



8 February 2018

**2018 Year 5 & 6 Camp at Forest Lakes, Otaki
Monday 26 to Wednesday 28 February 2018.**

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Ridgway is pleased to be able to offer the opportunity for your child to attend school camp at Forest Lakes in Otaki.

The aim of this camp: Is to provide our Year 5 and 6 students with adventurous outdoor activities that will foster independence and develop their personal, social and physical skills while being active and safe in the outdoors.

The various outdoor activities that our students will participate in will challenge them to cooperate, solve problems, make decisions, overcome challenges, set goals, communicate, lead, reflect and assume responsibility.

Camp Programme Overview::

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
9.30am	Depart from Ridgway	Breakfast	Breakfast
10.30am	Arrive Welcome Talk Allocate Cabins Establish boundaries and health and safety briefing	2x 1 ½ hr rotations Kayaking Orienteering Confidence Course Horse Riding	8.45 am Clean and Tidy Cabins
11.30am – 12 noon	Discovery Map	Mudslide Archery – Flying Fox	5x 30 minute rotations Mini Putt Volley Ball Croquet Speedminton Team Solutions
12.30	Packed Lunch from home	Lunch	Lunch
1.30pm - 4.30pm	2x 1 ½ hr rotations Kayaking Orienteering Confidence Course Horse Riding Mudslide Archery – Flying Fox	2x 1 ½ hr rotations Kayaking Orienteering Confidence Course Horse Riding Mudslide Archery – Flying Fox	Depart for school
	Pool / Free time - completing camp books	Pool / Free time - completing camp books	
5.30 pm	Dinner	Dinner	
6.30-8pm 8-9pm	Prepare for camp concert. Singing / story Bedtime	Camp concert. Singing / story Bedtime	

The activities on this camp contain risks. The school and camp staff, with the support of our parent helpers, will manage risk and hazards according to the school's and camp's safety management plans.

Due to the greater associated risk with those activities in the 1 ½ hour rotations on Monday and Tuesday, these activities require 2 adults supervising them who have been briefed by the Forest Lakes Staff. Horse riding and kayaking are instructed by the Forest Lakes Staff with the assistance of our adult helpers.

While risks can be maintained to acceptable levels they cannot be totally eliminated. Some risk is retained for its learning and experiential value. If you wish to see our Risk Analysis Management Plans for these activities and

Forest Lake's Guidelines for Supervisors outlining their safety protocols, feel free to read these via the link on our school website.

"Camp Consent," "Camp Health and Medical" and "Forest Lakes Risk Disclosure and Acknowledgement" forms are attached with this letter, please read and sign these forms and return to the school office no later than Friday 16 February.

Also attached is an equipment list. If there are items on the gear list that you do not have, please let your child's homegroup teacher know as we may be able to source it for you.

Cabins: Students will have input into who they would like to share a cabin with. Girls and boys will be sleeping in different cabin blocks and are not allowed in each others areas. Each cabin will have an adult "Camp mother or father" to look after them. Adults will not be sleeping in cabins with children but will be nearby should children need them.

Behaviour: At school and at camp we encourage and manage behaviour in accordance with our Positive Behaviour for Learning programme which is centred on our 4R's - Respect, Resilience, Responsibility and Resourcefulness. It is important for safety reasons that students follow instructions given to them by all staff and follow all appropriate school rules. Behaviour by students that is deemed dangerous and puts themselves and/or others at undue risk will result in students being removed from that activity and potentially the camp.

Cost: If you agree to your child attending, the cost of this experience will be \$150.00. This money will need to be paid to the school, prior to your child going to camp. Fundraising efforts in 2017 have gone towards reducing the costs of this camp.

Families may wish to start making regular payments now towards the Camp. Payments can be made by internet banking to: **Ridgway School Account No. 03 0510 0741239 00** or by cash, cheque or eftpos at the office. If you are paying by internet banking or automatic payment, please put your child's name as a reference and Camp as the code.

Camp parents: Melanie Smith, Mike Barker, Duncan Shaw, Sarah Gray, Ravi Mistry, Andre Cribb, Jonathon Hall, Justine Percival and I-Pen Hsu.

Thank you to those who volunteered to help on this camp and have been Police Vetted. We are confirming that we would like your help for the entire duration of this camp. The cost for parent helpers on camp is \$95. Please read and sign the same forms as required by the students, along with the Parent Helper Job Description and the Forest Lakes' General Activity Guidelines Handbook for Supervisors and return signed to the office as soon as possible.

Please let us know asap if we have missed your name off the list or your plans have changed and you are no longer available to come to the camp.

We look forward to enjoying a fun and safe camp together.

Kind Regards,

Libby Hainsworth, Martin Anscombe and Jenny Jessep

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Year 5 & 6 Forest Lakes Camp 2018 Checklist

Please return this slip with the attached forms to your child's classroom teacher by no later than Friday 16 February.

- Camp consent form
- Forest Lakes Risk Disclosure and Acknowledgement Form
- Camp Health and Medical Form
- Payment of \$150 by internet banking to Account No. 03 0510 0741239 00 or by cash, cheque or eftpos at the office.
- I have read the Camp Equipment List

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____ Parent Signature _____