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Dear Parent/ Carers

Your son/daughter has been selected to participate in a 2 day interactive, student lead workshop on the environment effect of "Food Miles" called "The Biggest Reducer". The workshop will take place on Monday 4/5/2009 and Monday 11/5/2009 at Williamstown Primary School, Cecil St. Williamstown

A detailed agenda and outline of the 2 days is attached here for your information.

Students will be involved making websites [one per school] that will be hosted on the Internet and linked to Williamstown Primary School website.

Students are asked to arrive and depart from Williamstown Primary (WPS) for the 2 days of the workshop. Please note the day starts at 9:00am and finishes at 3:30pm.

[Kara will also take a pre session with the selected students at each of their schools in week 2 of term.]

Facilitator is Mark Richardson, ICT Coordinator at WPS, and Kara Spence, former Environmental Neighbourhood Cluster Coordinator, will be responsible for the students over the 2 days.

Please ensure students bring their lunch, pencil case, folder/book to write in and are in full uniform. A canteen is available for snacks at recess or lunch orders made before 9:30 a.m

Please fill in the consent form below as well as the full page attached which will allow for publicity of the student work on the website.

Please return all forms to

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on [phone #]

Kind Regards

[signed]

I hereby consent to my child (full name) _____

of year level/home group _____ attending the excursion to

_____ on _____ I am aware that my child will be responsible for arriving and departing from Williamstown Primary School.

In the event of illness or injury to my child during the excursion, I authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Telephone Contact Numbers: _____

The Biggest Reducer

Williamstown PS – May 4 & May 11, 2009.

Food Miles and the Environment: Ideas to Help Our Planet An Action Based Internet Project by Students of The Environmental Neighbourhood Cluster

Agenda

Monday May 4th 2009

9.00 Welcome – Overview of program, outline of expectations & housekeeping.
Introduction to the project, background data, group thinking, team protocols
and planning.

11.10 – Recess

11.40 – Workshop time 1

12.50 – Lunch break

1.50 – Workshop time 2

3.20 – Wrap up of program for Day 1

Monday May 11th 2009

9.00 – Where are we up to? What do we need to finish?

9:30 – Workshop time 3

11.10 – Recess

11.40 – Workshop time 4

12.50 – Lunch break

1.50 – Final session - Presentation of final products & student evaluation

3.25 – Wrap up of program

Multimedia Activities

Students will address the issue of food miles and the environment using the multimedia forms below [students will be in school groups of 8 and working with students from the two other local schools].

Website [iWeb]

Developing a website on food miles and the environment

Comic or posters [Comic Life]

Making a comic or poster food miles and the environment

Podcast [GarageBand]

Plan and conduct a podcast food miles and the environment [maybe a debate with a moderator]

Movies [iMovie] Create a short movie on food miles and the environment for inclusion in a website.

Wiki [Wikispaces] Used as a tool to reflect

Publishing [Pages] poster about food miles and the environment

Students will need to complete the release form below for their work to be shown publicly [bring to Williamstown PS on first day].

Any queries please contact

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