

Plimmerton School

TAUPO CAMP 2020



**Greytown Camping
Ground**

**Parent Information
Pack**



Thursday 13th February 2020

Dear Parents,

Taupō Camp 2020 is being held on the following dates:

Week 4 Room 14,16 & 17 Feb 24th - 26th 2020

Week 4 Room 15 & 18 Feb 26th - 28th 2020

Postponement Dates:

Week 5 Camp 1: Room 14, 16 & 17 2nd - 4th March 2020

Week 5 Camp 2: Room 15 & 18 4th - 6th March 2020

If you haven't yet filled out the online camp form then please do so by clicking on this [link](#).

The major objectives of the camps are to:

- provide a positive experience in the outdoors
- develop class unity and team spirit
- enjoy a variety of new and different experiences
- continue the development of outdoor skills
- give children a level of responsibility and independence in catering for their own needs in the outdoors

Children will:

- pack appropriate clothing and equipment
- pitch and sleep in tents and keep equipment tidy
- plan, provide and cook meals in groups
- participate in outdoor activities
- tramp in groups with an adult.

Equipment:

The school camp equipment and barbecue will be utilised but students are encouraged to bring a basic cooker if possible. The school has a number of 2 and 3 person tents for students to use. However it would be great if students were able to bring their own tent.

Food:

Children will prepare menus, supply food and cook in groups. Children will send home completed shopping list and it is up to parents to organise and purchase food for their child. The menus, food and equipment will be thoroughly checked before departure. Children will be supervised when using cooking facilities - gas cookers/barbecues

Weather:

Children need to be prepared for poor weather but programmes will not proceed in very bad weather.

Students of Rm 14, 16 and 17: Please be at school just before 8:30am on Monday 24th February.

Students of Rm 15 and 18: Please be at school just before 8:30am on Wednesday 26th February. Please meet on the field below the Art Centre with all your gear.

Kind regards,

The Taupō Syndicate Team

Taupō Camp 2020 Programme**DAY 1**

- 8.30 Parents park on the school field. Students load gear into cars.
- 9.30 Depart for Greytown Campsite using parent transport
- 11.00 Arrive at site/Morning tea
- 11.30 Establish camp - Pitch Tents - Define boundaries - Stow equipment
- 12.30 Lunch. Clean up.
- 1.30 Activity Rotations
- 2.30 Afternoon Tea
- 3.00 Swim.
- 5.30 Begin evening meal preparation. Dinner. Dishes/Clean Up. Free time.
- 7.00 Games activities.
- 8.30 Evening activities- Wide Game e.g. Spotlight/Night Line
- 9.30 Prepare for going to bed
- 10.00 Lights (torches) out.

DAY 2

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| 7.00 All rise/Breakfast/Dishes/Clean Up | 9.00 Prepare for going to bed |
| 9.30 Leave for Chasm Walk | 9.30 Lights (torches) out |
| 10.30 - 2.30 Chasm Walk | |
| 2.30 Swim/Games/Free Activities | |
| 5.30 Begin evening meal preparation. Dinner. Dishes/Clean Up. Free time. | |
| 7.00 Evening activities - Wide Game, Concert e.g. Spotlight/Night Line | |

DAY 3

- 7.00 All rise / Breakfast/Dishes/Clean Up
- 9.30 Pack up tents/campsite.
- 10.30 Co-operative Activities
- 12.00 Lunch
- 1.30 Return to school
- 3.00 Arrive back- parents to meet us on the field to unload gear and pick up children

Taupo Camp 2020 - CAMP EQUIPMENT LIST

Group Equipment:

Food - see student's pre-prepared set Menu
Cooking utensils
Cooker (if bringing for your group)
Tent (if bringing for your group)
Chilli Bin (or equivalent)

Personal Equipment

Pack/Soft bag
Day Pack
Rubbish Bag (for wet clothes)
Sleeping Bag
Snow Foam/Sleeping Mat (not mattress)
Pillow
Torch (lightweight)
Plate, Bowl & Mug
Knife, Fork and Spoon
Drink bottle
Lunch box
Tea Towels
Plastic Bags

Toilet Gear
First Aid Kit - Band Aids, Sunscreen, Insect Repellent
Firm Walking Shoes with good grip (these will get wet on day 2)
Change of shoes and/or sandals
Socks (3-4 pair)
Underwear
Shorts
Long pants
T. Shirts (3)
Clothes suitable for walking and getting wet
Togs and 2 Towels
Something warm eg Polar Fleece/Polyprop
Woollen/Polar Fleece Hat
Sunhat
Waterproof Jacket
No phones or digital devices

ASSISTING PARENTS GUIDELINES

When on camp pupils are encouraged to be independent and parents are asked to refrain from doing camp tasks for children.

On camp parents will be expected to:

- provide positive role models
- assist with supervising group activities
- assist with camp tasks - meal times, equipment/first aid etc.
- function as part of the adult group
- supervise a tramping group
- check pupils equipment
- enjoy themselves

Chasm Walk

When walking, we will walk with smaller parties within the larger party. Each small group will have parent supervision.

Activity Groups

Adults may be asked to supervise activity groups in line with areas of personal expertise and interest.

Equipment:

Prior to activities adults will ensure all students have:

- appropriate clothing and footwear
- sufficient food and drink