Basic bush 1 – Kaniwhaniwha Reserve

**The people:**

Laura jacks, Riley Knoedler, Anoek Grosmann, James Truter, James Brown, Brook Dyer, Emma Tyson, Giovan Widjaja, Jimmy Yin, Johanna Le, Li-wen chen, Toby Williams

**The trip:**

The basic bush school was originally planned for Karangahake gorge but due to bad weather was changed to Kaniwhaniwha reserve. The trip happened on the 17th-20th of july 2020. We met at the clock tower at 6pm - 6:30ish pm (i was late). We stopped at huntly for something to eat around 7:30 pm and made our way to the reserve. After arriving we found a suitable place to pitch tents and have yarns until everyone was tired. Around 7:30 we woke up, made breakfast, cleaned the campsite and headed up toward Tirohanha track off Corcoran road. We then left our cars and went up on the first day to the pahautea hut for the night. One first day we did map navigation, compass readings and how to just tramp in general (or at least look the part). The second day we did a simulated river crossing with the three instructors laura,riley and anoek along with some first aid teaching and penguin dancing. On the way back to the cars we used a lot of rock chains which kept everyone on their toes. We arrived back at the cars around 5pm back down the Tirohanha track on the sunday to head back to auckland.

**The Memes:**

The ability of some group members to successfully bounce after numerous falls has led to some debate about whether a human ass can successfully mimic the qualities of rubber.

Some instructors displayed an amazing tolerance and comfort for the cold by carrying out acts such as walking around barefoot in an uninsulated cabin in the middle of winter. This was awe inspiring to some newbie trampers and left them questioning if they were indeed human.

The penguin dance is a spectacle to people who don't know what the hell you're actually doing twirling and waddling around on a deck at 8:30am whilst singing like its 3 am karaoke.

The meals we made out of ignorance of what 20 dollars can really get you in countdown, think mash and pasta.