

Te ara Moana TRUST

Te Ara Moana Information Sheet

2019

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

What? We are about getting 'local kids into the local water'. The programme is conducted in the Porirua Harbour and surrounding beaches with local Titahi Bay schools. The programme includes children developing skills in sailing, kayaking, water survival, safety and awareness in and around the water - plus having heaps of fun and making new friends!

Why? Your child has shown an interest and has been selected to participate in this programme, which will enhance and develop further, their water awareness/confidence, social awareness/confidence and understanding/awareness of the harbour environment.

When? The programme is being run throughout the term on Starting on Wednesday 20th February 11.30am-3.00pm

The programme is subject to weather conditions and you will be notified via phone, or the school will notify your child, should the course timings change at any stage.

Where? The majority of the programme will be run in the Onepoto arm of the Porirua Harbour directly in front of the school and the Onepoto boat sheds. Should strong southerly winds arise the programme will be conducted in Paremata sheltered waters for kayaking. The base for the programme is at the Titahi Bay Boating Club which is a five-minute walk from the school.

Who? Jenni Bedford, Dean Porter and or Deborah Stewart are trained instructors with 100 years of combined experience sailing, teaching, kayaking, management and community work

How? There is no cost for your child to participate and they do not have to be able to swim. There will be a maximum of 16 children on this programme at any one time. There will be a minimum of two adult leaders in the water at any time the children are in the water. The children will be wearing buoyancy aids when on yachts or kayaks, and there will be at least one manned rescue boat monitoring the children when they are on sailing-craft at any time.

Wetsuits, wind jackets and booties are also provided. However, could you please provide your child with a healthy packed lunch, water, togs/swimwear, a towel, change of clothes for each session.

For further information about our Health & Safety procedures please contact us directly at the email address or cell number below.