

3rd February 2021

Dear Parents and Whanau

With New Zealand surrounded by coastline, beach safety education is vital, our school is participating in a Beach Education programme conducted by Surf Life Saving at Waihi Beach, Waihi.

Team Aranui - Rooms 3 and 4: Thursday, 11th February - Week 2
Rooms 1 and 2: Friday, 12th February - Week 2

Team Tainui - Rooms 5, 6 and 7: Monday, 15th February - Week 3

Team Aotea - Rooms 8 and 9: Thursday, 4th March - Week 6
Rooms 10 and 11: Monday, 8th March - Week 7

Beach Ed. is a full day beach and surf safety course delivered by qualified surf lifeguards. Some modules covered at Beach Ed. include:

- Tour of club
- Teaching of surf safety rules
- Identification of, and how to escape, a rip current
- Beach games - relating to a skill to stay safe on the beach including a sand sculpture of a rip current
- How to set up a beach patrol - reinforces safety messages
- Water activities - may include mock rescues, bodyboards, channel/hole identification, survival using flotation devices.
- Role of a lifeguard
- Lifeguard in a rip
- Sun smart

There is no cost to you, as the costs are covered as part of our government donation scheme.

To meet the adult:student safety ratio around water, we require 12 adults to help with supervision for the day. Adults will need to be prepared to be in the surf with the students. If you are available for the day, please indicate on the permission slip.

The outline of the day is as follows -

- 7:45 - Meet in the dome
- 8 am - Depart school to Waihi.
- 9.15am (approx) - Arrive at Waihi Beach.
- All day - Beach Ed programme
- 2pm - depart Waihi
- 3pm - arrive back at school (if your child is a bus student please make alternative arrangements for pick up from school)

Students will need to bring -

- Morning tea, snacks, lunch and a drink
- Togs, towel and a hat
- Wetsuit if they have one
- Sunblock

Students can wear suitable mufti to and from school for this day. As students will be taking changes of clothes, towels etc please ensure that all items are named.

As beach safety is an important part of keeping ourselves safe at the beach, we strongly encourage you to give your child the opportunity to be a part of this programme.

If you have any queries about this day please phone the school office on 07 889 6629.

Please return the permission slip to your child's teacher by this Friday - thank you.

Regards

Keryn Vette

Sports Co-ordinator

RETURN TO YOUR TEACHER



II SURF LIFE SAVING NZ PERMISSION SLIP

I give / do not give permission for _____ in Rm ____

to attend the Surf Life Saving Education on _____ (please write in teams date)

- I am able to assist as a parent helper **in the water** on the day.
- If I am attending as a parent helper, I will:
 - Travel by bus OR Take my own vehicle (please indicate your choice)

Please state medical conditions and relevant medications that your child may have or need.

In the event of injury or illness I give you permission to administer first aid: Yes No (please circle)

Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Signed Parent / Caregiver _____ Phone _____