

## WHITES BAY CELEBRATION DAY – FRIDAY 22nd February 2019

Kia Ora Whānau,

On **Friday 22nd February** we are holding our annual whole school outing to Whites Bay.

Year 7/8s have been offered the opportunity to cycle to the beach, but the rest of the school will be travelling by car. Cars will leave school at 10.30am.

Students may bring along any equipment they wish to use on the day (eg buckets, spades, boogie boards, etc.) All students are responsible for their own equipment. Please ensure that all personal gear is named.

On arrival at the beach, Nick will go over safety procedures and expectations. Taking the whole school to the beach is a major undertaking and we are counting on the support of parents to make this event a safe and successful one.

All students need to come prepared for the weather that day and will be expected to have:

- Togs, towel and goggles (optional)
- Warm clothes (including sweatshirt)
- Sun block and sunhat
- Lunch including a **full water bottle**. No fizzy, juice or energy drinks. Water is our liquid!
- Own beach toys
- Suitable shoes
- Insect repellent (optional)
- Wetsuit (optional)
- **Booster seats for children 7 and under. Parents need to provide these.**

Please ensure that your child is well prepared for the day and does not leave home without these articles. If the weather is totally unsuitable for a day at the beach, then the event will be cancelled by 9am.

**We need to know how many parents are able to provide transport, so please fill in the form at the end of this notice with your details and return it to school by Friday 15th February.**

As we are near water we require a significant number of parents to help supervise and manage risk. Those parents attending with preschoolers **cannot** be factored into our risk management calculations and will be solely responsible for their own preschoolers at all times. Student safety is paramount above all else and parent helpers need to be free to focus on this.

We will be leaving Whites Bay by 2.30pm and will return to school in time for the school bus run as usual. All parents wanting to take their children home directly from the beach are asked to indicate that this is their intention on the form attached and then check in with **Nick** before leaving so that they can mark them off our register.

**DO NOT LEAVE WHITES BAY UNTIL YOU HAVE TOLD NICK THAT YOU ARE LEAVING.** In the past we have spent time searching for students who had already left with their parents and this causes some anxiety. It is vital that we can account for all the students at all times so we appreciate your assistance with this.

We're looking forward to another fun day and hope that you will join us.

Kind Regards,  
Nick and the team.

# WHITES BAY PERMISSION FORM 2019

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE OFFICE By **FRIDAY 15th February**.

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to travel by car to and from White's Bay.

## Parent Helper

Please tick if you can assist:

- I am able to act in the role of a supervisor and am free to focus my attention on the safety of the students at all times;
  
- I am a strong and confident swimmer (can swim 200m) and am willing to stand in the water as a safety marshal.

## Transport - all families to complete this section

Please select one of the two options for your child(ren):

- My child(ren) will be returning to school
- My child(ren) will be leaving the beach with me.

If you offer transport you need to return the other children to school before taking your children home. All transport offers are to and from Whites Bay and not one way.

- I **am not** able to provide transport to and from Whites Bay;
- I **am** able to provide transport to and from Whites Bay. I have a current Driver's Licence and I am able to take \_\_\_\_\_ children, including my own, with 'diagonal' safety belts in a currently registered and warranted vehicle.

I will provide a named booster seat for my child(ren) on the day. \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_