



Murrays Bay Primary School
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Dear Parents / Caregivers

Waterwise - Year 5 Term 4 2022

Welcome to your child's Waterwise sessions for year 5 pupils in term 4 2022. Your child will have the opportunity to participate in a series of activities that will help them to be safe in and on the water.

On the dates listed below, your child will be undertaking Waterwise activities provided they can swim 25 metres unassisted, displaying a survival swimming technique. These are breaststroke, backstroke or doggy paddle. Students have been tested in our school pool and at Millennium to ascertain if they are competent in the water.

The children will leave school at 9am and return by 3pm.

Each class will have two whole days at the Murrays Bay Sailing Club as follows:

Week 6

Monday 21 November: Mrs Jennett
Tuesday 22 November: Mrs Orchard
Wednesday 23 November: Mrs Johannesson
Thursday 24 November: Ms Taylor
Friday 25 November: Miss Petricevich

Week 7

Monday 28 November: Mrs Jennett
Tuesday 29 November: Mrs Orchard
Wednesday 30 November: Mrs Johannesson
Thursday 1 December: Ms Taylor
Friday 2 December: Miss Petricevich



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The students will be walking down to the beach for each session, and will need to bring/wear the following:

Sun hat

Water bottle

Shoes/suitable footwear for walking to the beach

Sunscreen

Togs & towel

T-shirt / shorts

Lunch and morning tea (please no lunch orders on this day)

Wetsuit or rash shirt (students may be provided with wetsuits but can bring their own as we have limited numbers of wetsuits).

For safety reasons the adult / student ratio on the water is 1:4. To ensure small groups and maximise learning we need as much parent help as possible.

This is a fantastic programme that requires your help.

Please think about offering your assistance, even for classes that your child is not in! If you know of a trained Waterwise Instructor in the area, please forward their name and phone number to your child's teacher.

All costs associated with Waterwise will be met through the Pupil Services Fee, for which we are most grateful.

Please email your child's class teacher if you are able to assist the Waterwise instructors in this programme. It is helpful if you let us know which day/s you are available and where you would be comfortable helping: on the beach/in an IRB/in a kayak.

You will be contacted by email/ ETAP on the morning of your child's Waterwise session if it is cancelled due to poor weather conditions.

Kind Regards,

Caryn Johannesson
Waterwise Co-ordinator

