

# Takapuna Normal Intermediate School



February 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The organisation for the Waiheke Cycle Tour is now complete and we look forward to putting our new skills and understandings into practice. On Tuesday and Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, all Year 8 students need to bring their bike and helmet to school (their class teacher will tell them which day) for the cycle safety practice sessions with the North Shore Police Youth Officer. Hedgehog Bikes from Barry's Point Rd will do a safety check of all cycles also, so it's very important your child's bike is here.

The trip dates are as follows:

February 28 Monday depart, return Tuesday – Room 15  
March 1 Tuesday depart, return Wednesday – Room 16  
March 2 Wednesday depart, return Thursday – Room 7  
March 3 Thursday depart, return Friday – Room 6  
March 7 Monday depart, return Tuesday – Room 2  
March 8 Tuesday depart, return Wednesday – Room 8  
March 9 Wednesday depart, return Thursday – Room 9  
March 10 Thursday depart, return Friday – Room 19  
March 14 Monday depart, return Tuesday – Room 4  
March 15 Tuesday depart, return Wednesday – Room 18

The tour outline is as follows

Day One	8.30 a.m.	Cycle safety check
	9.15 a.m.	Bikes trucked to Ferry Terminal - Auckland City
		Students bus to Ferry Terminal
	10.00a.m.	Ferry to Waiheke Island
	12.00noon	Lunch at Oneroa Beach
	1.00p.m.	Cycle to Palm Beach
	5.00p.m.	Piritahi Marae
Day Two	9.00a.m.	Depart Piritahi Marae
	10.00a.m.	Onetangi Beach, swim and lunch
	12.00noon	Depart Onetangi for Matiatia
	2.00p.m.	Depart Waiheke for Devonport
	2.35p.m.	Devonport. Bikes trucked back to school
		Students bus back to school
	3.15 p.m.	E.T.A. T.N.I.S.

The gear list is basic because space is limited. Students may carry a small bag that can be left in the support van during the day for immediate requirements.

**1 geared bicycle** with a drink bottle holder. Bicycles are able to be hired if necessary. (Please encourage your child to ride as much as possible in the next few weeks, particularly up and down hills to get used to using the cycle gears.)  
**1 cycle helmet.**

**To pack -**

- 1 pair of socks
- 1 change of underwear
- Small towel, toilet gear
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow Case
- Single Sheet
- Woollen jumper/sweatshirt
- T shirt/ shorts (spare to sleep in)
- Insect Repellent
- Jandals/Sandals

**To wear**

- T.N.I.S. PE Shorts/ shirt / helmet and suntan lotion
- Suitable footwear (sports shoes)

**Additional** (To be carried in support van)

- Packed lunch for the day
- Plastic drink bottle
- Hat, suntan lotion
- Swimming togs/towel
- Raincoat

The Marae will provide dinner, breakfast and a packed lunch for the second day. As we are all sleeping together in the marae, the students should bring comfortable shorts and tee-shirt to sleep in rather than pyjamas.

The cost of the trip is \$105.00. This includes the ferry, trucking of bicycles, accommodation, food, adult costs and bus transport.

A paper copy of the permission and medical forms will be sent home next week and also information about parent helpers required.

If you have any queries about the Cycle Tour please feel free to contact me, phone 489 3940. As part of the Year 8 'Meet the Teacher' evening there will be information presented on the Waiheke Cycle Tour. The meeting begins at 7 pm in the hall, on Monday February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Wylde  
Teacher in Charge of E.O.T.C.