



Growing Together For Success

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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Year 7 and 8 Ski Trip

We are offering a ski trip for Year 7 and 8 students to Porters Skifield on Monday 24th August 2020. Please note, that this is an **optional** activity and a programme will be run at school by Kahikatea or Kauri teachers for those students who do not wish to attend.

For students wishing to attend the ski trip, the total cost for the day will be \$55. This covers a lift pass, 1.5 hour lesson, ski/snowboard hire and kindo fee. Please note, this is a package deal so components **cannot** be removed if your child has a season pass and/or their own equipment. Jackets, pants and helmets are available for hire from Porters should you require them for \$5.00 per item however these are limited availability. Helmets are **compulsory** for those students snowboarding. Please note we have a limit of 20 students for snowboarding for our entire group. We however recommend **all** students wear a helmet - this can be a bicycle helmet or one can be hired for \$5. The hire of these can be paid via Kindo also. Full payment and completion of the permission is to be completed via Kindo by **Friday 7th August, 3.00pm. No late payments will be accepted.**

We intend to travel to Porters using private vehicles. We require parents to help with transport to assist in providing supervision on and around the ski field. Preference will be given to those parents who can ski or snowboard, however this is not a priority. All helpers will be required to transport a group of students. We will leave school at 7.45am and return around 4.00pm. Drivers **must** be confident in driving on mountainous roads and conditions. All private vehicles **must** ensure they have chains available if required.

If you are interested in being a parent helper with transport and supervision, please indicate using the appropriate boxes via Kindo when making payment for your child. There may be a small cost for lift hire for parents wishing to ski/snowboard. This will be worked out on a special rate by the ski field once we know the numbers of parent helpers and we will be in touch.

We want to assure you that we have a comprehensive risk management plan, pre-trip teaching and learning programme and are providing a ratio of one adult to approximately 10 students. Porters Pass also provides information for parents prior to the trip and has a comprehensive RAM's document. We are running a parent information meeting on Tuesday 28th July at 4.00pm in Kahikatea 3 if you would like to know more about the trip.

Thank you for your support.

Ngā mihi nui

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