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Kia Ora

An important part of being in a team is whanaungatanga; being able to work together as a group and support each other. The Māori Leadership Team is a new initiative this year and we would like to provide an opportunity for those who are members to get to know each other better and to have some fun as a team!

On Tuesday 10th May, we are heading into the CBD to try Waka on the Avon. This is a program run near Tākaro-ā-poi/Margaret Mahy park. Starting in Victoria Square students will learn the significance of the area and the importance of waka in building Ōtautahi Christchurch. The experience includes:

- mihi whakatau
- historical tour of Victoria Square
- waka health & safety & orientation
- learn to paddles games
- waka history and significance
- waka haka and chants
- a fun race

This experience is free for the students. However, all participants need to wear clothes that are suitable for physical activity, a sunhat or woolly hat (dependent on the weather), and bring a packed lunch. Students will remain in their non-uniform clothing when they return to kura.

Students need to arrive at kura at 8.40 am (normal time) and sign in with their teacher. We will leave on the bus at 9.00 am to Tākaro-ā-poi. Waka on the Avon lasts approximately 1.5 hours. We will then return to kura, walking through town to see some of the significant spots in Ōtautahi CBD. We will arrive back at school at approximately 1.30 pm.

We are needing parent helpers to accompany us on the day. If you are available to help please complete the google form via this link <https://forms.gle/g8jLV6uBAkhBomjA6>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on c.riches@chchsouth.ac.nz

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nā Chloe Riches