

22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

### YEAR 1 NATIONAL ZOO AND AQUARIUM EXCURSION

To complement our new unit of inquiry under the transdisciplinary theme of *Sharing the planet*, year 1 students will be visiting the National Zoo and Aquarium on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021. Below are the details for the excursion.

**Date:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
**Venue:** National Zoo and Aquarium  
Lady Denman Drive, Yarralumla ACT  
**Timetable:** Departing Red Hill School at 9.20am  
Returning to Red Hill School by 3.00pm  
**Transport:** Bus  
**Cost:** \$21.00      **Due date for payment:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021  
**What to Bring:** Sunsmart hat, recess, lunch and water bottle and warm clothing

Due to space constraints school bags are left at school, with recess, lunch and water bottles transported collectively. Students should bring their recess and lunch packed separately in labelled paper bags and a disposable water bottle. To make it easier for students to eat on this excursion, it is best to pack finger food such as fruit and sandwiches. Items such as yoghurts or meals in thermoses or reusable containers are not recommended when attending excursions.

#### What to wear:

It is likely to be cold on this excursion, so students should be mindful to wear winter school uniform. Long pants and layers of clothing that can be put on or removed when needed are recommended. Enclosed walking shoes are also required.

**Teacher in charge:** Vickie Larnach

**Staff Attending:** Vickie Larnach, Kathy Winchester, Juliette O'Connor, Adam Hambly, Nazmeen Rahman

**A Covid Safety Plan will be in place for this excursion.**

#### Parental Assistance:

We are asking for parent volunteers to accompany us on this excursion. Parents will accompany students on the bus to and from the National Zoo and Aquarium. However, due to insurance regulations, younger siblings cannot attend the excursion and alternative care arrangements need to be made for them if you wish to attend. It would be preferable if volunteers have current Working with Vulnerable People registration cards. If you are able to assist with this excursion, please contact your child's class teacher.

Parents will need to ensure that students are at school no later than **9.10am** on the day of the excursion.

If you are happy for your child to attend, please return the completed permission note and payment to your child's classroom teacher no later than **10.00am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021.**

Kind regards

**Year 1 Teaching Team**

*Red Hill operates within the guidelines of the Education Act. As this excursion/camp is an optional enrichment activity, we are requesting parent payment to cover the cost. (Student Support funds are available if you are experiencing financial hardship. Please contact the principal or business manager to arrange financial assistance if this is the case). However, please note that the excursion may be cancelled if there are insufficient funds to cover the cost.*

*Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while the students are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities.*

*Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property which may occur on an excursion where, in all circumstances, staff have not been negligent. Parents should warn children of the risk to themselves, to others and to property, of impulsive, wilful or disobedient behaviour.*

## RED HILL SCHOOL PERMISSION FORM

### Year 1 National Zoo and Aquarium Excursion

This signed consent form and payment should be returned to your child's classroom teacher no later than  
10:00am on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2021

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ in class \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend the excursion to National Zoo and Aquarium on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**Our preferred method of payment is via Quickweb.**

To make payment visit the Red Hill Primary School website <http://www.redhillps.act.edu.au/payment>  
Click the link to Quick Web. Complete the fields with as much detail as possible noting the compulsory fields which are marked with a green asterisk (\*), including the **Excursion Fee Code: YR1NATZOO**. All payments are processed securely through Westpac and can be made with a debit or credit card.

On-line payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made on (date) \_\_\_\_\_

EFTPOS payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ processed at Front Office

Enclosed is a cheque/cash to the value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Online payment is preferred, however we appreciate not everyone has internet access)

Parent/Carers name: (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carers Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I have completed the attached indemnity form required by the National Zoo and Aquarium.

Yes

Have there been any changes in your child's medical status since you last provided the school medical information?

Yes  No  (If yes, an updated *Medical Information and Consent Form* must be completed.)

Will your child require medication to be administered during the excursion (e.g. allergy medication, pain relief)? Yes  
 No  (If yes, please complete a *Medication Authorisation and Administration Record*).

Is there any additional information you need to provide to support your child's participation in this excursion? Yes  
 No  If yes, please provide these details to your child's teacher.

*I agree to my child participating in the activities associated with this excursion mentioned previously. I have discussed with my child the need for sensible behaviour on this excursion. I authorise the school to make arrangements for the welfare of my child (including medical or surgical treatment) in an emergency and I agree to meet the associated costs. I have provided to the school all medical information relevant to my child attending this excursion.*

*I agree that my child will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion and that the school is authorised to return my child to school or home at my expense if the school considers that circumstances warrant such action. I give permission for my child to travel by private car, driven by a staff member or parent, in an emergency.*

**Name of Parent/Carer (please print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

*If you fill in this form, your personal information and that of your child will be collected and handled by the ACT Education Directorate (ETD) (Red Hill School). This information is necessary for us to manage student participation and attendance at the athletics carnival and support the welfare and safety of your child.*

*If you do not consent to supply us with this information your child will be unable to attend/participate in the excursion.*

*Normally, we will not use or disclose this information for another purpose, without your consent, unless you would reasonably expect us to use or disclose the information for a related purpose.*



## NATIONAL ZOO AND AQUARIUM School Visit



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has been chosen to interactively participate in animal encounters during their school visit to Canberra's National Zoo & Aquarium.

This participation could involve stroking or holding a non-venomous snake, or handfeeding (through mesh) a large mammal such as a tiger or giraffe.

These activities have been carried out at the National Zoo & Aquarium without incident since its inception.

To allow your child to participate, please complete the indemnity waiver below and return it to your son/daughter's teacher before his/her visit.

Thank you

Education Team

National Zoo & Aquarium

**Students Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** Red Hill Primary School **Year Group** 1

**Date of visit:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021

1. Realising that every care will be exercised, I hereby indemnify The National Zoo & Aquarium and its staff against all actions, suits, claims and demands (including costs) for personal injury or damage to, or loss of, personal property incurred as a result of my child's attendance at the Zoo.
2. In the case of accident or emergency, I give my permission for National Zoo & Aquarium staff to seek medical treatment by a medical practitioner, hospital or ambulance service if required. I agree to bear any costs thereby incurred.

The information I have provided on this form is true and accurate.

**Parent/Guardian Name**.....

**Parent/Guardian Signature**.....