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Port Waikato Camp - Ako Tui Letter 1

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Dear Parents, Caregivers, and Whanau

2023 is camp year, which we are sure the students are all looking forward to. We are busy preparing an exciting programme for the students, ensuring Port Waikato Camp 2023 will be a memorable time for all.

Over the next few weeks, lots of information will be coming home regarding camp for you to read and discuss with your children. It is important that if you have any questions that you contact the school and talk to a senior teacher or myself.

Camp Details

Where: Port Waikato School Camp

When: Wednesday 22nd to Saturday 25th March (School Week 8)

Camp Costs

As with most extra curricular activities, we are asking for a contribution towards camp. This helps cover: accommodation and food. **The contribution for camp 2023 is \$215.** We understand that this is a significant cost for families. If this is a challenge, please contact the school so that arrangements can be made to spread the contribution over the year. You are able to pay in part increments via the school online shop. Please have payments or arrangements made as soon as possible but before Friday 3rd March.

In the event that donations are received that reduce costs, this price will be reduced and a credit will be added to the student's school account. This will be confirmed after camp in term 2.

Transport

As part of keeping costs down, we will transport students back from camp via parent cars on Saturday the 25th March. *If you are able to provide transport for a group of children from camp please indicate on the return form.* Please note that all cars need to be road legal with current warrant of fitness and registration, drivers need to have a current drivers licence, and all children are required to be in seatbelts. The students will head to camp via bus on Wednesday 22nd so we will not require parent transport for this.

Food Donations

Part of your camp payment is for food which will be catered for from an outside provider. We are required to provide our own morning and afternoon tea snacks. For snacks, **all families are asked to provide some tasty home baking.** We will also request donations of fruit. Please indicate on the return form if you are in a position to donate or source donations on behalf of the school. We would appreciate a weight or quantity for these donations to assist with our pre camp food order.

Other Donations

Kayaks - To keep costs down we have not hired kayaks this year. So if you are willing to lend your family's kayaks and/or life jackets this would be appreciated and can be indicated on the donations form.

Life jackets - We require these for kayaking and need a range of sizes. So if you are willing to lend your family's life jackets this would be appreciated and can be indicated on the donations form.

Camp Cookers - Due to fire bans, we can at times only be allowed to cook on butane powered camp cookers. If you have one of these that you don't mind us using please indicate on the return form.

Tents - We may potentially need some tents for parents and or children to share. We do provide most of these however it is helpful to know if you have a tent you would be willing to lend for the duration of camp. Just basic smaller tents are preferable.

Medical & Consent

Also included with this letter is a consent form. It is important that up to date information is supplied so that we can support your child in all situations. We require all camp participants (students and parent helpers) to complete the online medical form which will be shared via Hero Email or School App later this week. We also require the attached form to be completed and returned once you have completed the online form.

If you would prefer to meet with us to discuss any issues relevant to the camp experience, please get in touch.

Camp Clothing List

A clothing list has also been included. **Please do not go out and purchase anything special for this camp.** This list is based on a basic week at camp. We do not encourage new items of clothing or new shoes to be taken on camp because they may get lost or ripped, and will get dirty. If you do not have some of the items please include the next best thing or get in touch with us. **PLEASE NAME ALL ITEMS INCLUDING UNDERWEAR AND SOCKS.**

Please ensure that, if at any time you are unsure, you get in touch with us at school. **There will be parent teacher evenings in week 3 where you can discuss camp** so please keep an eye out for these nights.

All forms need to be returned by Wednesday 15th February so that we can finalise our organisation.

We appreciate your support during this time. Camp is an exciting time for all but especially our students. Please ensure that all forms are returned and keep your eye out for more information as the time draws closer.

One final reminder or consideration is for those children who might be anxious about attending camp. This is very common and we find that a positive, supportive approach from parents can make a world of difference.

Regards,

The Senior School team of teachers.

Port Waikato 2023 Return Forms

Please return all attached forms by Wednesday 15th February.

Please return all forms.

Section 1 = Payment options

Section 2 = Transport and Donation Form

Section 3 = ONLINE - Medical Consent Form (Medical information) This will be shared via the school app or Hero email to parents.

Section 4 = Parental Consent Form (Permission to go to camp)

(Section 1)

Port Waikato 2023 Camp Financial Contribution

The contribution towards camp in 2023 is \$215 per student.

This amount has been added to your child's school Hero account.

Costs cover; 3 nights camp hireage at Port Waikato, food, supplies, equipment, instructor fees.

We would appreciate contributions towards camp be made in full before camp starts and have set up a number of options in which to pay your child's camp contribution.

1. Pay by **Credit Card** via our **School Shop**. We have set up payment options so you are able to:
 - A) Pay the full camp contribution
 - B) Pay instalments. Our school shop can be found on our school website.
https://www.davidst.school.nz/255/online_stores/2-david-street-school-shop
2. **Online Banking** to our school account. Pay in full or set up a weekly automatic payment. **David Street School 12-3437-0000066-00** (please reference your **child's name** and **Camp** when paying by internet banking)
3. Pop into the school office and pay by **Cash** or via **Eftpos**.

We understand that families may be finding payments difficult, please come and have a chat with Nicola Soffe (senior school team leader) or give us a call at the office and chat to one of our office staff. We are here to help.

(Section 2)

Port Waikato 2023 Camp

TRANSPORT FORM

(please return to your child's PC Teacher by Wednesday 15th February)

Child's Name _____

PC Teacher: _____

Name of parent/driver: _____ Phone Number: _____

I am able to provide transport **From** Port Waikato on Saturday(25/03/2023) for _____ children in seatbelts.

(e.g. if you can fit 1 seated in the front passenger seat and 3 in the back seat = Then please indicate 4 children in seatbelts)

Only the driver's child is able to be seated in the front passenger seat. All other passengers must be seated in the back seats. Lap belts are not to be used, only across shoulder and lap seatbelts.

I have a current WOF, Registration and Full License (please tick)

- *We will need to witness all of these before leaving to go to camp*

I can provide a trailer to take equipment (please tick)

covered & watertight uncovered

big small

Ute

Any additional information about your trailer or ute? _____

The children will travel to camp via bus on Wednesday 22/03/2023 so we **do not** require parent transport on this day.

Port Waikato 2023 Camp
DONATIONS FORM

(please return to your child's PC Teacher by Wednesday 15th February)

Child's Name _____ **PC Teacher:** _____

If you are able to donate any of the following for the school camp: (please indicate which item and approximately how much of each item you can donate). We will send information home regarding drop off times which will likely be the week before camp.

The following items are what we require for food donations. *Carrots, Apples, Oranges or other fruit.*

Fruit & Vegetables (Quantity)

- Carrots for snacks _____
- Apples _____
- Bananas _____
- Oranges _____

Equipment: *(Number available to donate and size e.g. single seat or two seat, small life jacket or large life jacket)*

- Gas cooker _____
- Kayaks including paddles _____
- life jackets _____
- Tents or other camping equipment _____

Add any notes if applicable:

(Section 3)

Port Waikato Camp 2023

Parental Medical Consent, Emergency Contacts, Health profile, and Risk Disclosure

(please return to your child's PC Teacher by Wednesday 15th February)

(The detailed Health Profile and Medical Form need to be completed online)

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION FORM

Please complete these details:

Name Student _____

Address _____

Home Telephone _____

Family Doctor Name _____ Telephone: _____

Address _____

Medic Alert number (if appl) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS (please provide at least 2 sets of contact details)

Contact 1: Emergency Contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

Contact 2: Alternative contact

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Mobile: _____

PARENTAL CONSENT & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RISK

Tick to indicate you have read and agreed

- I agree to my child/myself taking part in the EOTC event and have received sufficient information on which to base a decision. Some of the activities include, kayaking, abseiling, rock climbing, swimming, and archery. I agree to their/my participation in the activities described. I acknowledge the need for them/me to behave responsibly.

- I understand that there are risks associated with involvement in school EOTC events and that these risks cannot be completely eliminated. I understand that the school will identify any foreseeable risks or hazards and implement correct management procedures to eliminate, isolate or minimise those hazards.

- I understand that the school does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to personal property

- I know that I am able to ask any questions of the school about the activities I/my child will be involved in, to gain a better understanding of the risks involved. I recognise that participation in such activities is voluntary and not mandatory through a 'challenge by choice' procedure. 'Challenge by choice' means the participant chooses their own level of challenge within a supportive peer environment. My child and I both understand that I/they may withdraw from an activity if I/they feel at risk. This must be done in consultation with the person in charge.

- I have completed the online medical form and received an automatic response confirming that I have submitted it.**

- I agree that if prescribed medication needs to be administered, a designated adult will be assigned to do this. I will ensure that prescribed medication is clearly labelled, securely fastened and handed to the designated adult with instructions on its administration

- I agree to my child/myself receiving any emergency medical, dental, or surgical treatment, as considered necessary and recommended by the medical authorities present. Parents/Caregivers will be contacted/consulted with before any instances requiring emergency medical treatment.

- Any medical costs not covered by ACC or a community service card will be paid by me.

- If my child is involved in a serious disciplinary problem, or actions that threaten the safety of others, s/he will be sent home at my expense.

To be read and signed by adult participant or parent/caregiver of child participant.

Name of Parent signing: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Clothing List Port Waikato Camp 2023

Please name everything

LUNCH for the first day AND NAMED DRINK BOTTLE

Sleeping Bag
Pillow and Pillow Slip
Pyjamas
Raincoat
Sweatshirt / Jersey x2
5 x shorts
5 x t-shirts
2 x track pants
at least 6 pairs underwear
at least 6 pairs socks
2 x towels
Togs x 2
Face cloth
Toothbrush and toothpaste
Soap in a container
Shampoo
Sunscreen
Sunhat
Handkerchief / tissues
2 pairs (preferable) Sneakers / Sandshoes (not new)
Jandals / Sandals for around camp
4 x plastic bags for dirty washing
2 x tea towel - *Old ones that may not make it home after camp*

6 pegs for hanging up wet gear

Home baking - 'Nut Free'

(delivered to the tables in the senior school on the morning your child departs to camp)

Optional

Torch and batteries - well named
Camera (disposable or digital at own risk)