



Devonport Primary School

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Camp Adair 2011

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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The senior school camp this year is to be held from Tuesday 30th August to Friday 2nd September at Camp Adair, Hunua. The date has been changed from the original booking, as we would have been sharing facilities with 200 other children from two different schools.

Camp Adair is well known for its safe environment and highly qualified staff. The school camp was held at Camp Adair between 2003 and 2006 and again in 2009 and 2010.

Bruce Tilby and Matthew Johnson will be the teachers at the camp and will be there for the entire duration. It is also hoped that Maria Zivkovich, our other teacher in Room 1, will be able to spend part of the week at camp.

We do need to have 13 parents with us at any one time. If you are able to assist us as a 'camp parent' for the full period please fill in the return slip and send it to school as soon as possible.

It may be that we do get more parents volunteering than we actually require. If this is the case, we will discuss it further with you and as with the last two years we may have to have a formal ballot.

As we are the only school in attendance, the camp manager has kindly agreed to accommodate us in the main camp. The main lodge boasts a modern kitchen and 188 beds in 16 bunk style cabins, although a number of the cabins will not be available for our use. The cabins will be single sex only and there are separate rooms for adults. The camp is fully catered so we can cover all food groups.

Safety issues are obviously a major priority for staff, parents and children. The children are briefed on the camp environment and rules, well before and again immediately before camp. There is also a further camp orientation on our arrival.

- ✚ Regular roll checks are recorded by teachers throughout the day.
- ✚ Children are allocated camp groups - 6 groups of approximately 10 children, dependent upon final numbers.
- ✚ Children are allocated a camp buddy for the entire duration of the camp.
- ✚ Parents stay with an allocated group for the entire duration, i.e. rotate around the activities with the children.
- ✚ There will generally be at least two parents per group as well as an instructor at most of the activities.
- ✚ Mr Tilby and Mr Johnson will not be attached to a group and will float between groups rather than being tied up at one activity.
- ✚ All evening activities will be fully organised and in a whole group situation.

The cost of the camp is expected to be approximately \$300.00 per child. We have tried to keep our costs to a minimum and specific details will become clearer in the next few weeks. We have had to take a number of things into consideration including increased bus charges, catering and specialised instructor fees. Should there be any questions or difficulties regarding payment, please contact Mr Tilby or Mr Johnson.

In the coming weeks you will receive regular newsletters updating you on the camp organisation. In the next camp newsletter - in a few weeks time - you will be asked to give formal permission for your child to attend the camp. There will also be a medical information sheet to fill in and return to school.

A camp parent meeting will be held prior to camp. A date for this will be advised in due course.

Kind regards,

Bruce Tilby and Matthew Johnson

Camp Adair 2011 - Camp Parent Return Slip

I am available to be a 'camp parent' for the duration of the camp.

Name: _____ Contact Telephone No: _____

Email Address: _____

Signed: _____