Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great excitement that we offer your child the opportunity to participate in the 2016 EarthKeepers Camp.

All students from grade 5 will attend the camp at Mt Toolebewong where they shall be exposed to the principles of forest ecology and earth education whilst gaining meaningful nature connections and experiencing first-hand the richness of the forest environment.

Trained educators from the Yarra Ranges Council Sustainability Team will deliver the program which was first devised 30 years ago at the Earth Institute at Columbia University—an independent, international volunteer organisation operating in nine countries across four continents. Developed after extensive trials and with twenty-five years of successful delivery worldwide, Earthkeepers™ is recognised as the longest running program of its type in the world.

Transport to and from the venue shall be by car (one hour’s drive to destination). We will shortly invite two or three volunteer drivers to transport students to and from both camps.

The camp cost is $280 per student. This includes all meals (nutritious, locally grown produce, all cooked on site), teaching materials and accommodation. Because of the nature of the facilities students will be put into two groups of approximately 18 students. This means that there will be two camps running over two weeks.

The dates for the two camps are:
- Camp 1: Wednesday 13\textsuperscript{th} April – Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} April
- Camp 2: Monday 18\textsuperscript{th} April – Wednesday 20\textsuperscript{th} April

The teacher(s) accompanying your child on camp will be advised later this term.

Payment and permission form can be completed on QKR. Payment must be by Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} March in addition to completing the details required on the medical form. If you are having difficulty paying or want to use CSEF please contact the school office or email the.patch.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Your child has received information regarding appropriate clothing; please ensure that all items are clearly marked and warm/waterproof. Please bring along lunch for the first day in a separate day pack with coat, hat, gloves, waterproofs and water bottle.

Regards,

Andrew Hanson
Jennie Simpson
Kent Agis
Nina DeVreeze

*ONLY TO BE FILLED OUT IF NOT COMPLETED ON QKR*

EarthKeepers Camp 2016

I give permission for my child, _______________________________ of Grade __________ of Grade __________ of Grade to attend the EarthKeepers Camp at Mt Toolebewong on April 13\textsuperscript{th} – 15\textsuperscript{th} or 18\textsuperscript{th} – 20\textsuperscript{th} April, travelling by car.

I understand that in order for my child to attend this activity, payment in full must be made by Thursday 17\textsuperscript{th} March.

I authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to my child’s receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

In the event of misbehavior, I shall make arrangements for my child to be collected from the camp.

Parent/Guardian ___________________________ Signed ___________________________ Date __________

Emergency Phone Contact __________________________________________________________