PERMISSION SLIP*: Canoe the Whanganui*

I approve of my son (Full name)................................................................................. Form.................... participating in the Canoe the Whanganui Year 10 camp being held on Monday 27th November – Friday 1st December 2023.

I understand that:

● The group will travel to Whakahoro and leaving from PNBHS Old gym on Monday 27th November at 7.30am.

● My son will be staying at Doc sites along the Whanganui river in tents – provided by the school.

● I am required to pay $625 by 3 November 2023, for my son to participate in this activity and that I need to contact the finance office if I am unable to meet this deadline.

● My son will be subject to the Fundamental and Basic school rules during the entire trip.

● My son should take part in such activities and such necessary duties as may be required by staff involved in this activity

● I need to notify the Main Office prior to departure of any changes in the medical conditions of my son.

● I authorise the obtaining of medical assistance, if in the opinion of (Liz Gray & Alex James) such action is necessary.

● I need to notify (Liz Gray) prior to departure of any specific circumstances that will require her consideration during this activity.

● If my son is required to travel outside the normal travel arrangements that I am responsible for the organisation and associated costs.

● I have signed as required, the water based permission slip.

In signing this permission slip, I am agreeing to (sons name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ participating in the detailed activities.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT\CAREGIVER: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (WORK): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (CELL): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

27 November – 1 December 2023

Kia ora Whānau/Parents/Guardians,

Our group will be departing from the Old Gym at PNBHS on Monday 27 November, for our four-night camp on the Whanganui River.

Our accommodation will be in tents, supplied by the school, on Doc sites, on the river between Whakahoro and Pipiriki.

On the first day we head south to first camp site at Mangapapa. Weather dependent there is the option of a swim/cliff jump.

Tuesday morning we head for John Coull which is approximately a 6 hours paddle.

Wednesday takes us to Tieke Marae with an approximate 6 hour paddle. We also stop to walk (30min) to Bridge to Nowhere. At Tieke Marae we are welcomed with a powhiri - if Tangata Whenua are there.

We are hoping to stay at Puaroto (4 hour paddle) for our last night. It is a privately owned spot. If we can confirm this stay it includes helping prepare the hangi, river run, cliff jump, swim, and an evening camp fire.

Friday is a 2 hour paddle to Pipiriki. We help clean up, un-pack barrels and then have lunch before getting on the bus back to Palmerston North (2 hours).

We expect to be back at school around 2pm. If this time changes we notify the school office who posts this information on the school website/FB page.

Your son is required to bring any snacks and lunch for Monday. There is no opportunity to buy any food so please ensure food and water is packed and ready for the day. Dinner Monday night is provided and all food will be provided for the rest of the week.

We are fed extremely well. This includes some snacks too. If your son decides to take extra snack food, please consider the type of packaging the snacks are in, as we have to take all rubbish out with us for the week.

The school has a number of water proof rain coats available for students to borrow. Please let us know if your son would like to borrow one. We also can provide some poly props, which is a must for the wet and cold environment. Once again, please let us know, there is no need to go out and purchase any items.

A permission slip and swimming profile are attached to this letter. Please complete both and return to me as soon as possible or by the end of Week 1, Term 4.

A Parents evening will occur at school in early Term 4 and further student camp meetings will be held during next term too.

If you require any further information please contact me [grayl@pnbhs.school.nz](mailto:grayl@pnbhs.school.nz).

Ngā mihi nui

Liz Gray – Camp Coordinator for Canoe the Whanganui