

**CAMP BENTZON – YEAR 6 2018**  
**5 – 9 March 2018**

Camp Bentzon 2018 arrangements are underway. We are booked into Camp Bentzon on Kawau Island during the **sixth** week of Term 1, 2018 (**Monday 5 March to Friday 9 March 2018**) and require some parents to accompany us for the full week. To help you plan ahead we would like to provide you with the following information about arrangements so far.

We will leave at 10:00 am on Monday 5 March 2018 and will be back by 11:30 am on Friday 9 March 2018. Parental assistance is required for **Sailing, Kayaking, First Aid, Confidence Course, Raft building, Orienteering, Archery, Hiking and Fishing**. If you would like to be considered as a parent helper and have strengths or experience in one or several of these areas, or you are a very keen parent who is willing to learn, please fill in the reply slip below and return it to school by Friday 28 July (end of Week 1, Term 3).

The cost of the week long camp including transport, accommodation, food and all activities will be \$320 per student. **Many families gave us feedback that they would like the opportunity to pay the camp fees off in advance, as the beginning of the school year is a costly time of year. Taking this into consideration, we are happy for families to set up automatic payment and begin paying off their camp fees in advance.** Our account details are 12-3233-0110044-00. Please indicate your child's name and reference Year 6 camp. **Full camp fees will need to be paid by Friday 16 February 2018 to ensure your child can attend.**

*Please note: Camp Bentzon is different from Camp Adair as apart from Sailing and Kayaking where we have qualified instructors, the parents run all the other activities. Therefore, for safety and consistency you will be required to stay on the same activity for the duration of the camp. Also because of our large cohort of students we might not be able to provide accommodation in rooms to parents. **You might be required to bring your own tent and mattress and camp in the playground area of the camp.** It is also a week in which you will be responsible for supporting and caring for other children and not just your own child. To be fair to other students and following Ministry Education Outside the Classroom guidelines, **you will not be in the same group as your child.** A polite reminder that this week will be an alcohol free week. Parents attending camp will be required to attend a meeting on **Tuesday 20 February** next year in which we will discuss the activities the students will be involved in, and risk analysis forms. All parents attending camp will be police vetted.*

Please list your strengths in the spaces provided. Forms should be returned to us on the understanding that we will select parent helpers according to the needs of the camp, and it is only possible to take a set number of parents. We look forward to hearing from interested parents and will advise those parents who have been selected early in term four.

**A camp information evening will be held on Thursday 19 October for all parents.** Further details will be sent home closer to the time.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely  
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(Please return this form by Friday 28 July – Term 3 Week 1)

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

I am unable to be a parent helper for the Year 6 2018 camp ☐

I would like to be a parent helper for the Year 6 2018 camp for the full week ☐

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

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email contact: \_\_\_\_\_

I can offer assistance in: \_\_\_\_\_

As I have had experience in: \_\_\_\_\_

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