

Yippee, it's camp time!!



Wednesday 14 February 2018



Kia ora koutou

This year's Team 4 Camp will be held at YMCA Camp Kaitoke, which is situated just before the Rimutaka hill at the end of Upper Hutt, and is booked for Week 6 of this term, which is the week of 12-16 March, inclusive. This camp is very much an 'outdoors' and 'sports/fun' focused camp where team building and personal growth are a main objective. Students participate in small groups which are always lead by a trained instructor and an actively involved parent or teacher chaperone. Some of the activities that we plan to offer the students include kayaking, abseiling, archery, outdoor cooking, mountain bike riding, raft building and flying down the super fox. Students undertake all of these camp-based activities under the guidance of a qualified instructor using high quality equipment.

We need nine enthusiastic adults with us at all times and hope that some of you are able to join us for this fantastic camp. This does not necessarily mean the same adults for the whole week, although preference will be given to those who can do so. Please indicate on the form attached if you are willing to assist on camp. We will need one or two people to help out in an incident requiring first aid so if you are keen and willing to join us, please indicate if you have a current certificate or other qualification in this area. At Northland School all adults involved with overnight school camps are required to undergo a police check to ensure their suitability for the role.

Travel to and from Kaitoke will be by bus, which will pick us up and drop us back at school. Students are dropped off outside of camp and 'walk in', their packs are dropped off at the camp. Anyone who takes a car helps the driver unpack the bus.

Further information regarding final cost, departure and arrival times, and other items will be sent home over the next couple of weeks. Information will also be posted in the school's website under 'Team 4 - Camp'. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact one of us, or come along to the school's information evening **Wednesday 21st February** where we will also be holding a **camp info meeting in the school library at 6:15pm**.

If you are available to assist with supervision, please complete the attached form and return to Alex in Room 12 by this Monday, 19 February. Please email Alex with any questions regarding parent supervision, alexo@northland.school.nz

We look forward to meeting you on Tuesday, and thank you in advance for your support of the team.

Kind regards,

Alex, Fiona and Katie

Team 4 Camp 2018

RETURN SLIP for those parents offering to help at camp:

I am able to help with supervision at camp and agree to having a police check carried out.

(Please circle your availability, if part of week please circle days and nights also)

All week (9am Monday-2pm Friday)
Monday (day/night) (travel by bus / travel in own car)
Tuesday (day/night)
Wednesday (day/night)
Thursday (day/night)
Friday (all morning until departure time)

Parent Name: _____ Your child's name: _____

Email: _____ Contact number (cell pref): _____

I hold a current First Aid Certificate (or other qualification) (Yes / No)

In order to make this a great experience for you as well as the children, we will attach you to one group of children for the week, that way you can experience a range of activities, as well as build a relationship with, and support a small group. However, some flexibility in grouping may better meet your special interests. You will also have a trained instructor so your role is to support the group and help the instructor. Some of the activities might include the following, it will be very helpful if you can ride a bike, and be able to teacher non-riders. A small amount of swapping might be possible if desirable.

Abseiling, Archery, Rope bridge building, Tree top high ropes course, Giant swing, Kayaking/Canoeing, Mountain biking, Raft building, Super Fox.

Please complete and return this slip to Alex in Room 12 , (or email a copy to alexo@northland.school.nz)