



RIVERBANK PUBLIC SCHOOL

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Taronga 'ZooSnooz' Excursion

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

After an overwhelming positive response from a parent survey in late 2018, an overnight excursion has been organised for students in Year 4. The Taronga Zoo 'ZooSnooz' program is a fantastic opportunity for our students to interact with animals from around the world. For many, it is also an important event in their overall development as it may be their first time away from home. It is expected that all students attend. If your child is not attending, please advise Deputy Principal Mr Rimmer on 9626 7511 by Friday 17 May.

On the morning of your child's camp, students and parents are to meet in the school hall at 8:45am with their overnight bag including lunch, afternoon tea and morning tea for Day 2. Day 2 lunch will be provided as part of the final cost. Children are to wear suitable mufti clothes and sandshoes. The program includes an animal meet and greet where our hosts introduce special animal ambassadors and their unique features and habitats. Students will sleep in the 'Tent and Backyard to Bush House' accommodation. The following day, students will spend the day exploring the zoo and then return to school by 2:45pm. **Riverbank Public School teachers will supervise students throughout the excursion/camp.**

The total cost for this overnight excursion is **\$140**. This cost includes travel to and from the zoo in high capacity coaches, food, tours, accommodation and entry into the zoo. Details of the excursion are as follows:

<u>WHEN:</u>	<i>Monday 12 August:</i> Classes – 4D, 4L, 4J and the Year 4 component of 3/4C (<i>departing mid-afternoon from school</i>). Students will return on Tuesday 13 August, 2019 by 2:45pm.
	<i>Tuesday 13 August:</i> Classes - 4N, 4B and 4C (<i>departing mid-afternoon from school</i>). Students will return on Wednesday 14 August by 2:45pm.
<u>WHERE:</u>	Taronga Zoo
<u>WHAT TO WEAR:</u>	Mufti clothes
<u>HOW:</u>	Transport is by coach
<u>COST:</u>	\$140 per student

You may elect to pay in instalments as set out on the following page, **or pay the amount in full. Please give the forms on pages 3-6 to your child's teacher.**

Payments can be made online (preferred option), cash, cheque or EFTPOS. EFTPOS payments must be made in person at the front office. No refunds will be given.

Mr Sean Conroy
Year 4 Classroom Teacher

Mrs Jeanie Brown
Principal



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Example Timetable

Mid-afternoon: Arrive at Taronga Zoo; meet your hosts, luggage arrangements, walk to accommodation location

6:00pm: Formal introduction, orientation and icebreakers.

6:30pm: Dinner (provided)

7:00pm: Animal encounters – look, touch and ask questions!

7:45pm: Night Safari walking tour – see the zoo after dark

9:00pm: Fruit supper and set up for bed

9:30pm: Lights Out

6:00am: Rise and Shine

6:30am: Breakfast time (muffins, cereal and juice)

7:00am: Animal encounters – look, touch and ask questions!

8:00am: A special 'Meet a Keeper' experience

8:30am: Morning walk to see the Zoo waking up

9.30am: Walking to zoo entrance to begin day excursion

12.00pm: Lunch (provided)

1.00pm: Depart Taronga Zoo

2.00pm: Arrive at Riverbank Public School

In a small bag, please bring

- a sleeping bag
- pillow
- toothbrush/toiletries
- pyjamas
- weather appropriate mufti clothing such as raincoat and warm layers
- joggers
- **(optional) disposable camera**

In a day pack, please bring

- water bottle
- hat
- sunscreen
- snacks for both afternoon tea as well as morning tea

What NOT To Bring

- digital cameras
- mobile phones
- school bag
- electronic devices
- money
- there is no need to bring a towel as there are no shower facilities available
- lollies / chewing gum
- open toed shoes

Year 4 Taronga Zoo Overnight Excursion

Initial deposit:	\$60 due by	8 May 2019	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instalment 1:	\$40 due by	22 May 2019	<input type="checkbox"/>
Final instalment:	\$40 due by	5 June 2019	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Overnight Excursion Code of Conduct

'ZooSnooz' and Next Day Excursion Guidelines and Rules

Students should be aware of these Guidelines:

- Stay with your designated teacher during all walking parts of the excursion
- Listen to and follow teacher's zoo worker's guidelines
- Closed in shoes and hats should be worn at all times
- Do not eat or drink in the accommodation provided
- Respect others after lights out – you will not leave the accommodation after lights out
- Each group is responsible for the ongoing cleanliness of the room/tent
- As a general rule, students will not be removed from activities as punishment. They may be given 5 minutes of reflection time.
- We may exclude students whose behaviour could result in serious danger or distress to themselves or others. In extreme cases, after consultation with teachers, the parents/guardians may be contacted and the student/s will be sent home.

Child's Signature: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature _____

Child's Printed Name: _____ Class: _____



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Medication & Consent Form YEAR 4 'ZooSnooz'

**PLEASE RETURN MEDICAL
 AND DIETARY FORMS BY:
 8 May 2019**

Student's Surname: _____ **Given Names:** _____

Date of Birth: _____ **Year Level:** _____

Parent's name: _____

Home Telephone: _____ **Work Telephone:** _____

<i>Please Complete Details Below</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>	<i>Details/Treatment</i>
<i>Asthma, Sinus, Hayfever/Other</i>		
<i>Allergies (food, penicillin, analgesics)</i>		
<i>Recent operations, illness, injury</i>		
<i>Injections, and when given</i>		
<i>Epilepsy</i>		
<i>Phobias</i>		
<i>Bed Wetting/Sleep walking</i>		
<i>Physical Disabilities</i>		
<i>Other</i>		
<i>Is medication required while at excursion? (Give details on reverse side of form)</i>		



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Can we give your child Panadol (per age instructions on packet)? Yes No

("Panadol or associated medication" supplied by parent CANNOT be administered by staff without Labelled Medication by a Chemist)

DETAILS OF MEDICATIONS REQUIRED WHILE AT CAMP	
<i>(Please indicate times as am or pm after meals, before bed eg. 8.00 pm etc. Normal medication times during camp are breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper).</i>	
<u>MEDICATION</u>	<u>DOSAGE AND TIME</u>
<i>These details should match details attached to the medications sent on the 'ZooSnooz' excursion</i>	
<i>I will supply my child's Medication from home</i>	YES / NO
<i>My child will take his/her Medication which is kept at school</i>	YES / NO

<p>Is there any reason why your child may be unable to participate in any excursion activities to be undertaken at the excursion? Please circle YES NO</p> <p>If yes, please comment: _____</p> <p>_____</p>

I am aware of the program and type of activities that my child shall be participating in, and hereby give consent for my child, named on this form, to attend camp. In the event of illness or injury, I give permission for medical assistance to be sought.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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