



Middle School Outings-Term One 2021

18th February 2021

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We have proudly got off to a great start here in the Middle School. It has been a busy but fun time getting you know all of your amazing children!

This term our inquiry topic is Ngā Awa (The Rivers) and how the Te Henui and Waiwhakaiho Rivers make up part of the Merrilands Community. We are wanting to walk down to both the rivers for morning tea, a play and a look around.

In order to do this, we will require some parent help and also permission for your child to leave the school grounds.

Dates and times are as follows:

- Waiwhakaiho Walk-Thursday 25th February, leaving school at 9.30am, returning no later than 11.30am
- Te Henui walk-Thursday 4th March, leaving school at 9.30am, returning no later than 11.30am

Please complete the permission slip below and return to your child's teacher no later than **Tuesday 23rd February**.

This will be a fun morning out, and a great way to connect with places in our community.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rebecca Wormald, Luke Kennedy, John Edmonds and Natalie Looney

I give / do not give permission for: _____

To walk from Merrilands School to the Te Henui Stream and Waiwhakaiho River on the 25th February and the 4th March.

I am able / unable to help on 25th February

I am able / unable to help on 4th March

Signed: _____

Possible Routes and places:

<p>Te Henui</p>	<p>Scenario 1: Leave school and walk to Cumberland Street, down Nevada onto Awanui, then to Spencer Place. Cross the bridge for a picnic. Walk all the way back along the walkway to Cumberland Street, then up the hill and back to school. (around 5km)</p> <p>Scenario 2: Walk down Mangorei Road to Warangi Street. Down and across the bridge for a picnic. Walk back the same way.</p> <p>Scenario 3: Walk down Mangorei Road to Warangi Street. Down and across the bridge for a picnic. Walk all the way back along the walkway to Cumberland Street, then up the hill and back to school.</p>
<p>Waiwhakaiho</p>	<p>Scenario 1: Walk down Kauri Street to the top of Skeet Bush, down through Skeet reserve. Walk through to the Waiwhakaiho Walkway, turn left and walk along to the end and have a picnic and walk back. No real play spaces.</p> <p>Scenario 2: Walk down Kauri Street to the top of Skeet Bush, down through Skeet reserve. Walk through to the Waiwhakaiho Walkway, turn right and walk along to the Sacred Heart School Field. Have a picnic and walk back.</p> <p>Scenario 3: Walk down Kauri Street to the top of Skeet Bush, down through Skeet reserve. Walk through to the Waiwhakaiho Walkway, turn right and walk along to JumpStart Daycare for a play and morning tea and walk back (will have to check with JS to see if we can do this).</p>