



Friday 8th November, 2024

Kia ora whānau,

In this letter you will find extensive information about our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC). Please read this thoroughly and return permission slips promptly to support us in our planning and organisation.

There is a lot of information below, so if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher.

*Tania, Nadine, Amanda-Lee and Rebecca.*

## **EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM (EOTC):**

Thank you so much for quickly returning your slips confirming your support, so we could confirm this trip and get information out to you.

Thanks to KiwiSport funding of \$15.00 per child, the trip is only \$4.00. Please make payment via the HERO app.



Parent help is essential for the trips outside the school and we appreciate the support we receive every year. Parent helpers are a key part of our safety plans and we cannot use parents who have pre-schoolers with them. If you are available, please complete the form below. Closer to the time, you will receive confirmation of your help and necessary details in the weeks prior to the trip.

Our trip to Maidstone Max, which is outside the Whitby area, will involve the children travelling by a chartered bus.

Please note, we have made a priority of sustaining our regular programmes for the first eight weeks and the EOTC activities have been organised for the last 3 weeks of the term.

Please see the descriptions and table below for a list of the wonderful trips, activities and events that we have planned.

## ● **Wheels Day**

This event is for Rooms 8, 9 and 10. Children can bring along some wheels for our Wheels Day event (ie. scooters, skates, skateboards). Bikes are not appropriate for this event. Please ensure your child has a helmet.

## ● **Upper Hutt Skating/ Maidstone Max Playground Trip**

For this event we request students bring long/thick socks and a water bottle. The first half of the day we will be skating at the Upper Hutt Skating Rink. We will be outside for the second part of the trip (Maidstone Max Playground), so a sunhat is crucial. Kōwhai teachers will have sunscreen that will be applied at the start of the day.

## ● **Tree Trimming**

One of our favourite events of the year is Christmas Tree Trimming. Each child invites one special adult to join them for the morning in making Christmas decorations, and this is followed by carols and a shared morning tea.

We ask that everyone respect the limit of one guest per child. Unfortunately, this means we cannot have guests bringing preschoolers to this event. This is a health and safety issue as even one guest will mean close to 350 people in the Kōwhai classrooms during the morning.

We would like to acknowledge the amazing work of Srikantha Robinson and helpers who are in the process of planning and preparing for this event. They have organised the materials for hundreds of ornaments. A day like this couldn't happen without such incredible assistance.

## ● **Carol Singing**

We are very excited to be able to attend this event, as it really is an opportunity to give back to our Whitby community. We walk down to the local retirement village to sing Christmas carols to the residents.

## END OF YEAR EVENTS CALENDAR:

Date	Event	Event Requirements	Parent Help Needed
Wednesday 4th December	<b>Wheels Day</b> (Room 8, 9 and 10 only)	Bring wheels to school. Helmet is required. No bikes please.	n/a
Monday 9th December	<b>Upper Hutt Skating / Maidstone Max Trip</b>	<p><i>Lunch with extra snacks</i> <i>Water bottle(s)</i></p> <p><i>Long socks for skating</i></p> <p><i>Protective gear – please note, this is optional and <u>not</u> provided by the skating rink.</i></p>	<p>At the skating rink</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assisting children to put on/take off skates</li> <li>- Supporting children with learning to skate</li> <li>- Supporting children in other ways as needed</li> </ul> <p>There will be a parent briefing in the hall at 8.30am on the day of the trip. Unfortunately there will not be room on the buses, and we encourage parents to organise carpooling prior to the event or at the parent briefing.</p>
Wednesday 11th December	<p><b>Tree Trimming</b></p> <p><b>NB: Children will bring home an invitation for their special guest on Wednesday 27th November</b></p>	<p><i>Small plate of food to share (take to the hall before school)</i></p> <p><i>1 special guest per child</i></p> <p><i>Something Christmassy to wear e.g. hat (optional)</i></p>	<p><i>NB: No preschoolers please</i> Parent helpers to set up the hall with senior students by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Putting out morning tea</li> <li>- Setting up Christmas trees</li> </ul> <p>NB This needs to be people who are not coming as a child's special guest.</p>
Thursday 12th December	<p><b>Carol Singing at Whitby Lakes Retirement Village</b> (in the school hall if too wet to walk to the Lakes Retirement Village)</p>	<p>Something Christmassy to wear (optional)</p> <p>Sunhats</p>	<p>Parent helpers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Supervise on walk to and from the retirement village</li> </ul>

## Year 0/1 EOTC - PARENT HELPERS SLIP

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Event	I am available for Parent Help
Monday 9th Dec, 8.30am - 3.00pm	Upper Hutt Skating Rink and Maidstone Max	Supervising and supporting children at skating and Maidstone Max Playground Yes No
Wednesday 11th Dec, 8.30am - 9.00am	Tree trimming (only those who are not attending the event)	Setting out morning tea and putting up Xmas tree in the hall Yes No
Thursday 12th Dec, 9.30 - 11am APPROX	Carol singing at Whitby Lakes Retirement Village	Supporting children on walk to and from the retirement village Yes No

## Upper Hutt Skating/ Maidstone Max Trip PERMISSION SLIP

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ from Room \_\_\_\_ to go on the Upper Hutt Skating Rink and Maidstone Max trip

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return permission slips to your classroom teacher before  
Thursday 21st November**