



Tua Marina School

Striving for Peak Performance

Year 5 & 6 MISTLETOE BAY CAMP 13-15 MARCH 2019

UPDATE #1

Dear Parents,

It is summer and the perfect time for the Year 5 & 6 students to experience an exciting educational adventure in our exceptional backyard, the Marlborough Sounds. Please keep checking your emails and asking your children for notices as there are several more to come home over the next few weeks.

HOW MUCH?

We are still finalising some activities, but camp costs will be no more than \$120 per student. Parents are welcome to 'drip feed' payments to the school over the next few weeks. We are always conscious of camp costs and the fact that many families have two children attending camp this term. Costs cover food, travel, accommodation and activities. **All camp fees will need to be paid in full before 8th of March.**

WHAT ARE WE DOING?

We like to strike a balance between the fun and the educational. Planned activities include setting up camp, sailing, kayaking, orienteering, cycling, art, fishing, bush skills, bush walks, and beach activities.

WHAT DO WE NEED?

A gear list will be sent out before the end of February.

PARENT HELPERS

We require the support of parent helpers for the trip to assist with organisation and management. Parents play an integral part in any camp and the presence of skilled and responsible parents ensures the camp will be a success, and that student safety is paramount at all times. Selecting parents for camp is an unenviable but necessary task, and I know that you will all understand that we are unable to take every parent who offers. Gone are the days of just offering to help. We need to meet strict risk management criteria and need a team with the appropriate skills, abilities and experience. Parents are invited to offer their skills for camp by completing a volunteer helper form stating relevant skills, experience and qualifications. **These need to be returned to me by Monday 4 February.** We will then contact any parent helpers so that they can make the necessary work, family or business arrangements.

PARENT HELPER COSTS

We try to minimise costs to parents who support on camp as you are providing a valuable service and working hard. However if there are a number of parents who wish to attend we may need to make a small charge for each parent.

RISK MANAGEMENT

Parents can rest assured that considerable risk management planning is needed to organize any trip. We will be involved in extensive risk identification and management prior to departure. There is nothing more important than the safety of your children. We also plan to meet with all parent helpers prior to departure to discuss risk management strategies.

WHERE ARE WE STAYING?

We will be camping at Mistletoe Bay Campground we will be sleeping in tents. We are going to need assistance with the supply of tents, and we will have use of the excellent facilities at Mistletoe Bay campground.

Kind regards

Julian Mason and Sarah Gray

Please return the below to the school office by Monday 4 February.

I give permission for my child(name) Room to attend the Mistletoe i Bay Camp.

Name.....

Phone number.....

Email

I am able to lend a tent for the camp YES/NO Sleeps

I wish to be considered for parent help YES/NO

Relevant Experience
