Dear Parents,

As has taken place for the past two years, we will be taking all students (K – 6) on a very special excursion to Belgenny Farm in Camden. To build upon the KidsMatter initiative that has been a focus program for several years, the excursion will allow our students the opportunity to bond as a school group. To those unfamiliar with KidsMatter, the program is designed to promote, develop and nurture the emotional and social well-being of our students. More information can be found on our school’s website and on the KidsMatter website.

The students will work side-by-side in multi-age groups. This will allow our older students the opportunity to support and help our younger students, and our younger students will learn that the older students can act as mentors and friends. We would also like to see our students develop a real sense of community, not restricted and limited by each student’s grade. While looking at building a sense of community, we will also be creating an environment where bullying is minimised through a shared sense of responsibility for one another.

Staff from Camden Park Environmental Centre will work with our teachers to run a number of interactive team building activities, some of which will incorporate the wonderful environmental, historical and farming aspects that the venue has to offer.

To support families in allowing their children to take part in this excursion, the school will cover a significant part of the transport costs to and from the venue. This will bring down the cost of the excursion to $12 per student. (The actual cost of the excursion is $.........). The
school will also put on lunch for the students (sausage sandwiches). This means that the students will only need to bring drinks and recess food. If there are any fire restrictions on at the time of the excursion, we may need to cancel this bbq (but we will let you know if this is the case). If you have three or more students enrolled at our school, the maximum cost you will have to pay is $24. Third and subsequent students will be free. The sausage sizzle is free.

In order to actively participate in this event, the students can wear their sports uniform on the day. They will also need to wear their school hat. Students are encouraged to apply sunscreen before school as they will be outdoors all day.

Please fill out the attached note and return it to school by **Friday, 4th March**.

We will be able to take a limited number of parent helpers on the day. Those attending will need to have completed a Prohibited Persons Declaration Form and will need to comply with the school’s Community Helper Policy. We will also need to meet with attending parents beforehand in order to explain how the day will operate.

Ms M McLeod: Principal

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<td><strong>Date:</strong> Thursday, 10th March (Leaving school at 9.10 am and returning by 2.55 pm)</td>
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<td><strong>Bring:</strong> Water/Drinks/Recess</td>
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<td><strong>Wear:</strong> Kearns Public School sports uniform and school hat (Please wear sunscreen)</td>
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<td><strong>Medical Info:</strong> If your child has a medical condition that may affect their participation on the day, please advise the school by filling out the attached note.</td>
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Team Building Day

Please Return by Friday, 4th March 2016

I give permission for my child ……………………………………………………………… of class ………………… to attend the Team Building Excursion to Belgenny Farm on Thursday, 10th March. I understand that travel will be by bus and that the students will be fully supervised by school staff on the day. I have enclosed $12 to cover the cost of the excursion.

My child, ______________________ of class ____________ has the following medical condition which will affect their participation in the event.
_______________________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________

Signed: ________________________  Date: _____________
  (Parent/Caregiver)

Parent Helper

Please Return by Friday, 4th March 2016

I would like to be considered as a Parent Helper for the excursion to Belgenny Farm.

☐ I have completed a Prohibited Persons Declaration form; or

☐ I am able to complete this form before the day.

I am also willing to comply with the school’s Community Helpers Policy and attend a pre-exursion meeting related to the day’s organisation.

Name: ……………………………………………………………..

Child’s name and class: ……………………………………………………………..