6th February, 2015

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Throughout Term One the students in Level Four are studying a history based unit investigating “How did the great journeys of exploration impact on indigenous civilisations?” Students will be primarily examining early European settlement to Australia and the effect on the land and its original inhabitants, flora and fauna.

To support their learning, all the Level Four students, together with their teachers and learning assistants, will be participating in an excursion to Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne. The program, Connecting to Country, delivered by education officers and local aboriginals, is designed to give students a greater understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture, particularly of the local Victorian communities. In this program students explore the gardens learning how some of these plants were used for food, medicine, tools, making fire and spiritual significance. Activities include viewing Aboriginal artefacts, making ochre paintings and using plant fibre to make string. They will learn about sustainable land use by Aboriginal people.

The excursion is on Thursday 26th February. We will walk from school at 9:00 a.m. sharp to Glen Waverley train station and then catch the train to Richmond train station and then walk to the gardens. We will return in reverse order by 3:00 p.m. The cost of the excursion is $20.00. Students do not need a MYKI card.

Students will be required to bring a bag with lunch, morning snack and a full water bottle in addition to their school hat and sunscreen. Students are advised to wear runners with their full school uniform as we will be walking to and from the Royal Botanic Gardens from Richmond Station. We encourage parents to join us however you will need to organise your own travel costs.

Please complete the attached permission form and return this to the school, along with your payment by Monday 23rd February. Should you have any questions please contact your child’s teacher, Mr. Catalano, Mr. Kitch or Mrs. Gough.

Yours sincerely,
Tania Smith, Matt Knott, Sarah Donald and Anna Meng

GLEN WAVERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL: Level 4 Excursion – Connecting to Country
Thursday, 26th February, 2015

I give permission for my child ________________________________ in class ________________ to participate in the Level Four Excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens on Thursday 26th February, 2015 and to travel to and from the venue by train. Enclosed is the $20.00 to cover the costs for the event. I authorise the teacher in charge to consent, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical/surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

SIGNED: ________________________________ Parent/Guardian

Best contact telephone number on the day of excursion (26/02/2015): ________________________________

☐ I am available to assist at the excursion. Parent’s name: ________________________________