

5th April, 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians

The Year 13 Geography Field trip to Tongariro National Park is fast approaching. This letter gives you all the final information on the trip.

Final Payment:

This is due to the school shop by Wednesday 13th April. Total cost of the trip is \$255.

Permission Slips:

Please fill in the permission slip with the relevant details. All permission slips need to be returned to your teacher by Monday 15th April.

Contact Details:

We are staying at Pipers Lodge in the National Park. If there is an emergency while we are on the trip, you can contact us at the Lodge on 07-892 2777 (for emergencies only). We will only be at the Lodge at night. During the day, in case of an emergency, you can contact me on 02102611296.

What to bring:

- At least 2 sweatshirts
- Jacket/raincoat
- Scarf, gloves, hat, socks
- Trousers for walking (no walking in jeans or skirts)
- Long sleeved tops – if the weather is cold, layers of clothes are best AND leggings or thermals to wear under trousers.
- Enough clothes for three days
- Warm nightwear
- Appropriate walking shoes e.g. sneakers
- Towel
- Bathroom toiletries, sanitary pads/tampons
- Plastic bags (for dirty clothes etc)
- Small backpack/bag to be carried on each walk we do.
- Drink Bottle
- Assessment task
- Paper/Pens/Pencil/Ruler etc
- Digital device: smartphone, tablet, ipad etc – optional (but will be of use in field work. Could have one per group)
- Money for lunch on all 3 days, or a mixture of money/food for lunch. Each room has a small fridge that students can use.

Each student is required to carry a day pack. This bag will go on the bus and be carried on each walk we do. We will go over in class what needs to go into this pack. Students can bring ONE larger bag to go in the luggage area under the bus.

Itinerary:

Wednesday 4th May

7:45 – 8am	Arrive at school, pack the bus.
8.30am – 2pm	Depart Auckland and drive to the Tongariro National Park (toilet and food stops along the way)
2 – 3pm	Drive up the Bruce Road to the Whakapapa ski field carpark. Walk to Meads wall (an erosion resistant dike). Complete field work.
3 – 5.30pm	Drive partway down the Bruce Road to three different altitudinal sites. Complete this field work.
5.30– 6.30	Drive to and settle into Pipers Lodge – Millar Street
6.30 – 7.30pm	Dinner
7.30 – 10pm	Field Work; Games

Thursday 5th May

7:30– 8am	Breakfast
8:30am – 12	Drive to Whakapapa Information Centre - look around the centre (approx 1 hour), start the Taranaki Falls walk (~ 2hours return) stopping to complete field work along the way.
12-12:30pm	Drive to Ohakune.
12:30 – 1:30pm	Look around Ohakune; lunch
1 :30– 3:30pm	Altitudinal zonation on the Turoa Road
3:30–4pm	Ohakune Carrot and Tangiwai Memorial
4pm	Rangipo Desert. Stop along Desert Road and complete field work.
5 – 6	Drive back to National Park
6.30 - 7	Dinner
7 – 10pm	Field work, Games

Friday 6th May

7 – 8am	Breakfast and pack up rooms.
8 – 8.30am	Pack bags on bus.
8.30 – 9am	Drive to Soda Springs walk
9- 11	Mangatepopo carpark. Soda Springs walk. (3hours return)
11 – 12	Drive to Taumarunui
12 – 12.45	Lunch at Taumarunui
12.45 – 5.30pm	Drive back to Auckland (arrival will depend on Auckland's Traffic)

We are looking forward to a positive learning experience on this field trip.



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