



SOMERVILLE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
Year 7 Camps - Camp Motutapu 2021



March 2021

Final arrangements for Camp

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Outlined in this letter are final instructions and directions to Half Moon Bay.

Home Baking

The home baking part of the camp list needs to be either biscuits or slices, or 2 packets of bought biscuits. These biscuits will provide your child with morning and afternoon tea and supper whilst at camp. The home baked biscuits need to be in an airtight container; such as an ice cream container sealed with tape, and preferably named, if you wish the container returned. (Please NO meat savouries). If your child has specific dietary requirements concerning biscuits, please indicate this on your container and we will ensure they receive only those for morning and afternoon tea.

Please bring the baking or biscuits to school on the **Friday prior to Camps 1 and 2** and on **Monday for Camp 3**. They will be collected and packed separately.

Assembly

Students are asked to meet at the Sealink Ferry Terminal, 36 Ara-Tai Road, Half Moon Bay at 8:15 am on the day of your child's camp. Parents are asked to park their vehicles outside the fenced area to allow normal ferry traffic to operate.

Directions to Half Moon Bay

Travel through Howick main shops (Picton Street) towards Ridge Road. Continue along Ridge Road passing Howick Intermediate, Highland Park shops and 'Applejacks'. (Stay in the far right hand lane). Turn right at the lights by Pakuranga College and Palmers Garden Centre into Pigeon Mountain Road. Travel along Pigeon Mountain Road until you can see the marina and follow the road around to the left. You will pass Burnsco, the Fresh Choice supermarket and Yacht Club on your right. Near the end of this road is the wharf.

Baggage

Sleeping bags; if not packed inside bags, should be placed inside waterproof plastic bags, securely sealed and named. (A reminder that all bags **MUST** be securely sealed to prevent reintroduction of pests onto Rangitoto or Motutapu Island).

Medication

On arrival, please hand all named medication, with instruction for its administration, to our camp medics. Please discuss with our medics any medication issues you may have.

Loading

When roll calls are completed by teachers, students will carry their own gear onto the ferry. Parents are asked not to accompany their child onto the ferry as this makes an accurate tally of all ferry passengers difficult. Food and all other equipment will be loaded by camp parents and teachers.

Large Bag

Ideally this should have wheels to avoid having to be carried the 100m onto the ferry and must be able to be manoeuvred without adult help. The bag must seal securely and be named to avoid mix up with similar styles and colours.

Day Pack

Students are expected to have a separate day bag (school bag) to carry with them on the day. This needs to contain a picnic lunch, morning tea snack and a refillable drink bottle. A waterproof jacket, sunhat and a few plasters need to be in this bag.

Walk

From the ferry to the camp is a distance of approximately 6.5km. With scheduled stops for morning tea, a toilet stop and comfort breaks, the walk can take 2 hours. Please ensure your child has sunscreen, a sun hat and suitable walking shoes and socks.

Emergency Contact

All contact with the camp must be made through school on the usual contact phone number.

Returning from Camp

It is anticipated that we will arrive back at the Sealink terminal, Half Moon Bay on the Thursday for Camps 1 and 2 and Friday for Camp 3, at approximately 2:40 pm.

Please make arrangements to meet your child there at this time.

Kind regards

Andy Hamilton
EOTC Director