

# Rockingham Foreshore Excursion

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

To celebrate the end of the school year we plan to take our Kindergarten to Year 6 students to the Rockingham Foreshore for a whole school picnic. Students will travel to Rockingham Beach by bus. All staff will attend this special picnic day. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

The day will be similar to our 2017 end of year excursion, however we have had to make a few changes to the excursion organisation to accommodate the additional numbers. The children will now be grouped in year level groupings on different parts of the beach and foreshore .

The rotations will include:

- Water based activities
- Sand activities
- Supervised playground time
- Picnic team games

**Parents please note the following before signing the permission form:**

- Students will be involved in water based activities in the shallow waters of Rockingham Beach.
- No child will be permitted to swim out into deep water.
- Suitably qualified staff have been allocated the water based activities to meet all supervisory requirements.
- All students will be required to wear their uniform shirt and faction hat for identification.
- Bathers/rash vests will be worn in the water games. Parents are encouraged to send their child with a rash vest over their bathers.
- Adequate shade will be provided by the gazebos and shade shelters the school will provide.
- **Students MUST travel to and from this excursion in the school arranged bus and no child will be permitted to leave with their parents throughout the day or at the end of the day.** This is to ensure the number of students in our groups remains constant all day for ease of monitoring student safety and accountability. We are also keen for all students to be back on the school site at the end of the day to farewell their class mates, class teachers and our graduating Year 6 class.
- Parents are invited to bring and share a picnic lunch with their children. Barbecues are available. Subway lunch will also be available.
- Another note will go home close to the time specifying what your child needs to bring on the day, a timetable and a map of the designated areas.

**MONDAY/WEDNESDAY KINDY GROUP PLEASE NOTE:**

Children in this group may attend on the day; however, **they must** travel to and from Rockingham Foreshore with their parents in private transport and a parent must be in attendance at all times. A separate note will be issued to the Monday Wednesday kindergarten group.

This excursion is free due to our school communities' ongoing support through Subway lunch orders. Money raised through this initiative has allowed the school to cover the cost of the bus. Please complete the permission slip attached and return by **Thursday 12th December 2019.**

My staff and I look forward to sharing this special day with you and your children.

Kind regards



Jayne Ebsworthy  
**Principal**



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(Please return permission form to the front administration office by Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019)

Student Name					
Year					
Room	Sandpiper 1	Sandpiper 2	Sandpiper 3		
	Goshawk 1	Goshawk 2	Goshawk 3	Goshawk 4	Goshawk 5
	Cockatoo 1	Cockatoo 2	Cockatoo 3	Cockatoo 4	
	Swallow 1	Swallow 2	Swallow 3		

I have read and understood the information regarding the Rockingham Foreshore Excursion on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019** and give my consent for my son/daughter to participate.

Signed by Parent/Guardian	
Date	

This swimming stage form is a requirement to be sent home to all parents when there is a water based excursion. The students will not be in deep water and the groups will take turns at being in the water. We have sufficient staff with the required swimming and lifesaving qualifications.

WATER BASED OR SWIMMING ACTIVITIES RESPONSE
<b>Please indicate your child's swimming ability:</b>
Department of Education swimming stage achieved:
<input type="checkbox"/> I am unsure

<b>Stage 1 - Beginner</b>	<b>Stage 7 – Intermediate</b>
<b>Stage 2 – Water Discovery</b>	<b>Stage 8 – Water Wise</b>
<b>Stage 3 - Preliminary</b>	<b>Stage 9 – Senior</b>
<b>Stage 4 – Water Awareness</b>	<b>Stage 10 - Junior Swim and Survive*</b>
<b>Stage 5 – Water Sense</b>	<b>Stage 11 – Swim and Survive*</b>
<b>Stage 6 - Junior</b>	<b>Stage 12 - Senior Swim and Survive</b>

\* Stage 10 to 12 are Royal Life Saving Society of Australia awards. Stage 10 focuses on safety and survival abilities including clothed and personal fitness for survival and extends the student's range of swimming skills. Stages 11 and 12 involve further development of survival and swimming skills and endurance. Stage 12 provides a foundation for rescue awards.



