Camp Newsletter 2

Matamata Intermediate

Smith Street

20 February, 2011

Dear Parents,

Very many thanks for the fantastic response we received to our last newsletter. We were over-whelmed by the offers of help to be camp parents and provide transport. All the arrangements are in place now.

**Programme**

**Thursday 3 March:**

**9.00 – 9.30**  - travel to Ngamuwahine Stream, in the Kaimais. (At the end of

Ngamuwahine Road, which is at the foot of the passing lane, just before

the Kaimai School and after Soldiers Road – which is on the right.)

**9.30 – 12.30** - stream study is conducted.

**12.30 – 1.15** - lunch. (Brought from home)

**1.15 – 3.00** - free-time and swim in the river.

**3.00 – 3.30** - drive to Golden Grove Camping Ground on Girven Road, Bayfair.

**3.30 – 5.00** -settle into cabins and take a walk to the beach for recreational time. (NB no

swimming will be allowed at the Ocean Beach.

**5.00 – 6.45** - walk to Bayfair, have a look around the shops and purchase dinner with the

$10 allocated in the budget for the camp.

(There is a Mc Donalds, Sub-way and various other take-away places at Bayfair including two sushi outlets. Thursday night is a late-opening night at Bayfair but we don’t want student spending **large** amounts of money. If they find a **small** purchase, and parents are agreeable for students to take a **small** amount of money with them, (no more than $10) then it is permissible for them to buy this item. (As part of our CCC culture at Matamata Intermediate, we try our best not to emphasise the difference between our students on the basis of wealth. It is very hard for a student from a family who is struggling, financially, to witness other students, whose parents are well-off, spending large amounts of money on themselves.

**6.45 – 8.45** - walk across the road to Baywave for a swim. Also included in the deal is

the exclusive use of the hydro-slide and access to 2 wave sessions in the pool.

**8.45 – 9.00** Walk back to camp and prepare for bed.

**9.45** Lights out.....**AND SILENCE!! ??**

**Friday 4 March:**

**7.00 – 8.45** - get up, shower and have breakfast (cereal bought from home – milk will

be provided.)

**8.45 – 9.00** - Room 7 travels to rock-wall climbing in Triston Ave, Room 10 to Pilot Bay.

**9.00 – 11.00** - Rock wall climbing for Room 7 and activities at the Mount for Room 10.

(These might include walking around, or climbing to the top, of the mountain and

swimming.)

**11.00 – 12.00** - Lunch (to be provided)

**12.00 – 2.00** - Room 10 to rock-wall climbing. Room 7 at Pilot Bay.

**2.00 – 3.00**  - Travel back to Matamata to arrive in time for buses.

**Requirements:**

Some bedding is being provided at the camping ground, depending on which

cabin students sleep in. Because, at this stage, we don’t know where each

individual will be, it is suggested that the following **basic items** be taken to camp:

* **A sleeping bag.**
* **An under-sheet.**
* **A pillow.**
* **Swimming togs.**
* **2 towels, at least (one for swimming and one for ablutions).**
* **Casual clothes for 2 days of warm weather eg shorts and T-shirt.**
* **Casual clothes for 2 days of cold weather eg long pants and sweater.**
* **Underwear for 2 days.**
* **Sleep wear.**
* **Footwear – sneakers and jandals.**
* **Toiletries.**
* **Sun-glasses, sun-hat and sun-screen.**
* **Medication.**
* **Lunch, for the Thursday, and water bottle.**
* **Breakfast cereal (milk will be provided).**
* **Up to $20 for spending money ($10 for dinner on the Thursday night and $10 for a small purchase at Bayfair, if parents agree to this).**
* **Containers for specimens from stream.**
* **Nets, scoops, spoons, eye droppers for catching specimens.**

Included with this letter is a form to be filled out by those parents who are providing transport. We also require your cell phone number so that we, or the school, can make contact with you, if required.

Below, your child has filled out who they are travelling to camp with and who they are travelling home with, for your information.

All children will be dropped back at Matamata Intermediate, unless prior arrangements have been made by the drivers of the cars and the parents of the children concerned. Please inform your teacher of these arrangements, also, so that all necessary care has been taken to ensure that your child/children are returned home safely.

Many thanks, to you all, for your wonderful support,

Debbie and Avon.

On Thursday, 3 March, I am travelling to Ngamuwahine Stream and onto Golden Grove Camping Ground with:

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On Friday, 4 March, I am travelling back to Matamata with:

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