Dear Parent/Guardian

**Amaroo Excursion – ‘Camping We Will Go!’**

**The Program:** The camping program provided at Amaroo Environmental Education Centre, Kleinton, aims to support and extend on experiences provided by the Prep setting. Children are encouraged to develop positive attitudes towards their environments (social, personal and natural) through exploration and real life experiences. The bush setting is a dynamic, flexible and supportive learning environment that allows the children to engage in real-life experiences around camping, involving physical activity, construction and investigation.

**Activities:** The children will participate in a variety of bush/camping activities eg discussing suitable campsites, erecting tents, a short bushwalk and bush activities, including eating damper with lunch.

**Requirements:** Children will be required to bring:
- comfortable, sun-safe, free-dress clothing (eg sleeved t-shirts) and shoes (flat, closed-toe for walking in the bush);
- **SCHOOL HAT**, which is sun-safe and broad-brimmed;
- a water bottle; and
- a ‘litterless lunch’ ie morning tea and big lunch in a lunchbox, food packed in containers or wrapped within the lunchbox (wrapping will come home to be disposed of).

We will provide sunscreen, but you are welcome to apply at home before coming to school.

**Morning Tea and Lunch:** Amaroo has a target of **One Wheelie Bin of Waste** per term, and will no longer be providing bins for rubbish other than recyclable and compost materials. We have been asked that children bring ‘litterless lunches’. Wrappers from pre-packaged foods will be brought home for disposal. We will also be enjoying damper with lunch. If your child’s special dietary needs or allergies exclude him/her from eating damper, please discuss this with your class teacher.

**Who & When:**
- Thursday, 26 March: Preps A and B
- Friday, 27 March: Preps C and D

**Departing** at 9:00 a.m. (You need to be on time for your excursion date as the bus will depart promptly in order for us to complete the day’s program).

**Returning** at 2:45 p.m.

**Parent Help:**
We need 3-4 parents from each class to help at Amaroo, depending on class numbers, and we have been advised that it is best not to bring toddlers on the day as you will be asked to participate in activities with a group of children. If you are able, and would like to, help on the day, please return your form promptly as spaces will be allocated on a ‘first in, best dressed’ basis. **Please note, parents will be required to provide own transport to and from Kleinton if helping, so ‘car pooling’ may be an option.**

**Medical Form**
Please complete the Excursion Medical form which is located on the website or by following the link and return to your classroom teacher prior to the excursion date.

Prep Teachers Lyndon McIntyre, Deputy Principal

I give permission for ______________________ in Prep______ to participate in the Amaroo excursion at Amaroo EEC, and to travel to and from Kleinton by bus on Thursday 26th March/Friday 27th March. I authorise the excursion organiser/supervising teacher to obtain such medical attention as may be deemed necessary. I understand that I am responsible for the costs.

I ______________________________ am able / am not able to assist on this excursion.

DATE: _______________ PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _______________