

Preschool Botanic Gardens Excursion Wednesday Week 4 (6th Nov) Yellow Wednesday Week 5 (13th Nov) Red and Blue

Preschool children have been learning about seasons and related changes in our environment. This excursion will expose the children to different types of flora that can be found in the Australian environment during the Spring season. This excursion will also spark curiosity about habitats of Australian animals as we begin our learning about the life cycles of animals in Term 4.

The children would like to have a teddy-bears' picnic at the Botanic Gardens. Students are required to bring their sunhats, drink bottles, fruit and teddies in their back packs- leaving lunch and snack at school for their return. We will travel by bus to the Botanic Gardens to explore the teacher led Eucalypt Discovery Walk (1.8 km approximately 1 hour walking time) to explore Australia's iconic eucalypts and find out about their importance to the environment, to wildlife and to people.



An overview of the day:

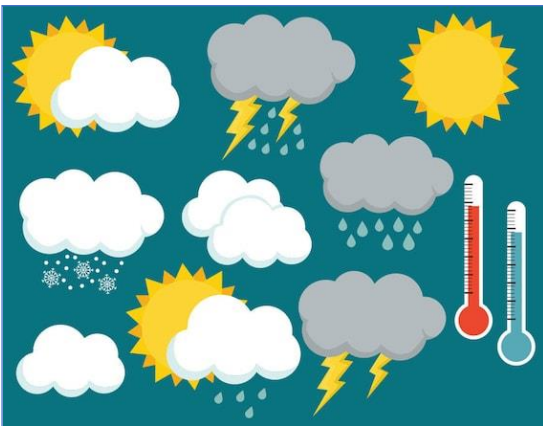
- The bus will take us from Mawson Preschool at 9.15am SHARP.
- We will arrive at the gardens at 9.35am.
- 10am take the Eucalypt Walk around gardens through rainforest.
- 10.30am Arrive Burbidge Amphitheatre for fruit break teddy bear picnic.
- 10.15am Continue Eucalypt Walk.
- 11.15am arrive back at bus stop to come back to Preschool.
- 11.45 arrive at Preschool.
- 12pm Lunch at Preschool
- Day continues with regular Wednesday schedule upon arrival at preschool.

We do require parent volunteers to accompany us on the bus and at the Botanic Gardens, please indicate your availability on the permission note (attached). You are also welcome to meet us at the Gardens with younger siblings on your nominated group day.

Please complete the attached permission note and return it to school **no later than 23rd October 2024**



Date:	Wednesday week 4 (6th Nov) Yellow Wednesday week 5 (13th Nov) Red and Blue
Time:	Depart Mawson Primary at 9.15am Arrive at Mawson Primary at 11.45am
Destination:	National Botanic Gardens (Clunies Ross Street, Acton)
Cost:	\$12
Transport:	Bus with seatbelts
Food:	Students will need to bring fruit break, a sun safe hat, a water bottle, and a teddy. Lunch and snack will be kept at school.
What to Wear:	Please wear enclosed shoes and a t-shirt that covers the shoulders, SunSmart hat.
Notes due back:	23rd October 2024 Please note that permission notes after these dates will not be accepted and result in your child not being able to attend



We will monitor the weather in the lead up to the event. Please dress your children in appropriate clothing for the day. If it is colder, a jacket or jumper that can be put in bags is advisable. If it is very warm, we will take sunscreen that can be re-applied throughout the morning. In the event of light rain, please send a rain jacket and gumboots/sturdy footwear.

In the event of extreme weather, we will cancel the event and will notify families via a DOJO post.

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.

Parents who wish their child to attend can pay the full amount within the given timeframe, or alternatively, make arrangements to make regular payments through an agreed payment plan. Cases of hardship should be referred to the Principal for confidential assessment.

Regards,
The Preschool Team



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I give permission for my child _____ in class _____ to attend the excursion to the National Botanic Gardens on 6th November/13th November (please circle). I understand the students will be travelling by us to and from the Botanic Gardens, leaving school at 9.15am, returning at 11.45am. I have discussed with my child the need for sensible and safe 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.

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

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

Daytime Contact Person: _____ Daytime Contact Number: _____

Parent Volunteer

All volunteers will be greatly appreciated. Volunteers will be notified via ClassDojo if they can accompany us on the bus or are able to meet us at the gardens at 9.35am. If you would like to volunteer please indicate below:

I, _____ parent/carer of _____ in class _____ am able to assist at the excursion on 6th November/13th November (please circle).

Mode of Payment: Preschool Botanic Gardens Excursion

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Payment Amount Due: \$12

[Quickweb](#) via our school website (Please use your **CHILD'S NAME** and **Botanic** as the identifier)
Receipt Number: _____

EFTPOS at front office date paid __/__/__

Signature: _____

If you fill in this form, your personal information and that of your child will be collected and handled by Mawson Primary School. This information is necessary for us to be able to manage student participation in excursions and support the welfare and safety of your child. If you do not consent to supply us with this information, your child will be unable to participate in the excursion. We will not use or disclose this information for another purpose, without your consent, unless you would reasonably expect us to do so, or if required by law. We only share information with school officers and employees and, where necessary, parents or volunteers assisting with the excursion in order to appropriately and effectively manage the excursion. The Education Directorate's Privacy Policy explains how we handle personal information, including how we handle privacy complaints. The policy is available on the Directorate's website at https://www.education.act.gov.au/publications_and_policies/policies

Please contact Kerri Morrison at the Front Office if you wish to arrange a payment schedule.