



Dear Parents,

On Thursday, November 29, approximately 20 students from grade 4 shall be travelling by private vehicle to the Royal Botanic Gardens in Melbourne to participate in the School Garden Awards ceremony for 2012.

Your child has been invited to attend and represent The Patch School at this event.

- **When:** Thursday, November 29
- **Where:** Royal Botanic Gardens, Melbourne. Observatory Gate lawns.
- **How:** Students shall travel by private vehicle (list tbc)
- **Why:** To participate in the Victorian State Schools Garden Awards
- **Time:** Leave school at 8:30am and return to school by 3:00pm
- **Cost:** There is no cost for this event (although students may like to bring some coins for an ice-cream at the Observatory Gate café)
- **Teachers Attending:** Debra Herrmann, Michelle Rayner, Angie Martin, Lynne Pearce, Nicole Alexander

During the awards ceremony, students shall enjoy performances by musicians, indigenous welcome ceremony, presentations by leading garden experts, the Minister for Education and other gardening gurus.

The Patch School shall be receiving our Eastern Metropolitan Region Garden Award and hearing the outcome of the state awards of which we are a finalist.

While at the RBG, students shall have the opportunity to visit the Children's Garden and enjoy some of the features of this magnificent space. They will also be asked to comment on any features that could be considered for inclusion in our school grounds and report back to the school community.

What to bring:

- Hat (apply sunscreen before school)
- Lunch and morning tea
- Water bottle
- Small backpack
- Camera (optional)
- Note paper, pencils and clipboards provided
- **Full school uniform essential**

(parents and siblings wishing to attend the ceremony are welcome to meet us at the RBG at Observatory Gate at 10.30am.)

Please complete the information below and return to school no later than Friday, November 23

I, _____ give permission for my son/daughter
_____ to attend the garden ceremony at RBG on Thursday,

November 29. I understand he/she will be travel to and from school in a fully insured car.

Signature: _____ Date: _____