Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Your child has been invited to attend The GoMAD (Make A Difference) Leaders Camp.

Wooglemai EEC will be hosting the GoMAD Leaders Camp in 2016 from May 9-12. During the camp your child will participate in workshops and activities that will promote understanding of both local and global issues about sustainability as well as build their leadership, teamwork, project and problem based learning skills. It will help him/her to connect with local organisations that can offer valuable support and/or partnerships with student projects and campaigns carried out at school or community level and beyond. Some activities at the camp may include workshops on leadership, campaigning, presentation and public speaking skills, film making skills, bushwalking, high ropes course, kayaking. Your child will sleep in cabin style accommodation at Wooglemai EEC. All meals (with the exception of lunch on the first day) will be provided as part of the cost.

The camp is supported by NSW Department of Education (NSW DoE) and will be undertaken in accordance with the NSW DoE excursion policy and run and supervised by NSW DoE teachers.

You child must have endorsement from their school (teacher or principal) to attend the camp. Please obtain signature of endorsement from your child’s teacher or principal before sending in permission notes.

Camp Information:
- Accommodation: 3 nights at Wooglemai EEC
- Food: All food will be provided with the exception of Day 1 Lunch (please bring)
- Cost: $75 (a subsidised cost)
- Supervision: In accordance with NSW DoE Excursion Policy
- Pick Up: We can pick students up from Farrow Road (WESTERN SIDE) of Campbelltown Railway Station at 8.30am on Monday May 9. Alternatively you may organise transport for them to arrive directly at Wooglemai EEC at 10am May 9. Check website for location of the centre www.wooglemaieec.com.au
- Collection: We will provide a drop off to Farrow Road (WESTERN SIDE) of Campbelltown Train Station at 2.00pm May 12. Alternatively you will be able to pick up at Wooglemai at 1.30pm on May 12.

Students will need to bring:
- Morning tea and Lunch for the first day (low waste please)
- Pen/paper – (a small notebook is advisable)
- Laptop/iPad and USB (if you have one)
- Various sets of warm clothes (it can be very cold at night)
- Hat, Sunscreen, Sunglasses
- Pillow & Sleeping Bag
- Mobile Phone & Camera (if you have one)
- Toiletries &Towel x 2
- Joggers/Hiking boots
- Musical Instrument (optional but encouraged if you are musical as we will have a campfire)
- Any extra individual miscellaneous items you may see fit
What not to bring:
-Lollies, chip packets, high waste products

Teachers Attending (NSW DoE):
Peter Nicoll - Principal of Wooglemai EEC
Frank Calabria – Teacher at Wooglemai EEC
Cate Fredrickson – Teacher at Taronga Zoo

WHAT NOW? - PARENT’S ‘TO DO’ LIST
NB: There are limited placements available for this camp. We have little choice than to work on a ‘first in’ system and unfortunately will not be able to accept students once the camp is full.

1. FORMS
Please fill and sign the following attached forms:
1. PERMISSION NOTE (INCLUDING TEACHER OR PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE)
2. ASSUMPTION OF RISK
3. PHOTO/FILM & PERMISSION to PUBLISH

2. RSVP: Friday May 8th. Once forms are filled in please scan or send a photo of ALL forms and email to frank.calabria@det.nsw.edu.au

3. PAYMENT: Payment of $75 can be paid on the day in cash or cheque/money order (to be made payable to: Wooglemai EEC). Alternatively you can pay your school and we will invoice the school directly (please arrange this beforehand with your teacher and the front office staff).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on frank.calabria@det.nsw.edu.au and please feel free to visit our website for general information about Wooglemai EEC. http://www.wooglemaieec.com.au

Kind Regards,

Frank Calabria
Wooglemai EEC
1) PERMISSION NOTE for GoMAD Leaders Camp - May 9-12, 2016

I hereby give consent for my son/daughter _________________________ of _________________________ High School in Year ____________ permission to attend the GoMAD Leaders Camp hosted by Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre from May 9-12, 2016. I understand that my child will be staying in cabin accommodation arranged by EEC teachers. I understand that the nature of the excursion requires my child to be driven on certain days to various destinations in either bus or private vehicle and that the itinerary is subject to small modifications. I understand my child will be supervised and the excursion will run in accordance with the NSW DoE Excursion Policy. I understand I/ my child will be responsible for organising their transport to and from Wooglemai EEC or drop off points stated on the morning of the Monday and afternoon of the Thursday. I give permission for all of the above.

a) General Permission: I do/ do not give permission for my son/daughter to participate in outdoor recreational activities (high ropes, challenge games, bushwalking, kayaking and archery). Please note for your child to participate in recreational/adventure activities, you must include a signed copy of our ‘Assumption of Risk’ form (also found on our website - left hand side of homepage).

b) Medical Needs: My son/daughter has the following medical needs/conditions. Please provide details of medicine/administering procedures where appropriate:
_____________________________________________________________________________________
Son/Daughter’s Medicare no.______________________________________________________________

I do/do not (please circle) give permission for my child to receive medical treatment in case of emergency.

Emergency Contact Details:
Person 1 Name: ___________________ Relationship: _________________________________
Number(s): ________________________________________________________________
Person 2 Name: ___________________ Relationship: _________________________________
Number(s): ________________________________________________________________

c) Special Dietary Requirements:
_____________________________________________________________________________________

d) Student Mobile Number: _______________________________ Student email: _________________________

e) T-Shirt Size (circle): XS S M L XL XXL

f) Transport Arrangements
My child will / will not (please circle) require bus pick up at Campbelltown Train Station (Western Side) on Tuesday August 3.
My child will / will not (please circle) require bus drop off to Campbelltown Train Station (Western Side) on Friday August 6.

g) Signature of Parent/Caregiver:
(print name) __________________________ (signature) __________________________ (date)

h) Signature of Teacher or Principal (endorsing your student’s attendance at the camp)
(print name) __________________________ (signature) __________________________ (date)
2. ASSUMPTION of RISK

Acknowledgement of advice and confirmation of voluntary assumption of risk during “challenge activities” (archery, caving, challenge ropes course, kayaking, initiative games, mountain biking and ancillary activities).

Your child is about to undertake an adventure challenge activity with Wooglemai EEC. Adventure activities when performed correctly, applying correct techniques are relatively safe. When established safety procedures are not followed however, there are increased dangers. We have never had a student seriously injured during any adventure activity and wish to maintain our unblemished record.

The purpose of this document is to inform you of some potential risks involved in participating in these activities and of the conduct required during participation. Your signature on this form is required in order for your child to participate in the activity.

Please read carefully, fill in the blanks and sign.

IN PARTICULAR, I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE BEEN ADVISED:

1. That challenge activities involve certain inherent risks that may include fractures, friction burns, concussion and other injuries.

2. That the injuries referred to in 1 may require treatment in a medical facility or hospital.

3. That elements of challenge activities may be conducted at a site that is remote either by time and/or distance from a medical facility or hospital.

4. That challenge activities can be a physically demanding activity and in such susceptible individuals may cause asthma attack, panic or hyperventilation.

5. That the challenge activities involves the use of equipment that may malfunction, giving rise to risk of injury.

6. That challenge activities necessarily involves exposure to the natural elements including but without limiting the generally hereof storm, tempest, wind, sun, loose rock, loose branches, ground holes and wild animals. Such exposure brings with it attendant risk of injury.

7. I further state that I am of lawful age and legally competent to sign this acknowledgment and give my written consent as parent or guardian.

8. This signed permission remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.

I, ____________________________________________ (Parent/Guardian Name)
of _________________________________________________ (address)
am the legal guardian for _______________________________________ (participant).
I hereby acknowledge that I have been advised and thoroughly informed of the inherent risks of participating in adventure challenge activities or associated activities.

Signature of Parent (Guardian) .......................................................... Date ..........................
Every day teachers inspire and engage their students. They all have unique ways to address the different challenges that arise in their classrooms, and a wealth of experience to share. Until now, there have been few opportunities for parents and the school community to see what happens in classrooms and schools across NSW.

The NSW Department of Education has partnered with ClassMovies to bring teaching to life through short documentaries and needs your help.

**What does it involve?**

This innovative documentary method allows schools to capture the magic of the classroom with a simple video camera.

The raw footage is then edited by film school graduates into a professional and engaging documentary. The documentaries are then provided back to participants as a quality DVD.

**What do you need to do?**

If you are happy for your child to be filmed as part of the ClassMovies projects please complete the consent form overleaf and return to Frank at frank.calabria@det.nsw.edu.au by April 8, 2016
3. PERMISSION TO FILM AND PUBLISH

I authorise the Department through its employees or agents to:

1. make a vision/sound recording my child together with any audio/visual presentation to be used in short documentaries for the ClassMovies project to promote and share teaching and learning experiences

2. make use of or exhibit photos, and/or vision/sound recordings, incorporating my child’s image, likeness and/or voice for the duration of the copyright which shall be the absolute property of the Department throughout the world for the purposes of publishing, sharing, distributing or promoting the short educational documentaries in the ClassMovies project

3. make use of photos and/or vision/sound recordings incorporating my child’s image, likeness and/or voice for the ClassMovies project which may be blurry, distorted or altered in the processing of the ClassMovies project

4. use my child’s first name, age, class and sound and visual recordings of my child, my child’s work and expressions of opinion in the short documentaries for the ClassMovies project

5. provide or share any photo, vision/sound recordings incorporating my child’s image, likeness and/or voice to ClassMovies Pty Ltd to professionally edit the recordings into short educational documentaries.

I understand places where these short videos may be published or disclosed include but are not limited to:

• public websites of the Department of Education including the school website, the intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis

• public websites where the ClassMovies videos will be uploaded such as ClassMovies TV and DoE YouTube

• Department of Education publications to promote the short videos project including the school newsletter and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically

• Department and school social media accounts on networks such as Facebook and Twitter

• local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets. I am aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties. I understand that consent to participate in the ClassMovies project is entirely voluntary. I have read this permission to film and publish form and fully understand the meaning: Tick the appropriate box

[ ] I give permission

[ ] I do not give permission to the school/Department of Education to publish information about my child as described above. This signed permission remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.

Child’s name (please print) ........................................................................................................

Parent/carer/caregiver’s name: ..........................................................................................

Parent Signature........................................ Date..............................................