

Mana ao Tūroa

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In Week 2 next term (**10th to 14th May**) we will be exploring our local environment and learning about what lays right on our doorstep here in Birchville and Upper Hutt.

The children will be divided into 3 tuakana teina groups, where they will support each other, learn together and explore being kaitiaki of our amazing kura, where we live all whilst covering a range of fun learning activities.

They will get to:

- spend a day in Upper Hutt learning about its history, what the land is used for and get a play on the new Maidstone Max playground.
- enjoy a school noho on the Thursday night
- complete a colour run that some parents are helping us to organise for the Friday
- hike up to the Birchville Dam
- do a river study of our own section of Awakairangi
- map our school and look at how we can be more eco friendly.
- have breakfast together on Friday morning

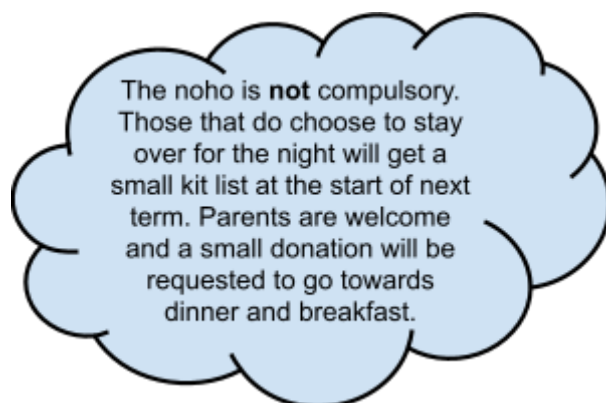
The school day will run on the same hours as a normal school day but the children will be outdoors most of the day. We are aiming to run this rain or shine so gumboots and raincoats may be necessary.

Parents are welcome to join us for the week, or parts of it as it is always better to have additional supervision when we are heading out of the school grounds.

This is a provisional time table: (It may change a little as we refine the plans)

MAY	Monday 10th	Tuesday 11th	Wednesday 12th	Thursday 13th	Friday 14th
9.00-10.00	Let's get started assembly	Sharing the previous days activities assembly	Heading off to Town	Sharing the previous days activities assembly	Sharing the previous days activities assembly
Grp 1 all day activity	Dam walk	School study	Town rotations: 10-1pm Expressions Library Treasure hunt	River study	Colour Run (children are able to leave school early @ 1pm - if they are very tired and dirty:)
Grp 2 all day activity	River study	Dam walk		School study	
Grp 3 all day activity	School study	River study		Dam walk	Relaxing afternoon
2.30-3.00	Day wrap up	Day wrap up		Day wrap up	

Thursday night Noho @ School	
Children will sleep in their classrooms - all parents are welcome	
Arrive back at school and set up their mattresses/beds for the night	4.00pm
Playground Games	4.30-5.30pm
Dinner in the hall	6.00pm
Spot light or movie	7.00pm
Brush teeth and bedtime	8.00 to 9.00pm
Tidy classrooms, get dressed, pack away	7.00 to 7.30pm
Breakfast (all welcome)	7.30 to 9.00pm



We are looking forward to a wonderful week and a fun filled Term 2.

Aroha nui
Robyn and the Birchville kaiako