Whatawhata School Cross Country

Thursday 19 May 2016

Venue: large farm after Highbrook subdivision

It's almost that time again - School Cross Country, with the hills, puddles, prickles, mud…. (hopefully no torrential rain this year!)

Just like last year we will be hosted by Stu Richards, on the big farm just after Highbrook. Closer to the time we will send home more information about where to go, where to park, food prices etc. This is the first newsletter, to let you know about the date and times for this day and also to begin gathering information regarding transport for the whole school. It's a great day out for whanau to come along and cheer the kids on and we always get a great turn out. There will be lots of healthy food for sale and the course is nicely set out so that you can see all the racing action as it happens.

We really appreciate being able to arrange the transport for this event nice and early and it really helps to know if you're planning to come along (and transport your own kids - so we don't count them in the numbers needed) or if you are able to offer transport for a few extras. Please send the form below back to the school office as soon as you can so we can start to plan for this event.

We will also be looking for parents/whanau to offer to help out with marshalling around the course or help the lovely ladies of the PTA on the BBQ and food sales tent. Please indicate on the slip below if you could help in one of these roles.

Timetable for the day:

Races begin at 10am: *****New event: Pre-schoolies race to begin the day*****

5 year old girls then boys

6 year old girls then boys

until around 1pm **12 & 13 year old girls then boys.**

Parents are welcome (and encouraged) to take their children home after they have raced. Many parts of the course are very muddy and wet - ALL children will need to have an old towel and a change of clothes; People providing transport may need to have old towels for muddy kids to sit on. Children should come to school in mufti (old clothes) for this day - no uniforms, due to the mud. Shoes are optional - be prepared that they may lose them in the mud! Football boots are not recommended.

Throughout the day we will be celebrating kids' successes and handing out certificates for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each race. We will also be choosing children to represent Whatawhata School at Inter-school Cross Country, 27 May at Waitetuna School (in <u>most</u> cases, we will take 1st, 2nd & 3rd placings to Waitetuna Inter-school Cross Country)

There will be portaloo toilets available at the farm.

Children should bring a substantial lunch and their own bottle of water.

Looking forward to a great day. Come along and join us!

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I can transport _____ children to and from the Cross Country.

I plan to transport my own children _____ so they will not need transport arranged for them.

I can help with marshalling on the course or BBQ & food sales (please circle)

Name:_____ Phone number:_____