

16 June 2017

International Outreach Week-Goodwin Care Facility Farrer

Dear Parent/Carers,

The 'Hand-in-Hand' Outreach Program is designed to provide students with opportunities to use music to positively influence the lives of others in the community, particularly the elderly and disabled. Each year the Music Engagement Program, from the Australian National University's School of Music, organises an annual Outreach Week, which contributes to MEP'S ongoing research into music and community wellbeing.

Outreach Week celebrates the continuous provision of the 'Hand-in Hand' program since 1998. During this week, the MEP aims to undertake as many outreach activities as possible, to acknowledge the teachers, schools and community members who regularly engage with outreach, and introduce new participants to the concept. Students from schools all over Canberra, and some overseas, will be singing at care facilities and with community groups across the region.

30 will be visiting elderly people at Goodwin care facility in Farrer. The children will not perform for the residents but make music with them in a purposeful way and with a clear intent. Their aim is to make personal connections, through music, with individual residents.

The students will sing well-known songs with the residents and use a number of strategies to promote individual music-making capabilities. The elderly and disabled people benefit from personal contact with the students and from the music-making that result. The children witness the impact music-making can have on the lives of others and gain a sense of their own personal ability to influence others in highly beneficial therapeutic ways.

Please complete the attached permission note and return it to school no later than Monday 19 June 2017.

Date: Thursday 22 June 2017
Time: Depart Duffy Primary at 10.00am
Arrive at Duffy Primary at 12 noon
Destination: Goodwin Care Facility Farrer
Cost: \$0
Transport: Bus
What to Wear: School uniform, including hat, jacket and appropriate walking shoes.

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I give permission for my child (full name) _____ in class _____ to attend the excursion to the Goodwin Care Facility on Thursday 22 June. I understand the students will be travelling by bus to and from the Goodwin Care Facility Farrer, leaving school at 10.00am, returning at 12noon.

I have discussed with my child the need for sensible behaviour on this excursion.

I authorise the school to make arrangements for the welfare of my child (including medical or surgical treatment) in an emergency and I agree to meet the costs associated with any emergency arrangements made by the school. I agree to provide to the school any medical information relevant to this excursion. I agree that my child will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion and that the school is authorised to return my child to school or home at my expense if the school considers that circumstances warrant such action. I give permission for my child to travel by private car, driven by a staff member or parent, in an emergency.

The most recent medical information you have provided the school will be taken on the excursion by the teacher in charge. Please let the school know if there have been changes in medical circumstances.

I have read the above information regarding this excursion and understand what it contains.

Yes / No

I give permission (please indicate in box) for the school to take photos of my child and share them on Facebook and/or the school website (delete if it doesn't apply) about this excursion/activity.

Full name of Parent/Guardian (please print): _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: __/__/__

Daytime Contact Person: _____ Daytime Contact Number: _____

Please complete the permission note and return it to your child's teacher **no later than** Wednesday 21 June 2017

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.

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.

Attendance at this excursion is optional. Schools may offer or facilitate specific optional items, activities and services for which parents are required to pay if they want their child to access them. These excursions are classified as optional enrichment programs. If you do not wish your child to attend then a program will be available at the school.

We hope all students are able to attend and participate in this valuable learning experience.

Regards,
Karen Owens