

CAMP HANMER 2019
NOTICE #2
31 January 2019

Dear Parents,

This notice should bring you all up to speed with the latest developments as we move towards our exciting class camp in Hanmer Springs. Take time to read this carefully and discuss any issues with your children so that they are as informed as possible. Don't hesitate to contact me if need be.

Kind Regards

Emily Soward

PARENT HELPERS

Many thanks to those parents who returned completed forms offering support as parent help. The following parents will be attending camp; **Chris Nott, Tony Sampson, Zeean Brydon, Greg Gill, Tim Jopson, Phil Boyt, Matt Spragg**. I am confident that we have a group of capable, competent and well qualified individuals, who will ensure your children enjoy a wonderful time at camp and arrive home safely.

CAMP PAYMENT

All camp costs , finalised at \$250 to be paid in full by Friday 8th February through internet banking. If this is problematic for any reason, please speak to Nick. Thank you to those who have already paid.

MOUNTAIN BIKES AND CYCLE SKILLS

All students need to bring a mountain bike on camp. These need to be in good condition, the right size and safe to ride. Keep working on your child's cycling skills and confidence. We will have a day in week 2 for bikes to come in for checking and maintenance. Cycling is part of the daily programme in Hanmer, and students will be cycling on roads, flat tracks and more advanced terrain. Head to the Wither Hills, Condors Bend and the Pump Track. A reasonable fitness level is also required so keep training with your children.

BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS

All students will be expected to maintain the highest standards of behaviour at school over the next few weeks as we head towards camp. There will be no compromise on these expectations when we are away as the enjoyment and safety of everyone is paramount.

RISK MANAGEMENT MEETING

We will hold a risk management meeting for **all parent helpers (compulsory attendance)** on Thursday 7th February at 5:00pm. This will not be an onerous affair, but is essential if we are to understand parent helper roles and the risks we need to manage on camp. This meeting is open to any parent who wishes to attend and hear about the things we do to reduce, minimise and eliminate risks.

FOOD DONATIONS

At Camp Hanmer we plan to eat like royalty! In the past there's been venison, pork, mutton, veges, eggs and incredible baking. We'll have a 'final feast' roast dinner on the last night. Any donations help keep the cost down and the energy levels up! Please let us know in advance what you'd like to donate.

WHERE ARE WE STAYING?

Hanmer Springs Forest Camp, 243 Jollies Pass Rd, Hanmer Springs Ph(03) 315 7202. Students will be sharing bunkroom accommodation in small groups and these will be organised by me closer to camp.

WHAT ABOUT THE PROGRAMME?

The following is a snapshot of the programme:

- Visit to Kaikoura museum and walk to seal colony.
- The Selfie Cycle Orienteering Race – a cycle race around Hanmer selfie action!
- Mountain Biking – tracks to cater for all ability and adrenaline levels. We cycle daily.
- Conical Hill walk – a morning walk and picnic via woodland tracks to Conical Hill.
- Evening swims at the Hanmer Thermal Pools.
- Night Riders MTB – MTB at night in the forest.
- Rafting and Jet Boating.
- Camp games and concert.
- Good food and lots of fun!

There are several other activities planned as well as time to relax each day and complete the usual camp chores and duties.

IMPORTANT:

We will be leaving Tua Marina at 8am sharp on Tuesday 12th February. We ask that bikes are brought to school on Monday or by 7:30am Tuesday to ease timing and logistics around loading trailers.

We will aim to arrive back at Tua Marina by 3:30pm on Friday 15th February.

Please confirm offers of trailers to transport, even if you are not joining us on camp, please let us know if you can offer the loan of a trailer to transport our bikes and gear.

CAMP HANMER GEAR 2019 GEAR LIST

The nature of the camp activities means we need serious outdoor clothing. Students need practical and hardy clothing for biking, tramping, rafting and swimming. Practical and appropriate clothing please!

Sleeping bag	
Pillow if desired (supplied)	
Tea towels x2	
Togs and swimming gear (suitable for wearing under a wetsuit) Two towels	
Polyprop/Merino thermal underwear tops and Long Johns x 2. Important!	
Gloves – incase it chills off for Night Rides.	
Pyjamas	
Shorts x 2 – sports shorts beat long pants any day. Wet legs dry quickly!	
Enough comfortable clothing for the duration of camp! Shorts, shirts, socks	
A warm jacket/jersey/fleece/bush shirt	
Raincoat – this has to be a raincoat! Not a small fashion parka. An essential item!	
Sunhat and warm beanie- essential as we will be outdoors each day	
Sun block	
Insect repellent	
2 x footwear appropriate for camp – sneakers/adventure sandals/tramping boots etc. Shoes will get wet. Students need strong shoes suitable for MTB and running in a forest.	
Plastic bags for wet clothing	
Toilet gear and personal hygiene items	
A good book and a pack of cards	
A headlamp with spare batteries – essential for our MTB at night. Borrow one.	
Bike lights – borrow no expectation to buy new stuff. Front/back light or reflector.	
Hi – viz vests – reflective tape versions are great.	
Whistle on a string.	
Pencil case with the usual pens, felts or coloured pencils	
A full lunch on the first day and two refillable water bottles	

Personal medication that is clearly labelled and given to me prior to departure	
Asthma medication to be kept by the students	
A digital camera – students are more than welcome to bring these at their own risk and are expected to use these appropriately.	
Daypack – pack with the essentials on day one.	
Main luggage/bags- make sure you keep these as small as possible so we can transport gear with ease.	

THINGS STUDENTS WON'T NEED ON CAMP

- Electronic games
- Money
- Ipods – not even for travelling in cars. We aim to talk to each other instead.
- Spray deodorant – the bunkrooms at Hanmer contain very sensitive fire alarms and sprinklers. Roll on only.
- Cell phones. All contact with camp is done through Nick or myself. Our phone numbers will be available to all parents prior to departure.
- Make up.

PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHING/EQUIPMENT IS CLEARLY NAMED.

WE NEED THE RIGHT GEAR FOR THE CONDITIONS

We are hoping for good weather, but weather can be notoriously unpredictable. I need to emphasise the need for appropriate gear. Parents need to ensure that the gear is appropriate and hardy. If you need thermals or fleeces, Ask to can borrow these from friends, cousins or neighbours for the week. We will be outdoors every day **IN ALL WEATHER** and students need the right gear. Go to **'SaveMart'** and buy some cheap polyprops, merinos, bushshirts or a good raincoat.

We will mountain bike, orienteer and hike come rain or shine. Student enthusiasm and the right clothing can overcome weather any day. It's amazing what a shower, dry clothes and Milo can do! We will not be sitting inside if it rains, and students need the right clothing and lots of it. Having the right gear really makes the difference.

HANMER CAMPS ARE FULL ON OUTDOOR ACTION AND WE DO NOT WANT TO COMPROMISE STUDENT HEALTH OR SAFETY WITH INAPPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND GEAR.

HANMER SPRINGS CAMP 2019

3 December 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are looking forward to the Year 7-8 biennial camp to Hanmer Springs, that will provide your children with an array of challenging and exciting outdoor activities in a stunning alpine environment. The purpose of this first notice is to provide you all with an outline of 'the basics'.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information or have any queries about this wonderful event. Emily Soward will of course be running the camp but I am doing the initial paperwork.

WHEN? Tuesday 12 February to Friday 15 February. This year, we will be going on camp earlier than usual to avoid harvest. It will also be a great opportunity to develop some class 'bonding'- camp is a fantastic way to build relationships and to get to know each other better.

WHERE? Hanmer Springs Forest Camp

WHY HANMER SPRINGS? Stunning outdoor environment that provides us with an awesome natural playground. This is also a Tua Marina tradition and the camps were very successful in previous years.

WHAT ARE WE DOING? The students will be involved in daily mountain biking, night mountain biking, forest orienteering, team building exercises, and all manner of usual camp stuff. It's going to be brilliant! We will even find time for swims in the famous Hanmer thermal pools to soothe the tired muscles. Students need to continue developing their mountain biking skills, confidence and competence. We cycle in the forest each day and even complete cycle orienteering around the Hanmer village on open roads.

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST? We are always keen to keep the costs down to an affordable level and calculations at this stage indicate that we may be looking at a figure close to \$250 per student. I will firm this figure up within the next few weeks.

FUNDRAISING OPTIONS - we won't be running any fundraising activities, as the last two senior camps have seen minimal interest in fundraising with a minority of families taking up the option. A considerable amount of organisation and energy has gone into this for a small amount of return. However, Couplands bakery offer a fundraising option if enough people are interested. **All camp fees will need to be paid prior to departure on 12 February.**

Contact the school office if you want to start drip feeding your payments.

PARENT HELP - We require the support of capable parent helpers for the trip to assist with transport, organisation and all activities. Parents play an integral part in any camp and the presence of skilled and responsible parents ensures the camp will be a success. Student safety is paramount at all times and selecting parents for camp is an unenviable but necessary task. I know that you will all understand that I am unable to take every parent who offers. Gone are the days of just offering to help. We need to meet strict risk management requirements and ensure that

people with the appropriate physical skills, abilities and experience are on camp to ensure student safety. Parents are invited to offer their skills for camp by completing the attached volunteer helper form stating relevant skills, experience and qualifications. **These need to be returned to me by Friday 7 December.** I will then contact any parent helpers so that they can make the necessary work, family or business arrangements. I will then forward the Police Vetting paperwork, so that this can be completed over the holiday period.

PARENT HELPER COSTS – We do not expect parent helpers to make a financial contribution to camp. Parents are often taking time away from family and paid employment and all parent costs will be factored into the overall student costs.

RISK MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES – We are required to complete very detailed risk management documentation to reduce, eliminate and minimise potential risks. We will be presenting RM documentation to the Board of Trustees prior to departure and will be holding a RM meeting with all parent helpers before we depart. Adventure contractors in Hanmer are required to provide me with evidence of qualifications and safety audit procedures prior to climbing and abseiling. Considerable time and effort is placed into ensuring that the safety of your children is paramount at all times – nothing is more important.

FOOD DONATIONS – any donations of fruit, vege, baking or meat greatly reduces the overall cost of camp. More details to follow, but please keep this in mind if you have access to meat, venison, mutton, eggs, vege etc.

MOUNTAIN BIKES – All students and parent helpers will need access to a decent mountain bike for the camp. Start organising these now so that we are ready to go. We transported 40 bikes to Hanmer and back in previous years – it can be done!

CYCLE SKILLS - all students need a decent level of cycle skill and fitness for Camp Hanmer. Start training now! We vary the challenges to meet the needs of the students but they should all be able to ride a bike on the open road, manage entry level MTB tracks and have an acceptable level of fitness. We ride every day and all weather conditions!

TRAILERS – we'll need access to at least three large trailers with cages to transport bikes and gear. Contact me via email if you can assist. We also need tarpaulins and strops.

VEHICLES – parent helpers with decent 4WD vehicles to tow our large bike trailers is important. Utes with canopies, vans or luggage trailers are handy too.

Kind Regards,

Nick Raynor

TUA MARINA SCHOOL – CAMP HANMER 2019 PARENT VOLUNTEER FORM - OFFER OF HELP

To ensure student safety is paramount at all times, it is vital that parent helpers are capable of taking a full and physically active part in all camp activities. Camp Hanmer will involve a very high level of physical activity each day. Parents will be required to lead or assist student groups in daily mountain biking, orienteering, rock and tree climbing, forest runs and swimming. Kitchen and cooking skills are also required. Please complete the form below.

I have the following skills/experience/qualifications [Tick or Cross x]

Qualification	Current	Not current	Notes (recent experience)
Car driver's license			
First aid certificate			Valid until: Date lapsed:
Teacher registration			
CPR certificate			
Life Saving certificate			

Instructor / coaching qualifications/experience relevant to outdoor activities: Outdoor Leadership, Orienteering, Risk Management Skills, NZDA Hunting, Mountain Safety Bushcraft etc.

Mountain Biking Experience:

You may be asked to lead ability groups on a variety of forest tracks in and around Hanmer. You will need to be able to ride for a few hours each day in **all weather conditions**. Tracks vary from flat beginners to advanced uphill/downhill/technical single track.

Swimming ability: (please describe – could you swim and rescue a student?) Do you swim regularly?

Physical Fitness: Below Average Average Above Average

Other significant skills or experience relevant to the Camp Hanmer activities:
 Orienteering? Abseiling? Tramping? Cooking for large groups?
 People Management? Medical?

I certify that the above information is correct. I am aware that I will be subjected to a Police Vetting if selected to attend camp Hanmer as a parent helper.

Parent Name: _____

Date: _____

RETURN BY FRIDAY 7 DECEMBER

