

St. Peter's Catholic School

Quality Education in a Traditional Christian Community

March 2019

Dear Parents

YEAR 7/8 CAMP TO TUI RIDGE PARK: 14-17th MAY 2019

Thank you very much to the parents who attended the camp information meeting at school two weeks ago. This year our Year 7/8 camp will be at Tui Ridge Park near Rotorua (see their website for details: www.tuiridgepark.co.nz) Please go onto the website to look at their excellent facilities.

Dates for Camp

We have three nights and four days away at camp. We depart school soon after 9am on Tuesday morning May 14th and head to Rotorua for the day. We head off from school early and go straight to Wai-O-Tapu Thermal Wonderland. Here the students will have a session with an Educational Guide before setting off on the many tracks and highlights at the park. See the website: www.waiotapu.co.nz for more details. After lunch we will visit the Rotorua Aquatic Centre for a swim, before making our way to Tui Ridge Park later in the afternoon, for three days of fun and challenges. We will return to school by approximately 2pm on Friday 17th May.

Food and Accommodation:

The students will sleep in dormitories at the camp. The facilities are excellent and well maintained.

This camp is fully catered by the Tui Ridge Park.

The Seventh Day Adventist church runs Tui Ridge and therefore this camp is vegetarian and, as per all school camps alcohol free. In the past the food has been of a high quality and quantity and our students have been completely surprised at how nice and tasty vegetarian food can be. In fact, if you didn't know the meals were vegetarian, you would think they contained meat!

Cost of Camp:

The cost for this camp will be **\$285.00** per student before Work Day fund-raising. The main costs are of course the accommodation, food and hiring of qualified instructors – all of which we have no control over as far as prices go.

As mentioned at the parent camp meeting two weeks ago, weekly part payments can be started now. Payment options include eftpos, cash to the school office or online banking at 03 1568 000 9985 00. Please put 'camp' as reference.

Work Day:

Once again, we are giving the students the experience of working in a local business for a day as part of our careers programme. The **money they earn will be deducted from their camp fees**. We ask each employer for \$30 for a student's days labour, however in the past many of our students have been paid more than this, and whatever they earn that day will come off their camp fee. The date for Work Day is Wednesday 3rd April. Notices about Workday went out over a week ago so we strongly suggest that students get onto the task of finding employment as soon as possible. See Mrs McCreery if you need ideas of where to find work. Completed Work Day forms must be back to school before next Friday 29th March.

Activities at Camp:

This camp is one filled with many team building activities and personal challenges for our students in a safe outdoors environment. They will all participate in activities such as the following:

- Orienteering
- High ropes challenge

- Air –rifle shooting
- Team building games
- Flying Fox
- Top Team Challenge
- Burma Trail
- Confidence Course
- Archery
- Rock Climbing/Abseiling

All of these activities take place in the Tui Ridge property with qualified instructors either running activities or training parents to run some of them, Eg. Orienteering.

Parent Help on Camp:

We require 7 parents to help us at camp. Thank you to the following parents who will be joining us on camp this year: Mr Johnston, Mr Pierce, Mr Hannan, Mrs Peacocke, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Greentree. WE will be in touch shortly with those parents who offered to help with transport.

PERMISSION AND MEDICAL FORMS:

In the next week these forms, will be sent home for completion. Please ensure that you fill them **all** in as it has been frustrating for us to have to resend them home due to some sections being incomplete in previous years. If you are not sure when your child had their last tetanus injection, please check with your doctor. Year 7 students will be immunized for tetanus by the Health Nurse before camp if you agreed to this recently.

Please let us know of any food allergies so that we can let the camp know.

From past experience this camp has been a wonderful opportunity for the students to work together, supporting each other, encouraging each other and trying out new challenges with their peers within a safe environment.

If you have any questions about any of this information please come and see Mrs. McCreery or Mrs Gordon. All camp notices and forms will be put up on our school website shortly, under classrooms and in the Tui Ridge Camp folder.

Regards

Mrs. Susie McCreery and Mrs Denise Gordon