

**Sustainability Project - State Management Resource Management  
Tree Planting at Woodman Point**



Dear parents of students in Rooms 19,20,21,14 and Year 4's in Rm 23.

We are fortunate to be able to participate in a tree planting project funded by a State Natural Resource Management grant at Woodman Point Regional Park. Mr Bruce Ivers will coordinate the Tree Planting with several DBCA Parks & Wildlife Rangers on:

- **Rooms 20, 21 and 23 (Yr 4) on Tuesday 21 May**
- **Rooms 19 and 14 on Thursday 23 May**

While one class is Tree Planting the other class will be participating in a number of environmental activities.

- 8.30 – bus leaves FCPS (must leave on time!)
- 9.10 – arrive John Graham Recreation Reserve for toilet stop
- 9.20 – bus to tree planting site
- 9.30 – Tree planting at western end of Woodman Point View and activity session 1 commences
- 10.20 – 10 minute crunch and sip
- 10.30 – 11.20 – Tree Planting and activity session 2
- 11.25 – bus back to John Graham Recreation Reserve
- 11.35 – 12.10 – Lunch John Graham Recreation Reserve
- 12.10 – bus back to tree planting site (groups swap activities)
- 12.20 – 1.10 - Tree planting and activity session 3 commences
- 1.10 - 10 min crunch and sip
- 1.20 – 2.10 - Tree planting and activity session 4 commences
- 2.15 – depart Woodman Point (toilet stop if necessary back at John Graham Recreation Reserve)
- 3.00 – Arrive FCPS

**Tree Planting on a rotational basis ...**

- 1 student digs the hole
- 1 student has the tree carrier around their waist and puts the tree into the tree planter
- 1 student places the tree planter in the hole, plants the tree and pushes the soil tightly against its roots with their foot.
- 2 students assemble and place the tree guard around the tree, and hammer in the stakes.
- Parent is there for quality control. DBCA will do the watering after the kids have left.

**Planting Rates.** We need to plant 1,000 to 1,100 seedlings between the 4 classes. The seedlings must be protected from rabbits with individual cardboard guards which require two small bamboo canes. The key to speeding up the planting rate is to have adults, other than the parent quality controllers, keeping the kids supplied with seedlings, canes, tree guards, rubber mallets and keeping them focused on the job! We are therefore looking for 5 parent helpers from each class (10 each day) to assist, and have fun with the kids. Please fill out the form below to volunteer. Your classroom teacher will then let you know if you are required to attend (and travel on the bus with us!)

**Rain.** There is little shelter in the event of heavy rain. If heavy rain is forecast, we may change the days at the last minute. If light rain is forecast, planting will go ahead. We will have raincoats available but students will need warm clothing, a second pair of shoes and socks, and a labelled plastic bag to put wet things in. Please wear normal school uniform

**Food.** Students need to provide their own food for the day, 2 x crunch and sip, and lunch. Students should bring a water bottle as there will be opportunities to refill them at Woodman Point. Please pack food and the water bottle in a labelled plastic bag, together with the second pair of shoes and socks if necessary.

Please sign the permission slip below, filling in the relevant medical information and emergency contact details, returning it back to school with the excursion money by Friday 10 May. Should you wish to discuss this excursion further, please don't hesitate to contact either your child's classroom teacher or Mr Holmes.

Mr Holmes on behalf of classroom teachers  
30 April 2019

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I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to travel by bus to Woodman Point to be involved in Tree Planting and Environmental Activities from 8.30am – 3.00pm, Rooms 20,21 and 23 (Yr 4) Tuesday 21 May and Rooms 14 and 19 Thursday 23 May and enclose \$10 to cover bus fare.

Where it is not practical to communicate with me, I authorize the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent to my child receiving such medical treatment as may be considered necessary. I am aware the Department of Education insurance does not cover personal accidents through misadventure nor loss or damage of personal belongings.

Signed ..... Date .....  
(Parent / Guardian)

Emergency telephone number .....

Please list any current medical conditions and medications that are being taken

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I would like to place my expression of interest as a parent helper Yes / No (Please Circle)

