



Excursion to Parliament House, Melbourne

Dear Parents,

As part of our Inquiry Investigation Unit, 'Where am I? How does where I live affect how I live?', the Year 5 and 6 classes will be travelling into the city to have a tour of Parliament House. The excursion will be on **Friday 8th September**. The students have been learning about the Australian Government and how we live in a democracy, and how that affects the way we live. The tour of our State Parliament House will include an opportunity to role-play the making of a law, enhancing their understanding of how the Government passes our laws.

As we live in Melbourne, we will be travelling by tram into and out of the city. This will be a great opportunity to understand how trams are a big part of Melbourne life, and it will be a valuable experience for our students as they approach their high school years and may have to take public transport to get to school. We will be taking the tram from Stop 70 at the corner of Burwood Hwy and Blackburn Rd, and travelling to Stop 9 at the corner of Landsdowne St and Wellington Pde. This is the most direct way into Parliament House. We will return from Stop 10 at the corner of Wellington Pde and Jollimont Rd.

We will leave school at 9am sharp, by foot and walk to the tram stop. Upon our return, we will walk back to school from the tram stop, by 3.30pm. The tram trip in and out takes approximately 55 minutes. Our activities for the day will include: a tram ride in and out, a tour of Parliament House, a City Circle Tram ride to see the sights of our home town, morning tea in Treasury Gardens and lunch at Fitzroy Gardens.

As this excursion involves the use of Public Transport, we would like to have six parents travel with us for extra supervision. If you are able to assist us, please indicate on the form below and return it to your class teacher ASAP. There will be no cost for parent helpers.

The cost of the excursion is **\$5**. There will be a pre-purchased group ticket for the tram travel, so **no MYKI** card will be needed on the day. The students will need to bring their lunch, morning tea and a drink in a paper bag that can be thrown away after use. A small back-pack is preferred for the students to carry their food in, as our school bags are too big. Some students may be able to share a back-pack between them. If your student requires Ventolin or an EpiPen, it is advisable for those medications to be carried by your child to allow quick and easy access, if required.

If you have any queries or concerns, please talk to your class teacher about them.

Thank you for your support,

Karen, Daniel and Sarah.

Please complete the permission form attached and return with \$5 payment to school by Friday August 25

Burwood East Primary School: **Parliament House Excursion**

I/We give permission for my/our child _____ in Class _____ to attend the Parliament House Excursion, travelling by tram from Blackburn/Burwood Hwy to Wellington Pde/Landsdowne St, and return from Wellington Pde/Jollimont Rd, on Friday 8th September, 2017. I understand that my child will walk to and from the tram stops, and travel on the City Circle Tram as part of the excursion.

I/We authorise the teacher in charge to consent, where it is impractical to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical and surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Signed: _____ (Parent/Guardian) Name: _____ (Print)

Emergency Phone Numbers _____

I am able to assist as a Parent Helper on the excursion: Yes No