Dear Parent,

Your child’s class will be taking part in Camden Park Environmental Education Centre’s Marine Discovery Program. Please read through the following information carefully, complete and return sections where necessary. This information pack should include:

- Program Information (this sheet)
- Student medical information (please complete and return to school)
- Permission note. (complete, sign and return to school.)

**Program:** This is a three day, one night program from 29/03/16 to 31/03/16 including:

**Day 1:** Snorkelling course resulting in students attaining basic snorkelling qualifications (certifying body is Scuba Schools International, SSI). Conducted at Bradbury Pool, departing school at approximately 9am.

**Day 2:** Travel to Jervis Bay and participate in a range of marine studies activities including snorkelling. Camping overnight. We will need to depart the school by 9.30am.

**Day 3:** More hands-on learning. Returning to school by approximately 3pm.

**Curriculum Links**
This program is designed to complement the Living Things section of the Science and Technology K-6 syllabus, and the outcomes are consistent with the stage 3 outcomes of that document. Other Key Learning Areas relevant to this program include: English, Mathematics, Art, Human Society and Its Environment and the Environmental Education Policy. (A more detailed program can be obtained from your school).

**Cost:** $131.50 including:-

- Pool Entry
- Transport to & from Jervis Bay.
- Food: (two afternoon teas, one lunch, one BBQ dinner, one breakfast).
- 3 days hire of snorkelling equipment including mask, snorkel, fins, wetsuit, life jackets (for weaker swimmers), weight belt (where appropriate).
- Three days of Environmental Education Centre teacher time (acting as trip leader, qualified SSI snorkelling instructor trainer), at least one other snorkelling instructor.
- Snorkelling certificate (issued by Environmental Education Centre).
- Tent hire/camping fees.

*Please note that cost does not include, morning tea and lunch on day 1 and 2. (Students will need to supply these)*

**Supervision**
Besides being accompanied by their own teacher, students will be taught and supervised by Brian Trench, a qualified Education Department Teacher based at the Centre, who is also a fully qualified Snorkel Instructor-trainer; and at least one other Department Employee who is a qualified Snorkel Instructor. While snorkelling, students will be under the overall supervision of the Centre teacher and attended by either that teacher, or the other qualified instructor and their own teacher.
WHAT TO BRING (besides a sense of adventure)

**Day 1.** At local pool.
- Morning tea, lunch and drinks.
- Swimming costume, towel and sunscreen
- Sensible clothing and closed in footwear (School uniform not required)

**Days 2 & 3** (overnight camp and snorkelling at Jervis Bay)
- Morning tea, lunch and drink. (plastic bottles only, refillable)
- A tough pair of old shoes (Joggers are best)
- Sunscreen and hat.
- Sleeping bag.
- Toiletries including insect repellent.
- Beach towel and bath towel
- A change of clothes + a set of warm clothes
- Torch
- Swimming costume
- Three sets of underwear
- Rain coat
- Water bottle
- Knife/ fork/ spoon, plate/ bowl (plastic or steel) cup, tea towel.
- Pencil
- Plastic bag for wet/ dirty clothes.
- Medication as required. To be handed to teacher.
- Thongs to be used only for showering.

**DO NOT BRING**
- *Lollies* - as they do not provide desired blood sugar levels for the sustained energy required for snorkelling, they provide a source for litter that may stain tents, and can pose a threat to wildlife.
- Any electronic devices; this incudes phones, iPods etc..

**OPTIONAL.**
- You may bring your own snorkelling equipment provided it is well designed, in good condition and a good fit.
- Your own tent if it is in good condition, complete and you know how to put it up.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the school, the centre or ask when we visit your school or at the pool on day 1.