2 May 2016

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Re: Glossy Black Cockatoo Habitat Restoration Project.

Over the past 17 years our school has been involved in the Glossy Black Cockatoo Habitat Restoration Project. In fact, the fruits of our endeavours are clearly evident. Trees planted over the past decade have reached an impressive height and look healthy. Bird and animal life has already returned to the area, which is most encouraging. The Glossy Black Cockatoo is an endangered species with just over 200 left in the world. They are endemic to Kangaroo Island and the Cape Jervis area and will only eat the nuts from a particular tree, the Drooping Sheoak.

In recent years, our school has extended this project to support additional conservation efforts on and around Hindmarsh Island. Last year our students planted over 2000 native trees over two mornings, which will serve as a future windbreak at the Murray Mouth to prevent wind and soil erosion. Such projects will help preserve the fragile local wildlife that remains, while also encouraging the populations of local birds such as the Glossy Black Cockatoo to once again thrive.

This year our students will attend a two night camp on Hindmarsh Island, staying at Narnu Farm. During this time, our students will work with volunteers from the Hindmarsh Island Landcare Group to assist us with the re-planting efforts of native trees on Hindmarsh Island.

This year’s camp will take place from Monday 6th June to Wednesday 8th June.

The cost of the camp is $110, which is inclusive of all meals, transport, activities and accommodation. A comprehensive list of what students need to bring will be issued later in the term.

The students will be engaged in full-time environmental activities for the week and must be prepared to fulfil this obligation. Other activities offered to the students include feeding of farm animals, nature walks at Victor Harbor and surrounding areas, outdoor activities at Narnu Farm, as well as quizzes and games in the evening. The time students spend will contribute significantly to their Middle Years Programme community service commitment but, more importantly, it will provide significant benefits for the environment and for the many other community groups involved in revegetation projects on the island.

In order to secure attendance to the camp, the attached consent form together with payment must be made to the Paystation by Friday, 27 May 2016.

Camp enquiries can be made through the school to Miss Amy Litchfield, and payment enquiries through the Paystation.

Yours sincerely

Amy Litchfield
Camp Coordinator

Jacqui van Ruiten
Principal