



MORRINSVILLE

Intermediate School

Kia U Ki Te Pai Whatever You Do, Let It Be Your Best

2024 School Camp - Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre and Lodge

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide information to families about this year's school camp being held at Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre, on a class-by-class rotation during Term Four. On the reverse side of this newsletter is information including dates, the cost involved and permission.

This will be a new camp for Morrinsville Intermediate and we are both extremely fortunate and excited to be attending Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre. At Aongatete the focus is on environmental education, outdoor safety and sustainability, providing environmental education opportunities and activities that foster the development of positive life skills to provide learning opportunities in the NZ bush. At MIS students have the opportunity to attend camp every 2nd year so students will attend in either Year 7 or Year 8.

Although our BOT has opted into the MOE School Donations Scheme this year, families are still required to pay camp fees in full for their child to attend. This is because camp is an extra-curricular, optional event (however, we would love every child to attend if possible). It is important to realise that for planning purposes we require a commitment to camp from you by way of a deposit of \$70 which is due by 5th July to confirm your child's attendance at camp.

Although camp is not until Term Four, we want families to have plenty of time to prepare. Parents who would like to pay camp fees off are very welcome to pay by direct credit, eftpos, visa, or cash.

School camps provide excellent opportunities for students to develop and strengthen key competencies through leadership skills, team building and independence. Students also learn new skills including managing safety in outdoor activities and showing commitment and courage to meeting new personal challenges. Students also come home from camp with a wider circle of friends.

Camp meeting: Parents / caregivers are invited to attend a camp meeting in the school hall on Tuesday 21st May starting at 6.30 p.m. to hear more about Aongatete Camp and ask any questions. N.B. This is following the Keeping Ourselves Safe parent information evening with Constable Tash Snowden which starts at 5.30 p.m. (all welcome).

Photos below of school-aged children taking part in activities at Aongatete Camp



MIS Camp 2024 Aongatete

When:

Room 11 - Tue 29th Oct to Thur 31st Oct

Room 7 - Wed 30th Oct to Fri 1st Nov

Room 4 - Thurs 31st Oct - Sat 2nd Nov (Monday off school in lieu of attending Saturday)

Room 3 - Fri 1st Nov - Sun 3rd Nov (Mon, Tue off school in lieu of attending Saturday and Sunday)

Room 5 - Sat 2nd Nov - Mon 4th Nov (Tue, Wed off school in lieu of attending Saturday and Sunday)

Room 1 - Sun 3rd Nov - Tue 5th Nov (Wed off school in lieu of attending Sunday)

Room 2 - Mon 4th Nov - Wed 6th Nov

Room 8 - Tue 5th Nov - Thurs 7th Nov

Room 10 - Wed 6th Nov - Fri 8th Nov

Room 9 - Thurs 7th Nov - Sat 9th Nov (Mon off school in lieu of attending Saturday)

Room 6 - Fri 8th Nov - Sun 10th Nov (Mon, Tue off school Saturday and Sunday)

Where: Aongatete Outdoor Education Centre and Lodge

834 Wright Road, Aongatete 3178 Go to: www.aoec.org.nz for more info.

What:

Day One

3-4 hour bush walk, 3-4 hour: Up River Challenge, Night Challenge (Candle Trail).

Day Two

4 hour: Down River Challenge, Outdoor Cooking, Orienteering, Burma Trail, Overnight Bush Campout.

Day Three

Bush Craft and Environmental Responsibility, Camp duties, lunch prep or Challenge activity and Camp cleanup and return to school.

Cost: \$170.00 per student or \$150.00 per student for two siblings.

This price includes transport to and from camp, food, camp fees and all activities including specialist instructors.

We would like to acknowledge the Board who have subsidised the camp to cover all the relief teacher costs rather than passing these costs onto the camp fees, which is very much appreciated and means we can keep camp fees to a very reasonable amount.

We would like to give parents plenty of notice regarding camp and offer the option of paying the camp fees off in instalments.

Families may pay the camp fees by instalment by the following dates:

Initial deposit **\$70.00 or \$50.00 for siblings** **due by 05.07.24**

Final payment **\$100.00** **due by 20.09.24**

Payments can be made by direct credit, please include your child's name and 'camp fees' as a reference. **Our school bank account number 06-0369-0928976-00.**

Parents / caregivers are asked to:

1. Complete the slip below as a commitment to camp & pay an **initial deposit of \$70.00 or \$50 for siblings by 05.07.24**
2. Confirm the remainder of the camp fees will be **fully paid by 20.09.24.**

Commitment to MIS Camp 2024 (return this page to your classroom teacher)

Child's Name Team.....Room

will / will not (please circle) be attending MIS Camp at Aongatete Lodge in Term Four.

1. I agree to pay the \$70 initial deposit (\$50 for siblings) by 05.07.24

2. I agree to pay the total remaining fees by 20.09.24

Parent's Name.....

Payment Method.....

Signature.....

Contact Ph.....

PARENT / CAREGIVER SUPPORT REQUEST:

Parents are an essential and valuable resource. We need six parents/caregivers per camp who enjoy the outdoors and are willing to fully participate in student activities in the field. If you are such a person we would love to hear from you. All parent helpers need to be aware of the **physical nature** of the camp and have a reasonable level of fitness.

We would like to make it very clear about the criteria for selecting parent helpers:

1. We cannot go to camp without parental help. This return slip is not a guarantee that you will attend camp because we have to consider male / female balance, specific needs of some students and sleeping arrangements for the adults.
2. Each parent will be required to sleep out one night for a camp-out experience. The other night is at the lodge.
3. We have parent expectations which involve:
 - Assisting all group members in activities.
 - Abiding by our no-alcohol policy on school camps.
 - We will require parents to take private vehicles to assist with transport.
 - It is an expectation that camp payments (for your child) are up to date.
4. We will contact all parents closer to time, once helpers are confirmed for camp so parents can sort leave from work, as required.
5. Final selection of parents' attendance at camp is dependent upon a successful police-vetting outcome (this can take up to 3-4 weeks to be processed online).

Please record your details below:

I would like to be considered as a camp parent for Camp Aongatete - Yes / No (circle one)

Caregivers Name.....

Contact Ph.....

Email.....

I am able to attend for all three days of camp Yes / No (circle one)

General Information:.....
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Aongatete Camp 2024 - Gear Required:

Day Pack and Clothing for Day One Walk

- water (no fizzy/energy drinks)
- lunch (in an ice-cream container)
- snack food, (e.g. scroggin, muesli bars, fruit)
- survival kit, (plasters, matches, candle, survival blanket, notepaper, pencil, cord or old shoelace)

Students to wear or carry in a day-pack:

- Whistle
- dri fit top
- poly-prop or thermal (next-to-skin layer)
- polar fleece
- raincoat
- sunhat **and** warm beanie,
- woollen socks
- footwear - suitable for tramping: e.g. tramping boots or sports type shoes with good tread

Personal Requirements:

Essential:

Sleeping bag
Pillow and pillowslip
2 x large plastic bags for bedding (overnight camp out)
2 towels
2 minimum poly-prop or thermal garments (next-to-skin layer)
2 minimum polar-fleece jumper (second layer)
Beanie (woollen or fleece)
Underwear
Shorts (quick-drying material. Above-knee)
Woollen socks
Waterproof raincoat (with hood)
Long pants (e.g. jeans/tracksuit, for evenings in lodge)
Sweatshirts / hoodies / shirts for evenings in lodge
Pyjamas
Footwear for inside the lodge (e.g. scuffs, slippers, sneakers)
Footwear for tramping / outdoor activities e.g comfortable sports type shoes with reasonable grip tread.
Must be suitable for use in water, on rocks and in mud.

Toilet gear
Plastic bags (x 2 for dirty clothes)
Torch (with a new battery)

Optional:

Gloves / mittens (woollen or fleece)
Pack of cards / indoor games
Book to read

Personal Emergency Gear:

Plasters, matches, rubber inner tubing, survival blanket (thin silver type), notepaper, pencil, cord.

Your child will be expected to wear clean, tidy clothes and footwear for meal times.

A practical wardrobe is required **NOT** a fashionable wardrobe.

No sweets, chewing gum, electronic equipment of any kind (e.g. ipods, phones, etc) or spending money.