Dear Parents,

On Thursday 2nd May 2013 the children from Years 5 & 6 will be travelling to the Bathurst Goldfields as a part of their Term Two integrated unit of work on Gold. This is an overnight trip. The children will depart on Thursday 2nd May and return on Friday 3rd May 2013. This trip will provide the students with the background and field knowledge that they need to understand the unit of work about Gold. The hands-on and visual experiences that they will gain during this field trip will be built upon throughout Term 2.

The students will be travelling by a seatbelt equipped coach and will stay at the “Bathurst Goldfields Lodges” for one night.

Please see the detailed itinerary attached for the full list of activities included in the cost of the Camp.

The cost of the trip will be $178.00. (This amount is payable by you to the school. It is not included as a part of your school fees)

Please complete the permission, medical information sheet and dietary requirements section and return all to school with payment no later than Thursday 28th March 2013. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this trip please contact your child’s teacher/s.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Yvette Baird
PRINCIPAL

Mrs Louise Kingsley
YEAR 6

Miss Venice Boules
YEAR 5

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Parent/ Guardian

I / we ________________________ give permission for my child ________________________ in
Year ______________ to attend the Gold field trip from Thursday 2nd May to Friday 3rd May 2013

Signed: ____________________  Date: ______________

☐ I have enclosed payment of $178.00 as full payment for this camp.

If your child has any dietary requirements please list below:

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________________________________________________________________________
Thursday 2nd May 2013

7.45am SHARP: coach will depart Sacred Heart School Westmead and travel via the Great Western Hwy over the Blue Mountains through to Katoomba. We visit the scenic sights of Katoomba, including Echo Point for a rest stop and view the famous Three Sisters.

Approx 11.00am: We will then travel on to the Famous Historic Village of Hartley. The students will be taken on a guided tour of Hartley Historic Village. They will tour the Court House & St Bernard’s Church. The children will see a demonstration of the flogging block, will be held prisoner in the male holding cell and discuss trials based on the early court records while sitting at the Magistrates bench, docks, bar, table etc. In the Catholic Church student will act as an early congregation, sitting in the pews. In addition, they will also have the opportunity to experience and act our convict trials based on 1830’s court records (costumes and props are provided).

12.30pm LUNCH: Bought from home. This meal is not provided as a part of the camp. Please ensure you pack your child enough food and drink.

Approx 2.30pm: Arrive at Bathurst Goldfields.

3.00pm: Students will commence a 2 ½ hour Tour and panning. The Program includes a visit to the indoor Museum- Geology and History Room and the Gold Diggings. The students will experience ‘hands on’ Californian Bucket Pump, a Gold Panning demonstration, a Mine, Steam Shed with Operating Steam Engines and Stamper Battery. They will also see a Blacksmithing demonstration and an operating Water Wheel. Afterwards the students will have time for some ‘Gold Panning’. Each student will be given a pan to use, a pot of dirt & plastic vial to put their gold in! They will also experience activities such as making and erecting mud bricks, erecting rammed earth buildings, life in a wattle & daub hut, erecting bush tents, bush cooking, bush games and cradling for gold.

Check in to accommodation for one (1) night.

6.00pm: Dinner
After dinner the students will experience the ‘Colonial Music’ program.
7.00am: Breakfast & Check out of accommodation.

9.00am: Students will continue with the Bathurst Goldfields program (Outlined on day one’s itinerary).

Approx 11.30am: Sausage Sizzle Lunch

Approx 12.00-12.30pm: Board the coach for the return trip to School. Stopping for an appropriate rest break.

Approx 3.00-3.30pm: Arrive at school (this stop is an approximate only. Traffic & stops may delay our return).
MEDICAL INFORMATION

STAGE 3 CAMP TO BATHURST GOLDFIELDS

Thursday 2nd May- Friday 3rd May 2013

Please complete and return to school with Camp permission note. All information provided is kept strictly confidential.

Child’s Name:____________________________________________ Year:____________________

Address:________________________________________________________________________

Home Phone Number:____________________________ Mobile No:________________________

Date of Birth:________________________________ Work Phone No:____________________

Medicare No:________________________________________________________

Private Health Fund Name & No:____________________________________________________

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Is your child allergic to anything (eg foods, medicine, bee stings, nuts etc)? □ Yes □ No

Is your child on any medication? □ Yes □ No

If yes, please give details of dosage/frequency etc:___________________________________________

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(Medication can only be administered by supervising Staff)

ALL MEDICATION IS TO BE HANDED TO STAFF WEDNESDAY MORNING IN A CONTAINER CLEARLY MARKED

WITH YOUR CHILD’S NAME & DOSAGE.

Has your child been immunized against Tetanus: □ Yes □ No

Date of last Immunization:________________________________

Are there any details we should be aware of regarding your child? (eg sleeping problems, bed wetting)

____________________________________________________________________________________

Family Doctor’s Name:________________________________ Phone No:_____________________

I give approval to the staff of Sacred Heart Westmead to obtain medical information for my child if it is required
during the Bathurst Goldfields Camp 2nd May- 3rd May.

Signed:_________________________________________ Date:__________________________

Child’s Name:_________________________________________ Grade:____________________
STAGE 3 GOLDFIELDS CAMP - GENERAL INFORMATION

Teachers Attending Trip
Mrs Fortini, Mrs Kingsley, Miss Boules & 1 male parent (to be advised)

Emergency Contact
In the event of a family emergency, please contact the school office, and they will contact staff on their mobiles, or you can contact the Bathurst Goldfields Lodges, 428 Conrad Straight, Mt Panorama, Bathurst on 02 6332 2022 after hours. Please ONLY contact this number if it is a genuine emergency. It would be greatly appreciated if you comply with this request.

What to Bring
* Sensible casual clothes: ie tee shirts, shorts, jeans, jumpers
* Spray Jacket (in case of rain or cooler weather)
* 2 pairs of covered in shoes- joggers etc No sandals or Thongs
* Toiletries- soap, toothbrush, deodorant, brush etc
* Pyjamas
* Underwear
* Hat, sunblock
* Several pairs of socks
* Sleeping Bag
* Towel
* Morning Tea & Lunch or Thursday Only
* Money to purchase souvenirs
* Drink bottle that can be refilled every day.
* Insect repellent
* Children are responsible for cameras if they bring them.

(all items are to be labeled with your child’s name)

NO IPODS, MP3 PLAYERS, GAMEBOYS, NINTENDO DS OR MOBILE PHONES ARE TO BE TAKEN)
Departure Time: Thursday 2nd May 2013 at **7.45am SHARP** Children will need to be at school no later than 7.20am. (As we are on a strict timetable, the bus will **not** wait for late comers)

Arrival Time: Friday 3rd May 2013 approx 3.00pm-3.30 (depending on traffic)

**Packing Checklist**

- Pillow
- Pillow Case
- Sleeping Bag
- Towel
- Sensible Clothing (Tee Shirts, Jumpers, warm clothing)
- Spray Jacket
- 2 Pairs covered in shoes ie joggers etc (No sandals or thongs)
- Toiletries (soap, toothbrush, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner etc)
- Pyjamas
- Hat, Sunblock
- Several Pairs of socks
- Spending money to purchase souvenirs
- Drink bottle that can be refilled each day
- Insect Repellent
- Tissues
- **Morning tea & Lunch for Thursday**
- Children are responsible for any cameras that they bring
- A written checklist of what you have packed in your bags to make sure you come back with the same items at the end of the trip

All items are to be clearly labelled with your child’s name)

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