

MERC Camp, Long Bay

6 April - 8 April



Staff at Camp

Angela Friedlander &
Joseph Harper

We will both be at camp for the entire duration along with 6 parent helpers. We also have the team of instructors from MERC who run the activities.

Activities

Previously we have done activities like:

- Archery
- Kayaking
- Surfing
- Raft Building
- Sailing
- Mountain biking
- Rock Climbing...



MERC will confirm activities for us soon!

Sleeping arrangements

- Dormitories with bunk beds
- Girls and boys are separate
- Bring sleeping bags (and/or sheets) and pillow
- Parent rooms and teacher rooms

Food/Catering

- They have an excellent selection of menus and will cater for children with special dietary requirements.
- Children are to bring lunch and morning tea for the first day and a water bottle to be used for the remaining time at camp.
- Children will need to bring their own plate, bowl, cup, knife, fork , spoon and tea towel. (Non-breakable!) They will be washing their own dishes!

First Aid and Medicines

- Medical forms will be coming home soon. It is really important that we know all relevant information about your child so that we can be best prepared.
- All medication is to be handed to your child's class teacher in a named plastic bag on the first morning of camp.
- We will have one adult who will be looking after and administering all medications while at camp.
- Medical summaries will be with both teachers.

Parents coming to Camp

We are hoping to have 6 parents come to camp who will work with an activity group, supervise and support children as they take on exciting challenges.

- Expectations – support whole group, major issues – see teachers
- Transport, parent helpers must drive
- Responsibility – eyes and ears
- Groups – with own child or not
- No alcohol
- Mobile phones to limited use when with children
- More specific info to be sent home shortly

Visitors

- Unfortunately we will not be allowing day visitors to camp this year. This is because we are trying to limit the number of contacts.



Why go to Camp?

- Enhance learning, through a variety of well-designed, first-hand experiences.
- Provide experiences for learners that encourage awareness of the values and philosophies of the tangata whenua, along with other cultures within the school community.
- Increase learners' knowledge, understanding, and appreciation of the local district and other places, including some unfamiliar places.
- Help learners develop self-confidence and a sense of adventure
- Assist learners in their social development by placing them with others in unfamiliar situations.
- Help learners develop an attitude of responsibility, particularly towards their own safety and that of others.