Dear 2/3 AH Parents and Carers,

**National Forest Learning Centre and Waterworks Reserve**

On **Tuesday 9th June** we will be going on an excursion to look at aspects of the science, geography, and history curriculum. We will leave school shortly after **9.00am**, returning by **2.30pm**.

Students will need to come prepared with:
- food and drink for the day (**morning tea and lunch**) and
- clothing suitable for the bush (**sturdy footwear, jumper, waterproof coat, etc.**)

The aim of the visit is to introduce students to forest environments and to start them thinking about the range of animal and plants present. They will identify different trees, look at microscope samples and explore Tasmanian forest types. The program includes:

**National Forest Learning Centre (City):** (9.30 - 11.15am - including morning tea)

*What is a forest?* - Using images of plants, animals, and non-living components, we see how the ecosystem is linked through various processes. We split the group to identify trees and look at samples under the microscope (moss, fungi and lichens, as well as some invertebrates and eucalypt seeds).

*Forest types in Tasmania* - We use the whole group to identify different forest characteristics using role play and images.

**Waterworks Reserve (South Hobart):** (11.30am - 2.00pm – including lunch)

A walk through the wet and dry forest environments exploring the different forest environments and applying what we learnt in the morning. We will collect plant species and look at forest characteristics and their distribution in landscape. We will also be looking at the site to see what it reveals about the past and why it is important to the local community.

We are looking forward to a great day covering many aspects of the science, geography and history curriculum.

If you want to know more contact me or visit [www.forest-education.com](http://www.forest-education.com).

Thanks

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