

PIRONGIA SCHOOL MOUNTAINEERS



Transition to School Programme



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Pirongia School - Together We Climb

The Mountaineers Club is a transition-to-school programme that aims to be informative, educational and an enjoyable experience for you and your child. The programme endeavours to create a sense of belonging and well-being for all participants and families.

The children will be given an opportunity to interact with our New Entrant School children as well as teachers and other staff.

Children must be intending to enrol at Pirongia School.

The benefits of the Mountaineers Programme at our school are:

- A smooth transition to school for all students
- Familiarity and security with and within the surroundings
- Create a sense of belonging for both children and families
- Create a sense of themselves as a learner in a school environment
- Create a relationship with the teacher
- Become orientated with the layout of the school and staff
- Become familiar with other new entrant children
- Have an inclusive programme that caters to differing abilities
- Early detection of children with learning difficulties or talents





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Session Times

The Mountaineers Club operates on Wednesday afternoons from 1.30 pm - 2.55 pm

Who can attend?

4 year olds

How many visits?

Six visits just prior to their 5th birthday



Clothing

Please dress your child in play clothes. Clothing needs to be comfortable, washable and easy to manage for toilet usage. Make sure that all clothes are labelled.

What to Bring to the Mountaineers Club

- A brimmed hat (this is school policy)
- A change of clothes
- A good sized school bag that will fit a book bag (this helps the children feel part of the school routines)



Delivering and Collecting Children

Lunchtime starts at 12.40 pm. Please bring your child any time after 1.00 pm. They will need supervising in the playground until they are delivered into the class.

Please let staff know if any other person is bringing your child. Children will not be permitted to leave the school grounds with any person who does not have parent permission and who is unknown to staff.

Parents are most welcome to stay in the class for the first couple of sessions while children settle, but to enable a successful transition we ask that you leave your child to develop independence with the classroom setting. We would however appreciate you staying within the school grounds for legal reasons.





Programme Outline

(Activities will vary from week-to-week)

1.00 pm- Arrive and settle

- Mat Time
- Story
- Art, phonics, colouring in, songs, games
- PE
- Jump Jam
- Pack up

2.55 pm- Home 😊



Stationery Items Required for children beginning Term 1 - Term 2 2014

Your child will need the following stationery to begin the school year. Most items can be purchased from Paper Plus in Te Awamutu.

Our office has available for purchase, bags for swimming togs at \$10 each, should you wish to purchase one, and Pirongia School pencil cases are available for \$5.00.

- 3 1A8 Books Phonics / Homebook/Poetry
- 2 Writing Books (Clever Kiwi Company)
- 1 Learn to Write
- 4 Pencils
- 4 Large Glue Sticks
- 1 pair 6" scissors
- 3 Clever Kiwi Activity Books
 - 2 Literacy & 1 Maths
- 1 Highlighter
- 4 Whiteboard markers
- 1 Packet - 10/12 Jumbo Coloured Pencils (Large)

Stationery Items Required for children beginning Term 3 - Term 4 2014

- 3 1A8 Books Phonics / Homebook/Poetry
- 1 Writing Book (Clever Kiwi Company)
- 2 Pencils
- 2 Large Glue Sticks
- 1 pair 6" scissors
- 2 Clever Kiwi Activity Books - Reading & Maths
- 2 Whiteboard markers
- 1 Highlighter
- 1 Packet - 10/12 Jumbo Coloured Pencils (Large)

Other Times to Visit

The newsletter is available online every Wednesday. Please check for any upcoming school-wide events which you may like to share with your preschooler.



Check out our school website:

www.pirongia.school.nz

