



21 September 2020

**NYDIA BAY YEAR 8 CAMP
13th-14th NOVEMBER**

Kia ora parents and whānau,

I have booked accommodation for a year 8 camp to Nydia Bay, staying at the DOC Lodge - a site with bunkrooms, kitchen, showers and flushing toilets, luxury by DOC standards!

The itinerary is as follows:

- Meet at Kaiuma Bay (start of the track) approx 9am Friday 13th November. Parent transport to drop off students and parent volunteers.
- Walk to Nydia Bay and Lodge (approx 5 hour tramp over Kaiuma Saddle).
- Briefing - safety and timetable and set up accommodation.
- Afternoon/evening activities.
- Overnight at the Lodge.
- Saturday morning activities and pack up.
- Meet boat for return ride to Havelock.
- Pick up by parents in Havelock at approximately 2pm.

The students are involved in the planning of this and have so far created Risk Assessments for the camp and activities (with my supervision and help), a timetable of activities and gear list. Students will be organising food for the group, responsibilities rota and further gear needed.

Fundraising

Students will also take part in fundraising for their camp, aiming to raise \$80 each. They will be supported to carry out some fundraising activities at school (cake stall, sausage sizzle, etc.), but you may need to support them to carry out their fundraising ideas at home and over the holidays.

Training

Training is also required, an 11km, 5 hour tramp is a lot more enjoyable when there's fitness to match it, especially if we're unlucky with the weather! We have compiled a list of suggested walks to do over the holidays to build their fitness for longer walks and over rough terrain. Soft sneakers will not be suitable for this walk, sturdy walking shoes or boots are highly recommended, those with grippy, stiff/rigid soles will be needed at the very least and walking boots with some ankle protection would be great. Good socks (preferably merino/wool) are great for preventing blisters too.

Activities planned:

- Tramp from Kaiuma Bay to Nydia Bay DOC Lodge via Kaiuma Saddle.
- Land based activities (such as games, relay races, fitness trail).
- Beach/water based activities (such as sandcastle building and swimming)
- Kayaking.
- Biscuiting.

Please fill in any offers of support below and return the slip to the office by Thursday 24th September.

Warm regards,
Emily Soward

Parent Support from _____ (name)

We need parent support in terms of the following:

- Transport to Kaiuma Bay start of track - arrive by 9am.
- Volunteers for the walk (at least 4).
- Camp volunteers (if not walking, could travel to Nydia Bay with Matt Broughan who is bringing all the gear around in his boat).
- Transport from Havelock back home - pick up in Havelock approx. 2pm.

If you are able to help out, please describe below what support you are able to offer:

For transport offers (please tick):

- I can take _____ passengers.
- I have a current Driver's Licence and my vehicle is fitted with 'diagonal' safety belts and is currently registered and warranted.