



Te Kura o Te Kauaeranga - Thames South School

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Rāapa 21 o Hui-tānguru 2024

Surf Life Saving Education - year 4 - 8

Date: Rāmere 23 o Hui-tānguru

Time: 8:30am (please be at kura by 8:30am)

Venue: Waihi Beach

Kia ora e te whānau

We are travelling to Waihi Beach on Friday 23rd February, departing kura at 9 a.m. (after roll call) to participate in surf life saving lessons. This will be facilitated by the Surf Life Saving Education Crew on the beach and in the water.

As there are restrictions on ratios for on land and the beach we require an additional crew of adults. 7 in total. Attached is some information that the Beach Education have provided explaining the expectations of the day.

We have participated in this event a few years ago and the value in the learning and experience is well worth being a part of.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank the Glenic & John Gallagher Foundation for their generous donation - they have granted funds to cover the cost of the Surf Lifesaving Lessons and the transport of a bus (Greenline Motors).

Lunch will be provided - please send your tamaiti with a lunchbox of healthy snacks for morning tea and a water bottle (filled with water only).

If you are able to assist us on the day please complete the reply slip below.

Ngā manaakitanga

Whaea Barbara Hetaraka

Beach Education Day Whānau Support - Friday 23rd February 2024

I _____ am able to assist on the day

My contact information is _____



Beach Education – Adult/Parental Assistance Letter

Thank you for volunteering to provide adult/parental assistance for your school's upcoming Beach Education Day. Without your assistance, it would be impossible for us to provide students with the level of support required to deliver a safe, fun and educational day at the beach.

Beach Ed is unique to all other water safety programmes as it provides students with a real experience of Surf Lifesaving. Students are immersed in a Surf Life Saving environment with hands-on experience of beach and surf conditions – that means they will be participating in water activities in the surf environment and will therefore require your hands on assistance. This means you need to be prepared!

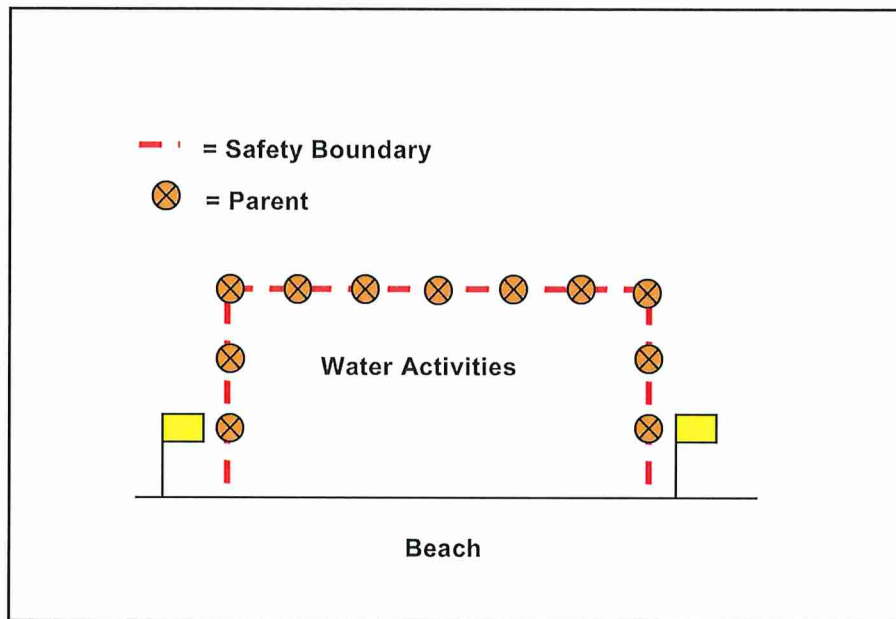
Health and Safety is a shared responsibility; the objective of this letter is to provide all adults assisting with Beach Ed with an understanding of your roles and responsibilities within the six hours that you will be attending the programme.

The Programme:

This is broken into three main components – Theory, Beach Activities, and Water Activities.

Theory and Beach Activities: The theory section is managed from the clubhouse. During the Introduction and Housekeeping sections all adults assisting with the day's programme will be asked to attend a briefing in which expectations will be clearly outlined, and the opportunity for asking questions will be provided.

Water Activities: All adults are required to participate in all activities but your major and most vital role will be to assist with water safety during the Water Activities. Part of your role within the water activities will be setting boundaries (see diagram next page). As a result you may not be as active as the students. Therefore, it would be wise to ensure you have the necessary swim attire that you can keep warm in – wetsuits and rash vests are ideal. Note you will be expected to get into the water up to your waist.



What to Bring:

- Togs
- Towel
- Wetsuits are recommended—remember you will be in the water up to your waist.
- A warm change of clothes
- Sunblock SPF 30+
- Sunhat (recommend wide-brimmed)
- Water bottle/Morning Tea/Lunch

There will be a more detailed briefing on the day you attend Beach Ed. Please ask any questions that you may have during this time to ensure that you have full understanding of your roles and responsibilities.

In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the head teacher coordinating this activity should you have any concerns or queries.

Teacher in Charge: Whaea Barb Contact details: 021 0252 3839

Thank you again for assistance and enjoy your upcoming day at the beach.