Biology Assessment Task Amendment

Dear Parent/Carer and Student,

Due to the cancellation of the Stage 6 Excursion to Sydney in Week 6 Term 1 2016, some changes are required to the Biology Assessment Schedule.

In the original schedule a First Hand Investigation was to be carried out during Week 6. This was to be based on field work conducted in Sydney. This field work will now be conducted at Darlington Point under the guidance of staff from the Riverina Field Studies Centre on 23 March 2016 (week 9).

As a result:

- Assessment Task 2: ALARM In Class Assessment will now be held Monday 22 February (week 5).
- Assessment Task 3: A Local Ecosystem will now be held on Wednesday 23 March 2016 and due Thursday 24 March 2016.

A Local Ecosystem Assessment Excursion
River Red Gum Ecosystem

Students will travel by private transport, leaving Coleambally Central School at 9 am, on 23 March 2016, and arriving at Darlington Point by 10 am in order to meet with staff from the Riverina Field Studies Centre and staff and students from Griffith High School. All students and staff will then travel to a set location on the Murrumbidgee River (approximately 1 km from Darlington Point Supermarket) where they will conduct various sampling tests on the local ecosystem. Students and staff will spend approximately 3 hours carrying out sampling tests before returning to Darlington Point and then Coleambally Central School. Those students needing to catch a bus home will be returned to school in time.

Students must:

- Be aware that this is a compulsory excursion as it is an assessable task.
- Wear full school sports uniform, including suitably enclosed walking shoes.
- Wear a hat and sunscreen. Students may also wish to use insect repellent.
- Bring water to drink and food to eat.
- Bring a clip board, paper and writing materials.
• Be aware that there are no toilets or shops where the sampling tests are being carried out.
• Follow school expectations regarding behaviour.

Riverina Field Studies Centre charge students $2.50 each for the excursion. This is payable to the Coleambally Central School Office by 4 March 2016.

As travel will be by private vehicle, we are seeking volunteers to transport students to and from Darlington Point and along the dirt road to and from the sampling location. Your assistance with this would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Ann Pretty                   Meagan Crelley
Biology Teacher       Principal
Head Teacher Science

Biology Assessment Task Amendment Acknowledgement and Permission Slip

o I am aware of the changes made to the Preliminary Biology Assessment Schedule.

o I provide permission for _______________________________ to attend the Local Ecosystem Assessment Excursion on 23 March 2016 by private vehicle.

o I have enclosed $2.50 for the excursion.

o I have completed the appropriate documentation for transporting students. The documents are included with this permission slip.

Signature: _________________________________________________________________________

Relationship to student: _______________________________________________________________

Date: _____________________________________________________________________________