



Sunnyhills School



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E.O.T.C Newsletter No. 2

Dear Year Five Parents,

Camp 2019 arrangements are well underway. We are booked into Lakewood Lodge near Huntly. We leave from school on **Tuesday 19th February at 8.00am** and return on **Friday 22nd February at approximately 3.00 pm.** (Travelling by chartered buses.)

Further details will be provided to parents and children prior to camp and information is available on the Lakewood Lodge website www.lakewoodlodge.co.nz.

Year 6 Camp is a strong tradition at Sunnyhills school and something the children look forward to as they progress through the school. Camp is also an important part of the NZ School Curriculum. Our Education Outside the Classroom programme at Lakewood Lodge includes confidence course, survival skills, horse riding, climbing wall, archery, flying fox and an introduction to kayaking. Although Camp is not compulsory it is a programme that enhances the learning for all children in many ways and we strongly recommend all children attend.

Social skills - Great opportunities exist to develop a wide range of social skills that strengthen established relationships and develop new ones. Activities planned involve team cooperation such as sweeping and tidying the cabins, helping around meal times or team building exercises on the low ropes and personal challenges.

Independence skills - For some children school camp may be their first time away from home where they have to remember to brush their teeth or finish the vegetables on their plate. Camp provides an opportunity for kids to take care of themselves by appreciating the importance of interaction and connections to the physical world. Most children rise to this challenge, they enjoy this new found independence and recognise the need to look after themselves, each other and their environment.

Team building and development of leadership and decision-making skills - Camp leaders and teachers are active participants in all aspects of camp life, it would not be successful if this was not the case. However, children will often be expected to take on leadership roles and work together as a team to encourage positive decision making.

Encouragement of physical fitness and active lifestyles - During camp, children will be exposed to a variety of experiences. These experiences are active and facilitate learning in a variety of forms, providing a greater awareness of skills and capabilities that may be new for many.

Personal challenges - At camp, children will be exposed to a range of activities that they may not have tried before. Often when children are not under the direction of their parents or carers they will display a more adventurous spirit and will be willing to have a go at things that they may not have tried before.

Children will begin camp preparation at school at the beginning of next year.

COSTS:

The cost for camp is set at **\$330.00 per child.** With the expense and the timing of the camp early in 2019, we have tried to inform parents in advance.

The cost includes the following:-

Buses to & from Lakewood Lodge
Lakewood Lodge food
Medical Supplies required for EOTC

Lakewood Lodge accommodation
Trained Lakewood Lodge Staff to supervise all activities

We require a **\$165.00** deposit to be paid by **December 7th** so that we can confirm numbers with Lakewood Lodge. This will also help ease the load for the final payment

Full payment of Camp fees is due by Friday 8th February 2019.

As involvement in camp is voluntary, an alternative at school classroom programme will be provided for children whose parents have elected not to make payment. Please indicate whether your child will be taking part in the camp by completing the form below and returning this to the school office.

Health forms will be sent out closer to the time of camp.

A meeting will be held on Thursday 8th February 2019 at 5.30pm in the staffroom for Camp parent helpers and any other interested parents. The overall camp programme will be outlined and you will have the opportunity to raise any questions.

Should you have any queries prior to this please contact Mrs Robyn Steel/Mrs Sharon Knofflock.

Yours sincerely,

Sharon Knofflock and Year 6 Teachers

Form to be returned as an indication of attendance as soon as possible

I give permission for _____ Room _____ to attend the Year 6 Camp at Lakewood Lodge from **Tuesday 20th February to Friday 23rd February 2019**

I will make my camp payments by internet banking - Sunnyhills School 03-0252-0518543-000 or by cash/eftpos through the school office

I wish to make arrangements to pay in instalments to secure my child's place

Signed: parent/guardian