Dear Parents,

This year’s Year 5 Camp Program will be held in Melbourne City and the dates are Monday 11th April to Wednesday 13th April, being the first day and first week of Term 2.

We will be staying at CYC City, 538 Collins St., Melbourne, as this facility comes highly recommended and is designed for school groups with rooms catering for 4 – 6 students with an en-suite in each room.

Camp Purpose: To enhance students’ knowledge of 19th Century Australian history and culture, with a focus on the city of Melbourne.

Students will be participating in a variety of workshops, walking tours, city transport, museum activities, gardens and art. These experiences have been chosen for their integration with our curriculum and will form the basis of our learning for the term.

Students will discover:
- How Melbournian’s earned their living at the Melbourne Museum in the Melbourne Story exhibit led by Museum staff.
- A walking tour of Melbourne buildings and places of significance -conducted by Melbourne Walking Tours
- The plight of the Chinese during the Gold Rush, their migration to Australia and the resulting vibrant Chinese community we have in Melbourne today when they visit the Chinese Museum.
- The story of Ned Kelly when they visit the Old Melbourne Goal
- The effects of colonisation at the State Library in a class conducted by State Library staff.
- And the indigenous connection to the Land and Country Program at the Botanic Gardens

Cost: The cost of this camp will be $295 which covers all transport, accommodation, meals and activities. Students will not require any other money on the camp. If paying in instalments they are due on: $95 Wednesday 17th February, $100 2nd March, $100 16th March.

Assistance: We will require adult –parental/guardian assistance at camp as student safety and supervision is a priority. Some assistance will be required for the whole of the camp with four helpers staying overnight with the group at CYC and spending the day helping to supervise students and escorting them to activities. We will require another ten helpers per day to supervise activities and so in total there could be many helpers needed. The daily helpers will need to make their own way into the city and there may be a means to organise car pools or public transport groups. This camp provides the opportunity for many families to assist on a daily basis.

On the next page we have the forms which need to be returned to school by: Wednesday 17th February 2016.

This is a new camp for Karoo Primary, but one that is linked to our curriculum and an opportunity for our students to gain knowledge of the city of Melbourne. We will certainly appreciate you supporting your child to attend and any assistance that you are able to provide with supervision.
Guidelines for Parent Helpers on Camps and Excursions

3.1 Parent volunteers helping on camps and excursions are there to assist all students and ensure the safe and efficient organization of the camp or excursion. Physical competence is desired.

3.2 Parent volunteers may be asked to take on the role of a group leader and to assist the students in a group which may, or may not, include their child.

3.3 Parent volunteers will not make alterations to the camp or excursion program without prior approval being gained from the camp or excursion co-ordinator.

3.4 Parent volunteers will be expected to maintain confidentiality and privacy regarding students, staff and parents.

3.5 Any concerns regarding students or the activities being undertaken a parent volunteer should immediately inform the co-ordinator of the activity or one of the teachers attending.

3.6 Parent volunteers will be expected to treat all students in a fair and equitable manner.

3.7 Parent volunteers will be positive role models to students, maintaining respectful and appropriate conversations and behaviour.

3.8 Parent volunteers will assist students in maintaining the highest possible level of acceptable behaviour.

3.9 Parent volunteers for camps will be required to have a current Working with Children’s Check (WWC) prior to attending the camp.

3.10 Only approved parent helpers are permitted to attend or visit camp.

3.11 Parents on camps and excursions will not post camp photographs or send information via tele-communication or social media. The school will communicate camp photographs and information via school medium including website and social media.

3.12 If a parent volunteer ignores these guidelines the school will reserve the right to decline offers of further help from that parent volunteer and, if severe, request the parent to withdraw from the camp.
Expression of Interest for Year 5 Melbourne City Camp 
Monday 11th April to Wednesday 13th April 2016

Student Name: _______________________________ Grade: _________

Please return by Wednesday 17th February

☐ My child will be attending Year 5 Camp and I enclose full payment of $295.

☐ My child will be attending Year 5 Camp and I have enclosed the $95.00 deposit and will pay the balance by Wednesday 16th March 2016.

☐ My child will be attending Year 5 Camp and I have enclosed the $95.00 deposit and require a payment plan (paying in instalments, $95 Wednesday 17th February, $100 2nd March, $100 16th March).

☐ No. My child will not be able to attend Year 5 Camp, however will be attending school that week.

☐ No. My child will not be able to attend Year 5 Camp and will not be attending school that week.

Parent’s Signature…………………………………………… Date........................

Expression of Interest for Parent Helpers on Camps

Please indicate your availability below.

I __________________________(please print) wish to express my interest to be a volunteer helper at the Year 5 Melbourne City Camp 11th April to 13th April, 2016.

I understand there may be a large number of parents requesting to assist and that my expression of interest does not indicate that acceptance is granted. Selection is based on a number of factors including DED Guidelines (e.g. gender balance, parent skills and the number of students participating). I understand I am responsible for acquiring a current Working With Children Check to attend the camp.

Please communicate below any skills (i.e. Level 2 First Aid Certificate, musical abilities, Scout Leadership - etc) or other relevant information to assist with your selection.

Please highlight or tick your availability:

☐ For all of the camp, 11th-13th April, staying at CYC
☐ Monday 11th April, meeting the camp at 10am at CYC
☐ Monday 11th April, meeting the camp at 6.15 pm at CYC for their evening activity
☐ Tuesday 12th April, meeting the camp at 8.30am at CYC
☐ Wednesday 13th April, meeting the camp at 9am at CYC

Camp Helper Signature……………………………………………… Date........................