



FARM COVE INTERMEDIATE

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Dear Parent/Guardians

AIMS 2018

Welcome to the first AIMS Games update for 2018. With a high number of students involved and continued success, we are looking forward to further participation this year. AIMS Games takes place at various sporting facilities around Tauranga from Sunday, 9 September to Friday 14 September. This newsletter is to give parents an idea as to what will be happening with Farm Cove Intermediate and our attendance at AIMS Games. Further information about AIMS Games can be found on their website. <http://nzaimsgames.co.nz/>

Sports

This year we will endeavour to have teams compete in Hockey, Netball, Basketball, Football, Futsal, Rugby 7s, Gymnastics, Performance (Cheerleading, Hip Hop, Aerobics) and Cross Country. For all other sports see below.

Coaches will advertise sign-ups, take trials and select squads by the end of Term 1. Final naming of teams will be done mid Term 2. The selection of teams is taken seriously with coaches responsible for each team having the final say. Initial permission forms will go out to parents to accept and agree to their child's commitment for training, representing Farm Cove, fundraising and paying their participation fee. Coaches may need a parent to help with management and transport at AIMS, which can be indicated on the initial permission form. All students in teams are expected to travel to, around and from AIMS as a team. Cross country runners must be transported to and from Tauranga on the day of their event by parents.

Other Sports

AIMS 2018 offers other sports such as Swimming, BMX, Golf, Yachting, Badminton, Tennis, Table Tennis etc. A full list can be found on the AIMS website. If you would like your child to attend and participate in any of the other sports available it will be up to you as parents to supervise, provide transport, accommodation and food for your child. It is extremely important that you check that your child meets qualifying standards for the sport and is able to cope with the competitive nature of AIMS. Qualifying standards can be found on the AIMS website by going to the appropriate link above. Please contact Mr Insley before Friday, 6 April to discuss arrangements and the possibility of your child attending in any of the other sports.

At this stage we are in need of a Swimming manager to organise our students during their competition and a Basketball coach. If you are able to help please contact Mr Insley as soon as possible to discuss details.

Accommodation

Currently we book three motels; Roselands, Harbour View and the Rainbow. Parents who are selected to help as a coach or manager are required to pay \$50 per night to assist with motel accommodation costs. All motels are of a high standard and well cleaned.

Food

All meals and snacks are catered for and include enough food to keep teams energised and healthy. We take into account food allergies and individual needs. The Sunday dinner after the Opening Ceremony is pizza and we take the students out for dinner on the Thursday night. Breakfast, lunches and other dinners are organised by coaches and managers. To help with

morning and afternoon tea and supper all students are required to bring some home baking or a bag of fruit.

Cost

At this stage we are unable to set specific costs for each sporting team. However, fees will include transport, accommodation, food, team registration, special events, referee fees, uniforms and coaching where applicable. At this stage fees may be up to \$700 for the full week. **Fees must be paid in full before AIMS as this may affect your child's participation.** Once your child has confirmed their participation at AIMS it is possible to set up a payment plan through the school office.

Fundraising

This year we will be undertaking fundraising activities to help raise money for our AIMS teams. Fundraised money goes towards reducing the cost of all teams and competitors. Students selected in teams are expected to be actively involved in fundraising and parent support may be required where necessary.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind regards

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