OUR VISIT TO THE ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS

“Introduction to the Gardens “
We are going to visit the Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria.
We can also call it the Botanic Gardens.

The Botanic Gardens is a beautiful, large garden near the city of Melbourne. It has many plants from all around the world.

We can look, listen, touch and explore at the Botanic Gardens.
We will look for the Meeting Place when we arrive at the Botanic Gardens.

A Learning Facilitator will greet us.

There is a quiet, shady place to have a snack and a drink.

The toilets are close by too.
The Learning Facilitator will take us to the Children’s Garden.

We will see and touch many different plants.

We can hug the palm trees and the bottle trees.
We will discover a bamboo forest.

We can crawl through the trunk of an ancient tree.
In the kitchen garden we will find many fruit and vegetable plants.

We can see, touch and smell the plants.

We will plant a seedling to take back to school. A seedling is a baby plant. It needs water and sunlight to grow.
We will walk through the beautiful, shady Botanic Gardens.

We must remember to;

- Walk, not run
- Stay with our adults
- Walk on the paths and grass

We can find treasures on the ground. Treasures may be leaves, flowers, seed pods.

We will put them in a basket and take them back to school.
We will sit on a mat and have a special story under an oak tree.

Can you see a dark line down the trunk?
We will find the Bunya Bunya tree.

The leaves are very prickly!

The trunk looks like a giant dinosaur foot!
We will see many visitors at the Botanic Gardens.

We can find quiet places to rest.
Many birds live at the Botanic Gardens.

We will walk quietly so we don’t frighten them.

There are lots of insects too.
We will walk to the Herb Garden.

Herbs are plants with scents.

Herbs are used for cooking, medicines and perfume.

The herb garden is shaped like a wheel. We can explore the garden and look for a cooking herb or a medicine herb. We can rub the leaves to release the scent.

We will make pot-pourri. The Learning Facilitator will help us.
We will walk back to our quiet space for lunch.

There are toilets along the way if we need them.

Visiting the Botanic Gardens is fun!
Please note:

The Ian Potter Foundation Children’s Garden (IPFCG) is closed from the start of Term 3 until the first weekend in September. During this time the program will be held in the wider Botanic Gardens and will include the same activities and similar experiences.