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Year 8 EOTC Week Information

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 8 Students

This letter is to advise you of the EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) trip your child will be involved in this year. The destination of our Year 8 camp is Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre. The theme of the Year 8 camp is 'Mental and Physical Challenge'. The children will spend two nights in cabins and two nights in tents under the supervision of the accompanying staff and adults at the camp site.

Where:

Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Levin. Information on the centre can be found at www.makahika.co.nz. It is located 10 minutes east of Levin, near the Ohau River. It is fully registered as an outdoor activities provider and has a worldwide reputation for quality EOTC learning facilities and facilitators.

When:

Monday 15 – 19 March, Week 7 of Term 1. Buses will leave from school Monday morning – a second pick up point will be platform 9 at the railway station. The students will return Friday afternoon again via the station. More information will follow closer to the time.

Activities:

Everyone will have the opportunity to tramp out to Tim's Bush hut for an overnight stay in tents. The rest of the time the kids will be lodged in tents and cabins on the main site. The groups will rotate through activities which include Rogaine (type of bush orienteering) and a high and low ropes course and flying fox. All will get the chance to sleep in a tent and handfeed the biggest Eels you will ever see!

Cost:

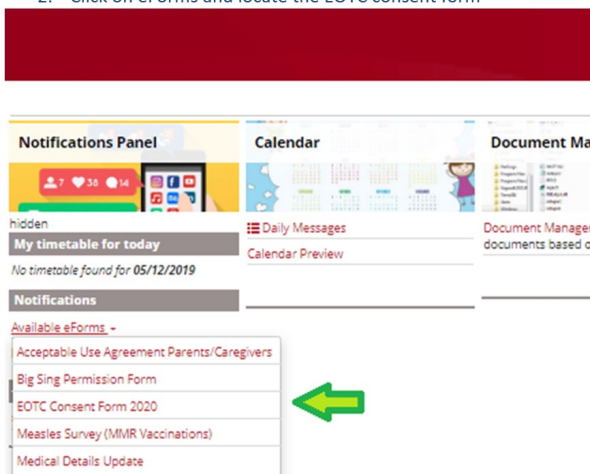
The total cost for week is approximately \$450. A deposit of \$250 will be invoiced to you at the end of February.

This **deposit is non-refundable** as it covers the fixed costs associated with group bookings. There is a need for a cut-off date for any student withdrawal, and for this camp it is Friday 28 February. **If you first gain permission from the Middle School Principal for your absence before this date you will not be charged. After this date you will not be refunded your deposit.** I am aware that at times there are exceptional circumstances, the Principal reserves the right of discretion in these circumstances.

What to do before:

Register! You need to do this **before the end of week 2 (Sunday 7 February)**. This that was emailed to the you by our server or alternatively you can access it via the Parent Portal, Available eforms on PC schools. See image below.

1. Log in to the Parent Portal
2. Click on eForms and locate the EOTC consent form



You will be able to list any specific dietary and medical requirements here. Repeat for each child.

It is important that students read all notices relevant to camp. All students should maintain/develop a good base level of fitness leading up to camp. They can keep themselves fit by doing extra running or walking in their spare time. Please encourage your child to make fitness a focus in the lead up.

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Recommended Gear list

2 x walking shoes – sport sneakers good tread

3 x shorts longer leg, nylon (not cotton or short shorts) PE shorts excellent

3 x short sleeved shirts - not cotton (PE tops excellent)

2 x thermal/wool long sleeve tops - not cotton or brushed cotton

1 x thermal long legged bottoms - not cotton or brushed cotton

1 x polar fleece top/woollen long sleeved jersey (not cotton)

2 x pairs woollen/thermal socks - not cotton or brushed cotton

4 x sports socks

1 x pair jandals/light weight sandals

1 track pants

1 x waterproof/ seam sealed rain jacket with hood - older jacket may need water proofing

Thermal

1 x sun hat

Swim togs

1 x towel

1 torch

Pack liner – to line pack/ 3 large extra, tough plastic bags to wrap clothes, sleeping bag, dirty wet clothes

Personal Toiletries: Soap, hand sanitiser, insect repellent (roll on), sunscreen, personal medication (if required)

Water bottle minimum size 1 L (that can attach to pack NOT hand held)

Underwear

Sleeping bag

Tent and food will be provided, students are welcome to purchase sweets for themselves but please avoid anything with nuts.

Kind Regards

Peter Connell

EOTC Coordinator