

Wanted Now! Year 1 - 4 parents to train as Waterwise Instructors



Did you know that when your child reaches year 6, they get to participate in a fabulous programme called **Waterwise** at Narrow Neck beach on Friday afternoons in the summer months? They get to learn about water confidence, water safety, how to sail an optimist dinghy, paddle a kayak and enjoy other fun water activities in a safe and supportive environment. Devonport Waterwise has been teaching water skills to children from the local primary schools since 1990.

Sessions are run *entirely* by parent volunteers who have completed the Waterwise Instructor training course. Each year our school has the opportunity to train a few new instructors to replace those who are moving on. The course starts in April and you learn in a group with trainees from other local schools.

It does not matter if you don't have a child in year 6 yet - we're keen to recruit parents long before their child reaches year 6. Without new recruits coming on board now we may not have enough trained instructors when your child reaches year 6.

Sailing experience is not necessary - you learn to sail exactly how the children learn. You'll also be taught all the safety and instruction aspects, including patrol boat handling.

The only pre-requisites to train as an instructor are the ability to swim, enthusiasm and commitment. **Following certification, the expectation is that you can help each Friday between 11.30am and 3pm during terms one, two and four when Devonport Primary School run their Waterwise sessions.**

For more information, see the devonportwaterwise.co.nz website or have a chat with any of the current DPS parent instructors (*Alex Urquhart, Daniel Stietz, Geoff Palmer, Johanna Ibbotson, Kay Baddely, Paddy Brown, Nikki McCarthy, Jill White, Edwin Kok*).

2026 course dates:

Wednesday	22 April	7pm - 9pm	Info and introduction evening
Tuesday	28 April	9am - 3pm	On Water
Saturday	2 May	9am - 3pm	On Water
Tuesday	5 May	9am - 3pm	On Water
Saturday	9 May	9am - 3pm	On Water
Tuesday	12 May	9am - 3pm	On Water
Saturday	16 May	9am - 3pm	On Water
Tuesday	19 May	9am - 3pm	On Water
Saturday	23 May	9am - 3pm	On Water
Tuesday	26 May	9am - 3pm	Save Day
Tuesday	2 June	9am - 3pm	Save Day
Tuesday	2 Jun		Theory test - to be confirmed
Saturday	6 June		Practical test



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The course fee of **\$57.50** covers the cost of course documentation and the Yellow Waterwise Cap.

If this sounds like you, contact Geoff (geoffrey_e_palmer@hotmail.com)

Course participants need to be confirmed and the \$57.50 fee paid by Wednesday 15th April.

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