



Dear Parents/Caregivers

As part of the Term 2, learning program for our Pre-Primary to Yr. 2 students, we have organised an excursion to Perth Zoo. During our visit all students will participate in an educational workshop, as well as spend time exploring different sections of the Perth Zoo, based on their class focus. The programs we have selected for our students to participate in are:

PP	<b>Bush Party</b> After hearing an original story, children explore the Australian Bushwalk wearing colourful native animal costumes. Students report back on how our native species meet their basic needs for survival and identify actions they can take to help conserve our bushland habitats.
Yr. 1	<b>Who Am I?</b> This session an introduction to classification. Students explore the 'what', 'why' and 'how' of animal coverings through a hands on investigation of a mystery animal, as well as close encounters. In this education experience students make decisions about grouping animals using external features. An understanding of classification gives them a better appreciation of biodiversity within animal groups.
Yr. 2	<b>Magic Forest- Australia:</b> Students participate in a role play using puppets and costumes to explore the basic needs of our native species and threats to their survival. They discover that protecting trees ensures that forests stay magical places for both animals and people.

The Education programs we are attending at the Perth Zoo link directly to our Science and HASS curriculum. Individual classes will also have a specific focus on an area of interest when the students in small groups explore different sections of the Zoo. For example, Pre-Primary will have a focus on Australian animals and insects and would spend additional time in these enclosures/sections.

The visit also directly relates to the Cross Curricula Priority- Sustainability as students will explore how all life forms, including human life, are connected through ecosystems on which they depend for their wellbeing and survival. This will allow us to reflect with students on how a more sustainable future reflect the values of care, respect and responsibility

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, the 17 <sup>th</sup> of May, 2019.
<b>Times</b>	9 am- depart school and travel by private bus to Perth Zoo. Please note bus has seat belts. 9:30/9:45 am Arrive at Perth Zoo. Education Session times: 11-11:45 am or 12:15-1pm 2: 15pm depart Kings Park 3pm- Arrive back at WGVPS
<b>Cost:</b>	<b>\$20 per student-</b> partially subsidised by IGA in Hilton Please note if your child has a Friends of the Zoo pass, it CANNOT be used for educational excursions.

Students are required to wear full school uniform, including a hat and closed in shoes. Wet weather gear may be required, depending on weather. We also request children bring their school bags containing their recess, lunch and drink bottles. The Zoo encourages school groupings to pack waste free lunches, that is, no packaging or wrapping and the use of reusable containers.

We do require parental assistance, as we require a ratio of **one adult to every five students** whilst at Perth Zoo. The costs for parent entry will unfortunately be **\$32 per person**, we will be able to get some parents in free and plan on splitting the rest of the costs amongst attending parents.

We will be travelling to and from the venue by chartered bus, with safety belts. This means we have limited seats on the bus and request parent helpers carpool; driving to meet us at Perth Zoo and meet us at the main entrance on Labouchere Road, car parking for parents is available on the verge along May Drive.

Please return the permission slip and monies to your child's teacher no later than **Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 2019**. If you have any queries about our planned excursion, please see your child's teacher.

Kind regards,

Karen Colkin, Maureen French, Denise Zurita, Janice Milmo, Alysha Lange, Jane Kiston, Beth Palmer, Claire Rosman and Catherine Henderson (PP to Yr. 2 Teachers WGVPS). 30/04/2019

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#### Permission Slip - Perth Zoo

I have read and understand the information regarding the Perth Zoo excursion. I understand my child will be travelling to the excursion by private charter. I give my child \_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend on, **Friday, the 17<sup>th</sup> of May, 2019**. Where it is not practical to communicate with me, I authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent to my child receiving medical assessment and treatment as may be considered necessary. I am aware that the Education Department insurance does not cover personal accidents through misadventure, loss or damage of personal belongings.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

The following details have changed from those currently recorded on my child's medical form.

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- Yes, I will be able to assist at the excursion. \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's name.
- No, I will not be able to assist at the excursion