

**SPECIAL WORK FOR CHILDREN ON
SPECIAL HOLIDAY LEAVE POLICY**

Rationale:

Families are more frequently taking family holidays during school terms. Social and market forces contribute to this, particularly in a tourist / seasonal, work orientated community. Guidelines are required for parents when requesting school work for their children over these periods.

Purpose:

- 1) To prevent unreasonable demands being made on teachers
- 2) To clarify parental / teacher responsibilities in these situations
- 3) To acknowledge that there are circumstances where the benefits of a family holiday out weigh the benefits of a period of attendance at school, for the child.

Guidelines:

- 1) The holidays or event etc should be of social, educational or special benefit to the child/ren concerned.
- 2) These guidelines apply to holidays, not sickness, bereavement or 'family circumstance' absences.
- 3) Teachers will give parents a list of suggestions (below) and parents will be responsible for supervising and marking/evaluating the activities.
- 4) School reading books/library books and other reference material will be available if possible.
- 5) The list below is a collection of suggestions parents may like to consider. It will be necessary to ensure that the activities are relevant to the children, meaningful and appropriate for the circumstances.

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Keep a diary or scrap book 2) Send postcards (R.D. 1 Whitianga) 3) Reading books 4) Pictures & captions 5) Captions on the back of photos 6) Learn basic facts (x, +) 7) Daily run / exercise / swimming etc 8) Art work / craft work 9) Environmental maths (distances, money, prices, comparisons, time etc) 10) Musical instruments (recorders etc) 11) Suitable games / educational games 12) Dictionary skills 13) Media Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - review of films, T.V. - Newspaper activities - Magazine activities 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 14) Photography 15) Learn new spelling words 16) Atlas / map skills 17) General knowledge 18) Make & edit a video film of the holiday 19) Record diary entries on cassette 20) Prepare & practice a talk & display/ power point for when back at school. 21) Purchase "Homework Booklet" for your age group (may be available at school) 22) Develop an area of interest or hobby 23) Contact the NZ Correspondence School for additional resources. Private Bag 39992, Wellington Phone 04 473 6841 24) Online resources, communications and learning programmes 25) etc.....
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Conclusion

Parents will be responsible for the education of their children while on holiday during school terms. School will support parents as indicated in the guidelines.