



*The staff, parents and community of Upper Plenty Primary School
are committed to providing a nurturing, friendly environment
that inspires successful and confident lifelong learners.*

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Dear Parent/s

Grade 4/5/6 Melbourne Discovery Camp Update

In exactly three weeks (or 20 sleeps) 53 excited students will be heading off to camp. Please read the following information carefully. There are several important dates listed below.

Spending Money - \$5

On our final day of camp we visit Queen Victoria Market. Students may bring \$5 to spend at the market. It must be in a sealed envelope with their name written clearly. This money needs to be **brought to school by Thursday 1st August**. Staff will look after the money during camp.

Medications

Panadol is not part of the school's first aid kit. Therefore, if your child suffers from headaches, stomach aches (or any other aches) please send some, just in case. Please send any 'non daily' medications to school on **Monday 12th August**. They need to be in a ziplock bag, with the student's name and dosage amounts. Hand them to Melissa.

Camp DVD

As part of our camp preparations, we will be watching a DVD of a previous UPPS Melbourne Discovery Camp on **Wednesday 7th August at 2:25pm** in the BER Building's central learning space. Parents are welcome to join us.

Cameras & Electronic Devices

Students can bring cameras on camp. We recommend disposable cameras to ensure minimal damage. If students bring a camera we cannot guarantee its safety and/or security.

All iPods, phones, MP3 players and other electronic devices will be confiscated and locked in the safe for the duration of camp. We will be too busy to use them and do not need them.

Departure Day

We will be **meeting at Wallan Train Station by 8:25am**. The train departs at 8:49am and waits for no one! Our luggage will be travelling into Melbourne in a (clean) horse float and must be loaded at the station. We are looking for parent volunteers to help load the float so that we can set off on the train and know that our luggage will meet us in Melbourne. Please let me know if you are available to do this. Space is limited and luggage must be kept to a minimum. **Pack smart, pack small!** A suggested clothing list is attached.

Students need to **bring lunch, play lunch, an afternoon snack and drink for the first day** in a **small backpack**. This backpack will be used to carry lunch, snacks, drinks, jumpers etc. each day. Depending on the weather, a lightweight waterproof could also be packed.

Last Day of Camp

We will return to Wallan Train Station at approximately 3:15pm and students need to be collected from the station. Again, our luggage will travel separately and should beat us back. We are looking for volunteers to help unload luggage from 2:45pm onwards.

If you have any questions, concerns or can help load/unload luggage at the station, please contact me.

Kind regards,

Carolyn Crowther