

2017 Year 6 End of Year Events



Monday 30th October, 2017

Dear Parents/Caregivers & Whānau,

To celebrate the end of their time at Westmere School, we have a number of events for our Year 6s. Please see below for information on the End of Year Trip and Graduation Day events. You will also find attached a permission slip for the Trip that needs to be returned back to school.

End of Year Trip | Thursday 7th December

This is a great day for the Y6s to celebrate the end of the year with their peers. This year the Year 6s can select an activity from the following two options:

1. Extreme Edge Glen Eden - Indoor Rock Climbing

Children have the opportunity to have a go on the ClimbZone walls - Over 30 uniquely themed walls, offering different climbing activities using automatic belays. Children will also have an opportunity to climb on the manually operated, if they choose.

2. Rocket Ropes - Croc Tower High Ropes Course

Children will build confidence through overcoming challenges and facing their fears. With three levels at 1.5m, 3m and 6m, the Croc Tower courses include 4 flying foxes, barrel crawls, teetering walk ways, slip knots, and spiders web.

More information about both of these activities is freely available on their websites or from your child's home group teacher.

For these activities children will require:

- ☐ Morning Tea and Lunch
- ☐ Long hair must be tied back
- ☐ Water Bottle
- ☐ Must be wearing closed-toed shoes (no sandals, jandals or crocs).
- ☐ Must be wearing free-flowing clothing for climbing. No jeans, dresses, hoodies or jewellery.
- ☐ Children at Rocket Ropes will also need a jumper or jacket to keep warm out on the course, as well as a bucket hat and sunscreen.
- ★ Inappropriate footwear or clothing will result in your child being unable to participate.

Children were given information about these trips last week and let their teacher know their preference. They were informed about which trip they will be attending today. We have endeavoured to give all children their first choice, however this was not always possible due to number and safety requirements.

For these trips to go ahead we need a number of parents helpers to ensure our children remain safe while participating in the activities. If you are able to offer support as a parent helper, please indicate this on the attached permission form for this trip. Children will be travelling to and from these venues by bus.

Graduation Day | Thursday 14th December

Due to the ever increasing number of Year 6s we now have - over 100 students this year - our end of year events have needed to evolve. It has always been an important element of our school culture to celebrate the end of our Year 6s journey at Westmere, while also giving the children the opportunity to give back and share their talents and passions with the rest of the school. As a result, the Year 6s this year will have a Graduation Day which will consist of:

1. Year 6 Graduation | Te Whare Kotahitanga - School Hall | 11am

Year 6s will celebrate their graduation with the whole school, starting at 11am. The graduation will consist of students speaking about their time at Westmere School, celebrating through student-led concert acts and also being awarded with their leaver's certificate. We warmly invite parents, family and friends to this student-led Graduation event.

2. Year 6 Whānau Dinner & Disco | Thursday 14th December - Super Top & School Hall - 5.30pm - 7.30pm | Year 6 Only

After the Graduation event during the school day, whānau will be invited to a shared dinner held under the Super Top starting at 5:30pm. This is a great opportunity for families who have moved through Westmere together to catch up. We will also provide a movie in the library from 5.30pm to 7.30pm for younger siblings so that parents have the opportunity to celebrate with their Westmere graduate!

We kindly ask for each family to contribute to this shared dinner as below. After the whānau dinner, children will move down to the hall to have a disco to conclude their Graduation day together. While children are at the disco, parents are welcome to stay at the Super Top and enjoy a refreshment of their choice (BYO - Wine and Beer).

Whanau Dinner : 5.30 – 6.30pm (Children and Parents/Caregivers)

Dance: 6.30 - 7.30pm (Children only. Parents to spend time with children near the end)

We ask that every home group bring a contribution for the dinner (please see below for what your child's homegroup has been allocated). For ease of service, we also ask that mains and desserts are cold, finger foods presented on disposable plates that do not require cutlery to be consumed.

Mains: Jason, Sarah, Marcela and Terry

Desserts: Mike and Sophie

Drinks (juice or lemonade only please): Waina and Te Mete

As it is a formal occasion the children are expected to come dressed tidily. New clothes are definitely not a requirement but dressing up is part of the fun of the evening.

Decoration: We would really appreciate support from parents to coordinate and decorate the School Hall for the Graduation Day and Disco, as well as under the Super Top for the whānau dinner. If you are willing to help, please complete the attached form.

If you have any queries about any of these events, please see or email your child's home group teacher. Please complete the attached permission form and return it to your child's home group teacher.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards,

Jason, Marcela, Mike, Sarah, Sophie, Terry, Waina & Te Mete

Year 5 & 6 Teachers

PLEASE RETURN THIS CONSENT FORM TO YOUR CHILD'S HOME GROUP TEACHER BY FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER.

Year 6 Trip Consent

To be read and signed by parent/caregiver of child:

	Yes	No
I have received sufficient information about the event and agree to my child taking part in the activities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I consent to any emergency treatment required by my child during the course of the event.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I confirm that my child is in good health and I consider him/her fit to participate.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Parental Consent

I agree to my child/myself taking part in the EOTC event and have received sufficient information on which to base a decision. I agree to their/my participation in the activities described. I acknowledge the need for them/me to behave responsibly.

Acknowledgement of Risk

I have read the EOTC event information sheet and I understand that there are risks associated with involvement in school EOTC events and that these risks cannot be completely eliminated. I understand that the school will identify any foreseeable risks or hazards and implement correct management procedures to eliminate, isolate or minimise those hazards. I understand my child has been involved in the development of safety procedures. I will do my best to ensure that I/my child follow these procedures.

I know that I am able to ask any questions of the school about the activities I/my child will be involved in, to gain a better understanding of the risks involved. I recognise that participation in such activities is voluntary and not mandatory through a 'challenge by choice'* procedure. My child and I both understand that I/they may withdraw from an activity if I/they feel at risk. This must be done in consultation with the person in charge.

I understand that the school does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to personal property and that it is my responsibility to check my own insurance policy.

* 'challenge by choice' means the participant chooses their own level of challenge within a supportive peer environment.

Student Name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

TRIP PARENT HELPERS

I can/cannot attend this trip as a parent helper. (Please circle)

If I can help, I will be attending the trip to Rocket Ropes/Extreme Edge. (Please circle)

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

Parent Mobile Phone: _____

Parent Email: _____

Year 6 Whānau Dinner & Disco Parent Help

I am willing to organise and co-ordinate the team of parent helpers. Yes / No (Please circle)

I am willing to help decorate the hall for Graduation Day and/or help with the clean up. Yes / No (Please circle)

Child name: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Mobile Phone: _____