Time:  9am – 12:30pm  
Cost:  $17.50 (this incursion is covered by the excursion levy)

Thank you,  
Year 6 Teachers

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### Year 6 Term 1 Activities

I give permission for my child ________________________ of Grade _______ to

- [ ] attend the Terra Australis Oi, Oi, Oi Incursion held on Monday 27th February 2017 costing $10.50
- [ ] attend the Transition to Mooroolbark College on Wednesday 8th March 2017
- [ ] attend the Transition Lilydale High Sports Day on Tuesday 14th March 2017.
- [ ] attend the Puberty Incursion held on either 6GM Thursday 23rd, 6ML Wednesday 29th or 6MR Thursday 30th March costing $17.50

Payment methods:
- [ ] I pay the excursion levy
- [ ] I receive the CSEF and the account for my child is in credit.
- [ ] I have paid by direct deposit. My reference number is: _______________
  Bendigo Bank Mooroolbark, BSB: 633 000  Account Number: 151 885 282

SIGNATURE:__________________ (Parent / Guardian)  DATE: ___/___/___