Dear Parents and Carers,

The Year 6 students have been invited to participate in the 500 Schools Planting Program which is run by the NSW Government, Western Sydney Parklands Trust. This trust is restoring the critically endangered Cumberland Plain Woodland, which will provide habitat for our native wildlife. This is the fourth year of this program, which is conserving Australia’s plants and animals and protecting them from the impact of climate change. This is the second year Penrith South has been involved as our Year 6 class of 2013 planted 200 trees in one morning!

While at the park, the students will learn about the propagation of native plant species. Each student will be presented with a tee shirt as a memento of the excursion.

Date: Wednesday, 25th March 2015
Venue: Dean Park
Time: 9.30am to 11.30am
Students will be leaving school at 9.15am and returning at 12.30pm
Cost: NIL
What to Bring:
As the students will be planting trees, they must wear their school uniform with a hat for sun protection and closed-in footwear. Sunscreen and gloves will be provided. The excursion will go ahead even if raining. In the event of rain, students will then need to bring wet weather gear and wear old shoes or gum boots as the planting site may be muddy.

At the completion of each planting session, a group photo will be taken which will be used on the Parklands Trust website. If you wish for your child to be photographed please complete the attached form and return to school together with the signed permission note below by Wednesday 18th March, 2015.

We know our Year 6 students will proudly represent Penrith South Public School.

Kind regards,

Kerrie Davis
Principal

Elizabeth Johnson
Organising Teacher

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Permission Note
500 Schools Planting Program

I give permission for my child ___________________________________________ of class ________ to participate in the 500 Schools Planting Program on Wednesday 25th March 2015 at Symonds Road, Dean Park. I understand the students will be travelling by bus, leaving school at 9.15am and returning to school by 12.30pm.

This activity has the approval of the Principal.

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Signature of Parent / Carer                           Date