

Year 11 - 13 Community Event Day

Student Info - Friday 5th Feb 2016



Dear students, parents and caregivers

As Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery prepares to return to our central city home we will be making efforts to build the connections, skills and attributes that makes our character of learning special and unique. Throughout 2016, each Year 11-13 Community will be involving themselves in three full days of activities that will foster the qualities needed by Ao Tawhiti Students working and learning in the central city.

The first of these activities will be on Friday 5th of February and will be in the form of a mystery event designed to foster the engagement and collegiality we believe is important for each student to be successful at Ao Tawhiti.

As a school we value ideas of kaha - challenge and of whanautanga - meaningful connectedness. The mystery event day will build on these ideas as well as being a whole lot of fun. The details of the events are closely guarded secrets, but we are able to share with you some of the details which will be important for the day to be successful. The event day has been carefully planned by the Community Leaders, please trust and respect us and your community by keeping an open mind and participating enthusiastically in the day.

The mystery event day, along with other community activities, are all good events to record and reflect upon for your leadership portfolio. The portfolio, which is voluntary, has been established as an avenue for students to gather together their involvements and participation in the life of Ao Tawhiti and gain recognition of their achievements and commitment to the character of learning at Ao Tawhiti. The portfolio is also a useful acknowledgement for employers and other interested parties of a student's qualities and attributes.

Our intention for the second community event is framed around students giving input into the internal design and style of our new building - we value and appreciate student engagement with the building that they will use. It will be their school and we would like to hear their voice.

The third community event will be shaped and developed by the students themselves, so at this stage we have no idea what they will be like. What we do know is that it will be student directed and will engage the values and principles that make Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery such a rich student experience.

Please join your community and support the spirit and intention of our school.

Yr 11-13

Community Leaders

26/1/2016

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Wet Weather - in the event of the weather affecting the Mystery Day students will be advised on the school website and will need to be at school at 10.00am

Student Details Mystery Event Day Friday 5th Feb 2016

This year there are three Year 11 to 13 Communities:

- Emma's Community which is made up of her Homebase and those of Derek, Allan, and Matt.
- Richard's Community which is made up of his Homebase and those of Louise, Ino, Brent and Florian.
- Pete's Community which is made up of his Homebase and those of Richard Pitts, Beks, George and Holly.

The Mystery Event day will involve a range of activities. Students need to ensure that they are ready to go at 9.30 at their designated start point.

The activities will conclude at 2.30pm and student will be able to make their way home.

Mystery Event Start Points - students to report at 9.30am

Emma's Community **9.30am@Elmwood Park**

Pete's Community **9.30am@Elmwood Park**

Richard's Community **9.30am@ the "Hack Circle tree" cnr of High & Cashel St**

Some students may finish the day at a different location from their start point.

There will be transport available to return students to their start points if necessary.

Elmwood Park is easily accessible using public transport:

1. **Bryndwr/Hunstabury #17** (get off at stops #16078 or 16577) and walking down Heaton Street to Elmwood Park [350 m]. Buses run every 30mins. Connects to Bus Exchange.
2. **Wigram/ Palms #100** (get off at stops #38607 or 46373) walk across to Elmwood Park. Buses run every 30mins. Connects to Riccarton Mall and Palms hubs.
3. **Blue Line from Papanui Road** (get off at stops #12987 or 12800) and walking down Heaton Street to Elmwood Park [750 m]. Buses run every 15mins. Connects to Bus Exchange and Northlands hub.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch as the events may not necessarily be located near eateries. Students need to dress appropriate to the weather and forecast. The events are all outdoor events. Suitable sun protection is recommended. Suncream will be available at each start point. In the event of bad weather and cancellation of the Event, classes will run from 10.30am as timetabled. Notification of any cancellation will be posted on the school website.

All Year 11-13 students are expected to participate in the Mystery event, it is part of their learning programme as student of Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery. Consent for the event is covered by the General Agreement EOTC #1 that all students and parents have already signed. If a student has a particular reason for not being able to participate, please contact their Community Leader. If there are any health or other conditions that staff should be aware of, please contact their community leader.

We would greatly appreciate any parental support with the Mystery Event day. Please contact Emma, Richard or Pete if you are able to assist all or part of the day.

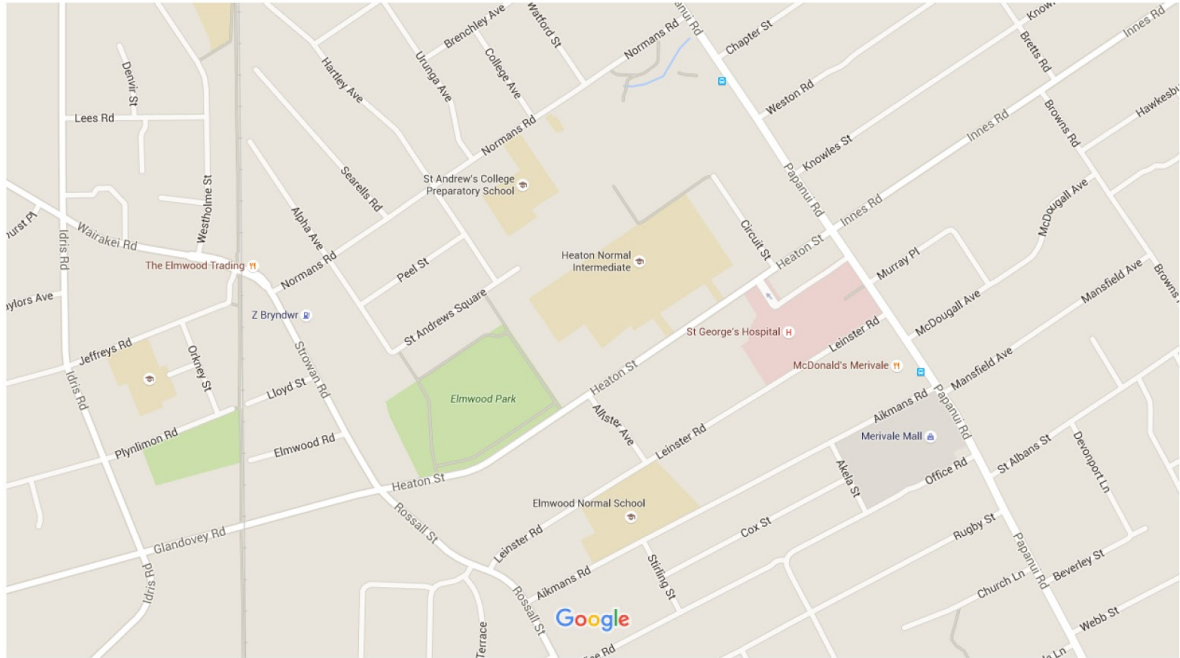
Yr 11-13 Community Leaders : Emma Barrett, Richard McCance & Pete Brailsford

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Activity Locations

Elmwood Park - Merivale/Papanui

Google Maps



Central City START: cnr Cashel and High Streets

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