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Camp Adair 2011

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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

This is the final newsletter before we head off to camp next Tuesday. A reminder that there is a meeting for camp parents tonight at 7:00pm in Room 1, although any Year 6 parent is also welcome to attend.

Camp Fee

Thank you to those parents who have sent in their child's camp fee. The camp fee can be paid at the office at school and we do need to have any outstanding payments made before next Tuesday. Please ensure payments left at the office are clearly labelled as for 'Camp Adair'.

Camp Parents

A reminder to everyone that our camp parents this year are Jane-Anne Anderson, Jan Barlow, Kirsten Coles, Murray Craft, Fiona Farnworth, Alistair Guthrie, Alan McDonald, Callum McNair, Alan Michie, Tracey Ramdhanie, Jamie Spencer, Yvonne Ten-Have and Anna Thomas.

Two of our camp parents, Roger Beaumont and Philip Cavanagh informed us that due to work commitments they could not come to camp and our two reserve dad's, Manuel Garcia and Alistair Guthrie, both had to decline for the same reason. Fortunately, the next dad on the ballot list Callum McNair has accepted and he will join us for the week.

If there is another dad who was in the original ballot and is able to come for the week, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Thank you Craig Beaumont!

We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday morning. Camp parents can choose to travel on the bus or take their own car down to camp. Please let Mr Tilby know via your child or send an email.

Departure Details

The bus is booked to depart from school at 9.15am on Tuesday, 30th August. We will be back at school by 2.00pm on Friday, 2nd September. The children will need to be in the school hall with their luggage by 8:45am next Tuesday, where they will be met by Mr Tilby and Mr Johnson.

Medication

Any children who require medication whilst at camp should bring it in a clearly labelled sealed bag or container and hand it to Mr Tilby. There will be an adult responsible for ensuring regular medication is administered as and when required. We do not want any medication kept in the cabins. If your child has an asthma inhaler this should be carried at all times by your child.

Camp Biscuits

A polite reminder for every child coming to camp to bring to school two packets of biscuits or some home baking. It would be appreciated if you could please avoid any items that have nuts in them. The biscuits / home-cooking can be brought into each classroom anytime over the next week or on the day of departure. We use this for morning and afternoon teas and for lunches on the day of the tramp.

Visiting Camp

Parents are very welcome to join us at camp on any day. The two best days for visiting are on either Wednesday, 31st August or Thursday, 1st September. Please remember to bring a packed lunch as our camp food is pre-ordered.

On the Wednesday, we depart on an all-day tramp at 9:30am, so you do need to be a keen hiker to join us on this excursion. On the Thursday, the children are participating in challenging high-wire and confidence activities around the camp itself.

The directions to the camp are as follows:

Take the main SH1 motorway - South.

After approximately 30km along the southern motorway take Exit 458 - Papakura

Turn left onto Beach Road

After 1.2km go straight onto Settlement Road

After 1km take exit 2 on the roundabout and continue on Settlement Road.

After 1km turn right onto Hunua Road and continue for 15km.

The camp is on the left and is well signposted (2487 Hunua Road).

Contacting Camp

If you wish to contact us while at camp the main camp telephone number is listed below:

Main Camp ph. (09) 292-4886

The telephone will be available for children who are particularly unsettled at camp and we feel it is in their best interests to ring home. The phone will not be available for general phone calls home however. There is mobile phone coverage, but if you wish to speak directly to one of the teachers, Bruce and Matt's mobile phone numbers are listed below.

Final Comment

While at camp the days will be long and at times challenging. We know that the weekend precedes camp but would suggest a couple of early nights between now and Tuesday morning. This will really help your child at camp as tiredness can lead to unsettled children.

We are very excited about the experience at Camp Adair and have our fingers crossed for some more of the great weather we are experiencing today.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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