



Port Waikato Camp - Final Letter Ako Tui

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

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

Camp Morning

On the morning of camp (Wednesday 24th March), **all students need to be at school no earlier than 8:30am but before 9am**. When you get to school, please drop your child's gear into the classroom (Te Ao Marama). There will be trestle tables with clearly labelled places to leave any medication, bags and other equipment, food donations and your baking. We aim to leave by 10am.

Dropping off children

Please remember that parking is at a premium and that other children are also being dropped off for school. 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 Te Ao Marama.**

Arriving Back at School

The cars transporting the children home will aim to **arrive back at school by 12:30pm (noon) on Saturday 27th March**. Please ensure that your child knows who is picking them up and where they will meet them. The children will unload gear into the classroom and wait there until they are picked up. A notice with more detail for those picking children up from camp will be emailed today.

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 mattresses or stretcher 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 Wednesday 24th March. **PLEASE MAKE SURE THIS IS NUT FREE.**

Transport

All students and parents will have been organised into cars for the trip home. 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 Chris Gore. 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 Chris 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 classroom for students to place their medications. **Please hand these directly to Mrs Soffe**

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 for. **Non perishables** can be dropped off at school any time from now. It would be great if **fruit and vegetables can be dropped off on Tuesday 23rd or Wednesday 24th March at 8:30am.**

Meat needs to be delivered to school when requested on the donations notice or by Friday 19th March, 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.

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