

Wednesday 23 August 2017

## SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Dear Parents and Whānau

Next Wednesday 30 August, in preparation for race day, the school will walk round the cross country course so they know exactly where to run on the big day. We will walk the course straight after lunch. **This means that all children will require their sweat-shirt / polar fleece and footwear on Wednesday.** While we check the course to make sure it is as safe as possible for children to run without shoes, this is not done until the morning of the event.

**On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September**, the day of the cross country races, your child will need to have;

- Shoes to wear as they walk to and from the venue. (Children can run without footwear but they do so at their own risk)
- Medication – if your child gets asthma or requires any medication the need to have it labelled in a plastic bag. These will be kept in the tent next to the first aid kit.
- Their school polar fleece or sweat-shirt (named)
- A water bottle (named). These will be placed in containers and taken down to the venue by car. The containers will be placed in front of where each house group will sit.
- **Children are welcome to dress in house colours for the event as long as it does not inhibit their performance.**

Once children get to the venue they will be seated in their house groups. Children will be called to the starting area in year groups. **Racing will start as close as possible to 10.30am with the Y6 girls and boys going first.** If a child needs to go to the toilet they will have to see the designated adult before going and they have to go in pairs.

**Children will not be able to leave the seated area for any other reason.**

It would be great to see parents sitting in deck-chairs behind the children cheering on their child's house group.

Once all races are completed children will walk back to school. As in previous years, all children should be back at school by the beginning of lunchtime (12.30 p.m.). Certificates for individuals and results of the house competition will be awarded near the end of the day in the hall.

If the weather is not in our favour on the day a decision will be made as soon as possible. This will be sent out on the school App and the local radio station contacted. Postponement date is **Friday 8 September.**

Regards

Martin Madden

**Principal**