



NATIONAL RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY 2020 - Years 4, 5 and 6

Dear Families,

On Friday, 13 March 2020, our school is participating in National Ride to School Day as part of our involvement in the Ride or Walk to School Program. The aim of this event is to promote a healthier lifestyle and an awareness of road rules.

You and your children are invited to participate in the Ride to School with other families, students and staff. To ensure everyone's safety throughout the event we will be minimising the number of students participating and will select the first 30 students to return their permission note.

This year's event is being promoted nationally as 'Freaky Friday'. We encourage you to decorate your bike or helmet in some small way. However, it is extremely important to make sure your helmet and bike are still safe to use.

It is highly advisable to check the weather conditions in order to dress appropriately for the temperatures. Please ensure that your child has a correctly fitting helmet and that you have checked the bike's brakes, gears, chain and tyre pressure before arriving at the drop off point to ensure that everyone arrives at school safely.

Please fill in the permission slip below and return it to the Front Office by 3.30pm on **Thursday, 5 March (Week 5, Term 1)** via the black bag in your child's classroom. Staff will have a list of children who will be participating. Please make sure you arrive promptly as the group will depart on time in order to arrive at school before the bell rings.

| Drop-off point/ time | Leave | Staff | Requirements |
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| Diddams Close Carpark , off Ginninderra Drive, near the dog park 8.00am | 8.10am | Jessie Wilson, Anthony Watson and accompanying staff | Bike, helmet and appropriate clothing and shoes for riding a bike. |

National Ride to School Day – PERMISSION NOTE

I give permission for my child _____ in class _____ to participate in the National Ride to School day on **Friday 13 March, 2020**. My child will be dressed appropriately according to the weather conditions and will bring their own bike and helmet. I am confident that they have the stamina and ability to complete the distance on bike.

I _____ (name of parent) will also be participating in the event.

or

I _____ (name of parent) will not be participating in the event.

Name of Parent: _____

Emergency Contact No: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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. A risk assessment for this activity has been completed and is available to view upon request.

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.

The school has made every effort to keep costs for this activity at a reasonable level. Financial assistance may be available to assist families who are not able to make the requested contribution. Please contact the Business Manager. If however there is insufficient total funding available to meet the cost of the excursion, regrettably we may not be able to proceed.

The teacher in charge will make arrangements for the welfare of the student (including medical or surgical treatment) in an emergency. The costs associated with any emergency arrangement made by the teacher in charge will be met by the parents/guardians (free ambulance transportation only applies in the ACT).

The student will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion and that the teacher in charge is authorised to return the student to the school at the expense of the parent/guardian if the teacher in charge considers that circumstances warrant such action and after contacting the parent.

IF MEDICAL INFORMATION HAS CHANGED PLEASE PROVIDE AN UPDATED Excursion Medical Information and Consent Form **TO THE SCHOOL** (available for download from the school website or from the Front Office).