

4th July 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As you are probably aware camp is getting closer all the time. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped out with the fundraising, it has certainly helped bring the cost of the camp down. Your efforts have helped save over \$100 per child, meaning that the **cost of the camp is now \$190**. We now ask that you please make arrangements to get this **paid in full by Friday the 1st of September**. If you set up an AP with Nicki before the holidays it will only cost you \$22 a week. Thanks very much to all those that have already paid.

We would like to invite you all to our camp evening on Monday the 7th of August at 5.30pm in Room 5. Please put this in your diary now. At this meeting we will run through the camp programme, show you the menu and appropriate clothing and bedding for the trip, as well as answer any questions you may have. We will be showing photos etc. of the camp site to give you a better understanding of where we will be staying.

Now is also a good time to start looking at clothing that you child will need. A gear list has already been sent home so please make sure that you look at this and ensure that you have the correct equipment – especially wet weather gear. We are able to hire some gear for the snow day up the mountain so please check out the mtruapehu.com website to see what you may need to hire. This will come as an extra cost to you and will need to be paid for before we leave. We will be doing all the activities regardless of the weather (safety permitting of course) so you child needs to be prepared for winter conditions in the mountains.

Please remember that if you have any questions at any stage, then do not hesitate to contact one of us at school. We are extremely happy to help.

Kind Regards

Greg and Rachael

Rukuhia School Year 5-8 Winter Camp 2017

Gear List

ALL PERSONAL GEAR MUST BE NAMED PLEASE			
Sleeping Gear	Packed	Other	Packed
Sleeping Bag*		Plastic drink bottle (named)	
Blanket		Sunblock/lip balm (named)	
Pillow with pillow case		Lunch box	
Winter pyjamas/onesies		School bag/small backpack with two straps to be used for hikes	
Soft toy/teddy (Limit One!)		Plastic bags for dirty/wet clothes	
Toilet Gear		Biscuits or a cake (to share)#	
Towels – two (shower plus swim)		Large tin of fruit (to share)##	
Toothpaste/toothbrush		2 tea towels (named)### These will be washed/returned	
Soap/deodorant/other		Stamped self-addressed envelope	
Hairbrush/hair ties (girls)		Medicine (as required) – named and handed in to teacher	
Clothing			
2 pairs of shorts (tramping)		Camera (optional)	
2 tee shirts (for around camp)		Small Torch (optional)	
Long pants (polar fleece/fleece) - NOT jeans		Quiet time games (cards, books, sketchpad)	
1 pair warm leg underlayer (polyprop or merino or similar)		No mobile phones. Electronic games may be brought but will be looked after by staff.	
3 warm long sleeved tops (polyprop, merino or similar)		No lollies – some children have these excluded from their diet	
3 warm top layers (polar fleece/wool – NOT cotton)			
5 pairs of socks**			
5 pairs underwear		The key to cold weather camping is to stay warm and dry. Bring both light and heavy weight clothing in order to "layer" for cold weather. Some activities may be wet/muddy so old clothes will be more suitable than new. Shoes may also get wet/muddy. If taking a camera, check the battery before camp and know how to use it. Name all your gear clearly	
Swimming togs (hot pools!)			
2 pairs sneakers/walking shoes*** (suitable for hikes, no gumboots)			
Slippers – to wear round camp			
Raincoat with a hood**** (must be waterproof)			
Gloves – water/snow proof best			
Woollen or polar fleece beanie			

One extra set of warm clothes to change into in the evenings			
Snow clothes (optional – can be hired for snow day as part of ski lesson cost)		P.T.O.	

Notes For Gear List

The big stripy bags available from the \$2 shops are perfect for travelling children's bedding/wet weather gear etc in, and easy to store at camp, rather than having items loose.

*Sleeping bag/blanket needs to be warm. There may be snow about, and although we have heating at camp, expect to be colder than at home. If you have a summer sleeping bag, a warm blanket or duvet for over top is essential.

**Socks – one or two thicker wool (or similar) pairs will help keep feet warm even if wet – cotton socks will be very cold if they get wet.

***Tramping boots/sturdy waterproof walking shoes essential if doing challenge tramp – 4 hours walking through streams/rough terrain and possible snow.

**** Raincoat MUST be waterproof and have a hood and preferably longer than waist – being a winter camp, we are likely to experience real rain and cold – puffer jackets/windbreakers are not enough to keep children dry during activities planned.

#The biscuits or cake are to share for morning/afternoon tea/suppers – we appreciate home baking, but bought varieties are fine too.

The tins of fruit will be shared for breakfasts and/or desserts – these donations help keep our camp costs to a minimum whilst still providing excellent hearty meals for the children.

###Tea towels will be used communally to dry dishes. They will be washed and returned to you after camp (or if you would like to volunteer to wash them on our behalf... let one of us know).

Mr New and Miss Saunders