

May our goals take us as high as the mountains, our learning as deep as the lake  
and our knowledge shine through like the night sky



Kia ekea kā mauka tiketike e kā whāikakia, rite te akoraka ki te hōhonutaka o te roto  
kia tirama mai te mātaurakame he whetū tiaho i ruka rā

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Tuesday 19th October 2021

## Dear Parents / Caregivers,



As we make preparations towards Term 4, it is important to acknowledge, like last term, the heightened environment that we find ourselves in. I visited Living Springs in the holidays to meet with Joseph and his team and to sight the accommodation set aside for us on camp. This year we have been placed in the Harbour View Heights area of the camp, which differs from the last time. Living Springs are planning to the COVID restrictions placed on them, and while two other schools will be on site during our time, movement around the camp, movement to and from activities and eating times have been planned accordingly. This will mean a greater responsibility of us as a group with possibly our area being slightly tighter

than in Bellbird Heights. Please be aware of this and as we mentioned at our end of term assembly, part of having this opportunity is in the relationship building of the parents and children, the different setting away from the norm and for reinforcing the collective nature of our small school. We are hugely fortunate as a school to have the numbers of parents attending with a lot of camps only relying on a balloted few.

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Over the next few weeks we will be sending out information regarding equipment, transport and expectations while at Living Springs. Living Springs is an exceptionally versatile venue for school camps with the advantage of being close to Christchurch. The camp is a user-friendly space that has the Outdoor Mark accreditation for safety with all of its activities. For further information please visit <https://livingsprings.co.nz/> to see what is on offer. The programme has been chosen to balance Physical Activity with Outdoor Living skills.

**Activities:** The main activities have a cost per child, These are included in the estimated cost.

- Indoor Bouldering Wall
- Adventure Stream
- Rifles and Archery (senior children)
- Bushwalk
- Outdoor Living Skills.

**Meals and Accommodation:** These will be included in the overall cost. Living Springs is a fully catered camp and all food is prepared on site. (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner). Any special dietary requirements will be now worked through with Living Springs.

**Cost:** The cost per person for the camp will be approximately \$170.00 per person. Please remember that all food costs/activities are included and the School has subsidised this cost. If you require assistance with the cost of the camp can you please let Simon or Jane in the office know, in confidence, before the camp. We ask that you hold off your payment for camp until the week prior so that we are confident of the camp going ahead.

Bank Account: 03 08550334524 00.

**Please put in your family name and camp as reference**

**Parent Help:** We have had a huge return with parents wanting to come to camp. Please remember you will be required to help out while on site and be expected to have the role of a teacher on all activities. We will be working out bunkrooms over the next few days and we will include this with the information to follow. No preschoolers please as this is a school camp.

**Teacher Only Day:** Staff will take a Teacher Only Day on Friday 12th November. With arriving back from camp, we felt this would be a good opportunity for children to catch up from camp and for staff to plan the end of Term and looking ahead to 2022. We believe this is a suitable day, rather than interrupting another week later in the term.

## **School Photos**

This year photographs will be available for you to view and order online with PhotoLife Studios.

In a few weeks, your son or daughter will be given a unique Access Key. This Access Key will display all the photographs of your child. It is then an easy process for you to shop on-line and purchase the photographs you want.

If you place your order within two weeks of receiving your Access Key you will receive free delivery for your photo orders. PhotoLife has agreed to despatch all the orders back to the school and your child will bring their photographs home.

Any orders placed after this two-week period will be sent directly to your specified delivery address and will incur a \$6.00 Postage & Packing charge. You will see this message when you go online to view and order your photographs.

If you wish to have a family photograph taken, please return the attached form to the office **by Friday, 29th October.**

## **Upcoming Dates:**

Monday 25th October - Labour Day - **SCHOOL CLOSED**

Tuesday 2nd November - School Photos

Monday 8th -11th November - School Camp

Friday 12th November - **Teacher only Day**

School Athletics - TBC - Monday 22nd November

