



Port Waikato Camp - Final Letter Ako Kea

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

We are now only a few days away from camp and the students and teachers are all very excited to be heading away.

Camp Morning

On the morning of camp (Sunday 21st March), **all students need to be at school no earlier than 9:15am but before 10am**. When you get to school, please drop your child's gearbag off into the classroom (Te Ao Marama) unless you are transporting your child to camp. There will be trestle tables with clearly labelled places to leave any medication, bags and other equipment, food donations and your baking. Children will then move into Ako Tui for the roll to be taken at about 10:10. We aim to leave soon after this. Only vehicles towing trailers may enter the school grounds.

Dropping off children

Please remember that parking is at a premium and to consider the neighbours of the school by avoiding parking in their driveways. **Only parents taking transport to camp are allowed to park in the staff car park**. It would be appreciated if you dropped your child off, said your goodbyes, "have a great time" and left again, as prolonged goodbyes can increase anxiety levels in the kids. **All children need to drop off gear and donations in the classroom at Ako Kea's end of the building.**

Arriving Back at School

The buses transporting the children home will aim to **arrive back at school by 2:30pm on Wednesday 24th March**. Please ensure that your child knows who is picking them up and where they will meet them. If your child usually goes home on a bus, please ensure you have made alternative arrangements for this day. The children will unload gear into the classroom and wait there until they are picked up.

Gear

A gear list has been attached to this letter. Please ensure your child's gear is in a **manageable bag** (large suitcases are not suitable as there is very limited space in the dormitories). No camping mattresses or stretchers thank you.

Food

Children must have a large packed lunch (in a plastic bag) on the first day and a named drink bottle.

The first meal provided at camp will be dinner on the first night.

We also ask that each child **bring a container (ice cream or like is preferable) of home baking** to school on Sunday 21st March. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS IS NUT FREE.**

Transport

All students and parents will have been organised into cars. Those parents that we have asked for transport will be given a list of passengers on the morning of departure. If you have not received an email requesting your help with transport but think you should have, please contact Jocelyn Mitchell. The email was only sent

to those taking a vehicle. If something arises that means you are no longer able to take transport please contact Jocelyn ASAP.

Medical

All students who require medicines while on camp need to bring these to school on the day of camp in a ziplock bag that is **clearly labelled with your child's** name and **specific instructions for administering**. There will be a box in the class for storing these. **Please hand these directly to Miss Martin.**

If your child has mild asthma medication, they are to keep this themselves and take it as required. We know most students are already aware of how to manage this themselves but it would be worth discussing this with your child before they attend camp. All teachers have a record of the students with asthma in their group and will remind them to take their medication and to make sure they have packed it into their belongings when we head off on an activity. All teachers will also carry ventolin should a child require it. If anyone has any queries or concerns regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact one of the teachers in the team.

Donations of Food

We would like to extend a HUGE thank you to those people who have said they will donate food. It would be greatly appreciated if these donations started coming to school so we can ensure everything is as prepared as possible. **Non perishables** can be dropped off at school any time from now. It would be great if **perishables such as fruit and vegetables can be dropped off on Sunday 21st March at 9:15am. Meat needs to be frozen please.** If you are unsure please contact us.

Trailers:

If we required your trailer then Chris Marks will have called you about this. If you have not been called then please presume that your trailer is not needed.

Extra

We also require detergent bottles, ice cream containers, yogurt containers, butter containers etc, for use in the kitchen. If you have any, they can be given to your child's classroom teacher.

Post Camp (Thursday 25th and Friday 26th March)

After a very busy few days of high activity and different routines at camp, we expect the children to be exhausted and in need of some rest at home. We encourage families to keep their children at home on Thursday and Friday after camp however if you require them to come to school this is ok and school will be open as usual. Please note that not all of the teachers will be at school as some are remaining at camp to assist with Ako Tui's camp, however, relievers will be used if required.

As usual, if you have any questions or queries please see your child's PC teacher.

Regards,

The Kowhai Team

Student Clothing List Port Waikato Camp 2021

Please name everything

A BIG LUNCH for the first day AND NAMED DRINK BOTTLE

A small pack or school bag on the first day is required.

- ***A Big Lunch***
- ***Drink Bottle with water only***
- ***Sunscreen***
- ***Raincoat just in case***
- ***Long sleeved top***

A day pack/bag for using to go to activities and campout

Sleeping Bag

Pillow and Pillow Slip

Pyjamas

Raincoat

Sweatshirt /Jersey x 3

5 x shorts

5 x t-shirts

2 x track pants

at least 7 pairs underwear

at least 7 pairs socks

2 x towels

Togs

Face cloth

Toothbrush and toothpaste

Soap in a container

Shampoo

Sunscreen

Sunhat

Handkerchief / tissues

2 pairs of shoes (preferable) Sneakers or Sandshoes (not new)

1 pair of Jandals or Sandals for around camp

2 x plastic bags for dirty washing

1 x tea towel

6 pegs for hanging up wet gear

Home baking - nut free

Optional

Torch and batteries - named