



**SOMERVILLE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**  
**Year 7 Camps - Camp Motutapu 2024**



**Final arrangements for Camp 3**  
**(30th April - 3rd May)**

April 9th 2024

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Outlined in this letter are final instructions and directions to Half Moon Bay.

The home baking part of the camp list needs to be either biscuits or slices or 2 packets of store bought biscuits. These biscuits will provide your child with morning and afternoon tea whilst at camp. The biscuits/baking need to be in their original packaging, or an airtight container, such as an ice cream container sealed with tape, and preferably named if you wish the container returned. (Please NO meat savouries). If your child has specific dietary requirements concerning biscuits, please indicate this on your container and we will ensure they receive only those for morning and afternoon tea. For the benefit of those who suffer nut allergies, please avoid biscuits and slices that contain nuts.

Please bring all baking or biscuits to school on the Monday (**29th APRIL**) before your child's camp, where they will be collected and packed.

**Assembly** - Students are asked to meet at the Sealink Ferry Terminal, 36 Ara-Tai Road, Half Moon Bay from 10:00 am on the departure day of your child's camp. Parents are asked to park their vehicles outside the waiting area to allow normal ferry traffic to operate. Students being transported from school, will come to school at 8:30am and be supervised until 9:30am, when they will be transported to Half Moon Bay. **PLEASE ENSURE YOU HAVE TOLD US IF YOU NEED THIS SERVICE BY THURSDAY 11th APRIL.**

**Directions to Half Moon Bay** - Travel through Howick main shops (Picton Street) towards Ridge Road. Continue along Ridge Road passing Howick Intermediate, Highland Park shops and 'Applejacks'. (Stay in the far right hand lane). Turn right at the lights by Pakuranga College and Palmers Garden Centre into Pigeon Mountain Road. Travel along Pigeon Mountain Road until you can see the marina and follow the road around to the left. You will pass Burnsco, the Fresh Choice supermarket and Yacht Club on your right. Near the end of this road is the wharf.

**Baggage** - Sleeping bags: if not packed inside bags they should be placed inside waterproof plastic bags, securely sealed and named. Please remember that we are likely to experience some cold nights, so a warm blanket and winter rated sleeping bag would be ideal. (A reminder that all bags MUST be securely sealed to prevent reintroduction of pests onto Rangitoto or Motutapu Island).

**Medication** - On arrival please hand all named medication, with instruction for its administration, to our camp medics. Please discuss with our medics any medication issues you may have, if you feel the need to.

**Loading** - When roll calls are completed by teachers, students will be asked to make their way onto the ferry taking items of luggage with them. Parents are asked not to accompany their child onto the ferry as this makes an accurate tally of all ferry passengers difficult. Food and all other equipment will be loaded by camp parents and teachers.

**Large Bag** - Ideally this should have wheels to avoid having to be carried the 100m onto the ferry and must be able to be manoeuvred without adult help. The bag must seal securely and be named to avoid mix up with similar styles and colours.

**Day Pack** - Students are expected to have a separate day bag (school bag) to carry with them on the day. This needs to contain a picnic lunch and a refillable drink bottle. A waterproof jacket, beanie and a few plasters need to be in this bag.

**Walk** - From the ferry to the camp is a distance of approximately 6.5km. With scheduled stops for comfort breaks, the walk can take 2 hours. Please ensure your child has a hat or beanie and suitable walking shoes and socks. If it is raining, they will benefit from waterproof clothing.

**Emergency Contact** - All contact with the camp must be made through school on the usual contact number (09 535 1070)

**Returning from Camp** - It is anticipated that we will arrive back at the Sealink terminal on Friday 3 May at approximately 12:40pm

**Please make arrangements to meet your child there at this time. If you have any questions please direct them to your child's class teacher.**

Kind Regards

Mike Dibben

Camp 3 Leader