

CLEVEDON SCHOOL

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22 June 2026

Dear parents and caregivers

Your child has been selected to represent Clevedon School at the upcoming ECCS Cross Country event, which will be held on **Wednesday, July 29 at Te Puru Community Centre (954 Whitford-Maraetai Drive)**. The save date in case of inclement weather is Friday, July 31st. A course map will be supplied for training purposes, and students are encouraged to visit the venue for practice at least once.

The day will run as follows:

8:15 am	Arrive at school for roll call and talk
9:00 am	Depart Clevedon School by bus
9:30 am	Assemble at Te Puru Community Centre - There will be a designated Clevedon School area
2:30 pm	Return to school

Race distances:

Each competitor will run **3km** on the day.

Students to bring:

All students must be in Clevedon School sports uniform, with appropriate sports shoes. Students need to bring sufficient water for the day as well as a large packed lunch. It's highly recommended that students bring a spare change of clothes and have wet weather gear, including a towel.

All children will need to run in their Clevedon School sports uniform, and trainers (compulsory and consider taping shoes on due to the muddy conditions) and have a large drink for the day. Please ensure that your child has ample wet weather and warm clothing to wear before and after their race as well as a good-sized lunch or lots of food to snack on throughout the day.

We will be travelling by bus and two vans to this event. The cost for the bus/van will be **\$9** payable through our online payment system, Kindo. Please note that children will need to **arrive at school at 8:30 am** sharp on this day, as the bus will depart at 8:50 am. Please note children arriving late will not be able to attend. Postponement of the event will be notified via email by 8am on the morning of the event.

We are looking for six parent helpers to assist the organisers with recording, marshalling and supervision on the day. Please indicate on the attached [Kindo](#) form if you are available to help. Please keep this letter for your information. As with all events we require parent helpers and if we don't have enough we will be unable to send our team.

Maraetai Beach School, in collaboration with Brookby School, are organising this event and as such, we require permission on Kindo to be signed and returned, no later than **Monday 20th July** so that they can complete their organisation prior to the event. Please process your payment and indicate your consent and/or ability to help with marshalling on the day via our online payment system [Kindo](#).

Run club:

We will be starting a Run Club on Monday and Thursday mornings at 8:00am in the lead-up to the event. We strongly encourage your child to attend these training sessions to help prepare for the race.

Students should arrive at school wearing running gear and appropriate running shoes, with their school uniform packed in their bag to change into afterwards. Please meet on the hall deck ready to run.

The training dates are as follows (please add these to your calendar):

- Monday 29 June
- Thursday 2 July
- Monday 20 July
- Thursday 23 July
- Monday 27 July
- Thursday 30 July

If your child is unable to attend all sessions, they are still welcome to join us whenever they can. Please remember to be training a couple of times a week leading up to race day - it is a very challenging course!

Counties representative selection:

The criteria for selection are:

- Those students placed in the top 10 are selected to represent the ECCS team for the Counties cross country event.

Counties and Auckland cross-country event dates

Should your child be selected, he or she will need to attend Counties cross country on **Friday 7th August** (Save day Wednesday 12th August) and potentially AAIMS cross country on **Friday 28th August**, should they be successful at the Counties event. In these instances, parents will need to make their own arrangements so their children may compete at this level.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards,

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