

5 February 2024



**SOMERVILLE**  
INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

### Year 8 EOTC Surf Experience

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This year, as part of the Year 8 EOTC programme, we are excited to provide a unique experience for the students. Aotearoa Surf School based in Orewa are providing our students with a full day of surf safety, surf lessons, beach games and activities. These programmes enable students to develop more confidence and knowledge in the surf, experience basic surf training and provide important skills to stay safe in New Zealand's waters.

Aotearoa Surf School is a Surfing NZ approved surf school and all surf teachers are 'International Surfing Association' coaches. They are first aid certified and hold community surf lifesaving awards. Aotearoa Surf is registered and compliant with Work Safe under the Adventure Tourism Act and has been operating since 2002, with no notifiable health and safety incidents. We are confident they will continue to provide our students with a memorable and safe surfing experience.

#### Parent Help:

We require a minimum of 6 parent helpers per day to accompany us on each of these experiences but will welcome any extra parents who would like to join us to make this a memorable experience for the students. *Four/five adults will be required to assist with supervision in the water during surf lessons (wet suits will be supplied if needed).* If you can join us as a parent helper, you will travel out on the buses with us, however, we would like to have one parent per day who is happy to bring a car to be used in the unlikely event of an emergency.

If you can accompany us on the day your child is participating in the Aotearoa Surf day, please complete the form on the reverse of the medical information.

Below are the dates for the Surf Experiences to assist you.

Date	Whanau	Rooms	Email links
Monday 4 March	Kawarau	32 & 35	Rm 32 Miss Naylor Rm 35 Mr Brown
Tuesday 5 March	Ruapehu	21 & 20	Rm 21 Ms McHatton Rm 20 Miss Gunn
Wednesday 6 March	Rangitoto	1 & 2	Rm 1 Mrs Bowler Rm 2 Mrs Sharma
Thursday 7 March	Aoraki	15 & 16	Rm 15 Mr Greenwood Rm 16 Miss Els
Monday 11 March	Rangitoto	18 & 17	Rm 18 Mrs Foreman Rm 17 Ms Fensom
Tuesday 12 March	Kawarau	31 & 34	Rm 31 Mrs Eagle/Mrs Caulton Rm 34 Mrs Stewart
Wednesday 13 March	Ruapehu	19 & 23	Rm 19 Mrs Clayton Rm 23 Mr Knight
Thursday 14 March	Aoraki	13 & 14	Rm 13 Mr Gee Rm 14 Mrs Stonex

#### Payment:

The cost for this EOTC experience is **\$65.50** and will be payable on **KINDO** and would be appreciated by **Monday 26 February**.

#### What to bring:

Students need to come in their togs, with comfortable beach-appropriate clothes over the top. (No bikinis please unless worn with a rash shirt.)

- Sunblock
- Togs
- Beach clothes (shorts/t-shirt)
- Beach shoes or sneakers
- Hat
- Warm sweatshirt (and track pants if desired)
- Rash shirt or own wetsuit (optional - Aotearoa Surf will provide wetsuits)
- Sunglasses (optional)
- Towel
- Morning tea, lunch and drink bottle full of water.
- Any medication needed for the day\*

*\*Medication needs to be clearly named and handed to your child's teacher on the morning of departure.*

#### What NOT to bring:

- NO phones
- NO devices
- NO money

**IMPORTANT: Departure and return times (Please read carefully as these times vary from normal school times!)**

#### Departure

Due to the length of the trip, we will need to leave school at 8.00 am on the day of your child's experience. **Students will need to be at school between 7.45 and 7.50 am**, where they will assemble in the school hall to meet their class teachers. This enables us to collect any medication and take a roll to ensure everyone is present before departure.

#### Return to school

Due to the distance travelled, we will likely **arrive back at school between 3.15 and 3.30 pm**. This will mean if your child relies on a bus to take them home, you will need to arrange an alternative means of transport.

#### Permission Slips and Medical Information

Permission is given via **KINDO**. Medical information is to be completed on the additional page provided needs to be returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible (**Thursday 15th February at the latest**).

Kind regards

Stephanie Ready  
Deputy Principal

Andy Hamilton  
Head of EOTC

**Medical Information and permission for travelling home**

\*(Permission for the actual trip will be indicated when completing payment on Kindo)

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER BY THURSDAY 15 FEBRUARY**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical/Swimming Information:**

**Swimming ability:** *(Please check the appropriate box) ✓*

Non-swimmer	
Basic skills (can float and swim a short distance)	
Moderate swimmer (can float and swim 25 meters)	
Confident swimmer (can swim 50 meters)	

**Medical Information:** *Please complete the details in the box provided*

<b>Medical Information (Including medication)</b>	
<b>Learning/Behavioural Information</b>	
<b>Allergies (if not listed above)</b>	

**Late arrival back at school:**

**My child will be -** *(Please check the appropriate box) ✓*

Collected from school		Walking home	
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**Orewa Surf Experience: Offer of Parent Help**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Rm: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Surf Experience: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please circle)*

I am happy to assist in the water if required	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
I would prefer to travel by	<b>BUS</b>	<b>OWN CAR</b>

**Contact Information:**

Mobile Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Medical/Swimming Information:**

**Swimming ability:** *(Please check the appropriate box) ✓*

Non-swimmer	
Basic skills (can float and swim a short distance)	
Moderate swimmer (can float and swim 25 meters)	
Confident swimmer (can swim 50 meters)	

**Medical Information:** *Please complete the details in the box provided*

<b>Medical Information</b>	
<b>Allergies (if not listed above)</b>	