Dear Parents,

As a part of our Integrated Studies unit *Our Living Planet*, the Grade 3 and 4 students will attend an education session called *Habitat Heroes at the Melbourne Zoo* in Parkville on **Friday 7th June**.

The hands-on program will allow students to meet animals that are considered lucky and unlucky, because their habitats are either healthy or under threat. Students will examine the threats to different habitats and investigate ways to protect animals and their habitats.

**All students will depart the school at 9:00am SHARP and will return to school by 3:30pm.**

This excursion requires students to come dressed in full school uniform. Please be mindful that students should wear comfortable walking shoes, and should also bring their warm school jumper or jacket in the event of cold weather.

Students will be required to bring and carry their own snacks, lunch and drink bottle in a small backpack for the day. **Please note that Melbourne Zoo endorses a rubbish-free lunch approach. We encourage all students to respect this when packing their food and drinks for the day.**

All transportation and admission costs for this excursion are covered by the 2013 excursion levy. **Please complete the attached permission slip below and return it to your classroom teacher by Wednesday 22nd May.**

Adam Marchesi, Suellen Hall, Kym Morgan, Jacinta Gibson, Shari Lo Presti and Ewan McAllister Grade 3 and 4 teachers

I give permission for my child ____________________________ in Grade ___________ to attend the Melbourne Zoo excursion on Friday 7th June 2013.

In the event of any accident or illness, I authorise the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to the child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as deemed necessary, and I accept the responsibility of any expense thus incurred.

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________________________________________

Contact Numbers: ____________________________________________________________

I am interested in assisting as a Parent Helper on Friday 7th June  □ YES □ NO
I have a CURRENT Working with Children Check (copy attached) □ YES □ NO

**PLEASE NOTE: Due to current department regulations, all adults working or volunteering with children require a current Working with Children Check. This process can be completed via Australia Post. Prior to the excursion, the school required a photocopy of the card or receipt obtained through this process.**