



Raumati Beach School

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NEWS

Term 1

Newsletter 2/21

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Another week another alert level change. I am really pleased to see how quickly our staff and students adjust to this new normal! I do have one request and that is to urge you to scan in when entering the school grounds, given that the latest cluster came from a school it is important that we are able to track who is on site at any given time.

The Board of Trustees as part of their responsibility regularly looks at how the school is funded, the pressure points and how we are operating against our current budget.

The BOT also looks at initiatives to increase funding to the school such as the development of our International Student Programme, (Currently on hold until the pandemic is resolved) or taking on board before and after school care which also provides a small passive income.

School funding is a little different than what you may be used to in your occupations and the BOT decided that it might be useful to explain how schools are funded and what this ultimately means for us at Raumati Beach.

I will do this over two parts, rather than one long newsletter about funding.

Part one will look at how school funding operates in NZ and part two will look at the reality for RBS.

PART ONE: SCHOOL FUNDING IN NEW ZEALAND

Funding Overview

The Ministry provides funding for schools by way of operational funding, salary funding for teachers, and property funding.

Operational funding is the financial resources received by Boards of Trustees from the Government for running the day to day operations of schools.

Salary funding is the salaries paid by the government to teachers employed in schools. (Administration Staff, Teacher Aides, Maintenance Staff & Support Staff are funded from the schools operational funding.)

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Property funding is the funding spent on maintaining and expanding school property. School Boards are responsible for the financial governance of their schools, including determining how operational funding is allocated.

There are 3 types of schools in New Zealand.

- State schools are owned and funded by the government. (This is Raumati Beach School)
- State integrated schools are government funded but may also charge compulsory fees.
- Private schools charge set fees for a term or year.

State schools are funded by the government and the education is free for domestic students up to 19 years of age. However, parents usually need to pay for things like school uniforms, stationery, and extracurricular activities.

You may also be asked to pay for some learning experiences outside the classroom, like school trips or sports events and other activities that are not part of the core school curriculum.

Funding deciles are ratings used by the Ministry of Education to determine some of the funding a school gets.

- schools each have a decile rating from 1 to 10
- roughly 10 percent of schools are in each decile rating - 10 percent have a decile 1 rating, 10 have decile 2 rating and so on
- the lower a school's decile rating, the more funding it gets.

Raumati Beach School is a Decile 9 school. A decile doesn't indicate the overall socio-economic mix of the students at a school.

Deciles are also used to determine how much support schools get in a number of other areas.

Some professional development is available free to lower decile schools, while higher decile schools often are required to fund their own development out of the operations grant that is received. For example Dinah Harvey who is working with our staff on developing the mathematics programme is entirely funded by us.

There are a number of challenges associated with being a Decile 9 school. For example:

- There is a wider assumption that because a school has a higher decile that the community can and are able to pay a higher level of school donations.
- School staffing calculations are different for higher and lower decile schools
- More funding per child is higher to schools of lower deciles.

If you are interested in seeing how the MOE calculates the decile rating you can access this information here: [DECILE CALCULATIONS](#).

SCHOOL DONATIONS

To help supplement the funding that the school receives from the government, schools request a donation from parents.

Next time - Raumati Beach School funding.

Ka kite ano

Mike Farrell
Principal

SCHOOL NOTICES

CASH PAYMENTS

Please be aware that we are no longer accepting cash payments in the office for stationery and uniform. Kindo is available for all stationary, hats, sports, lunches and trips. We also have eftpos at the office. Thank you for your understanding.

MOVIN'MARCH IS HERE!

We're proud to be a Movin'March school and this month we're looking forward to seeing whānau and students walking or wheeling to/from school. Walking, biking and scooting is a great way to kick start learning for the day, connect with your neighbourhood and improve well-being. It's also great for the planet! Don't forget your WOW Passport so we can stamp your trip.

Whānau Photo Competition

Whānau can enter a photo of their journey to school for a chance to WIN a family pass to Staglands Wildlife Reserve, Zealandia or a Micro Scooter! WOW – there's 15 prizes to be won! Go to the Movin'March Facebook page and share your photo in the comments under the weekly theme post.

WOW Passport Challenge

Let's get stamping! We'll stamp your walk or wheel trips and all entries will go in the draw to win one of 12 x \$400 MYRIDE vouchers. If your family lives too far away, why not park a short distance away from the school gate and walk or wheel the rest of the way? For more information see our Park & Stride tips.

WOW Family Day

Our school is holding a special theme day on Wednesday 31st March and we encourage all families to walk or wheel – even if it's just for one day - over March. Give it a go and be part of our Movin'March celebration!

Art Challenge: Year 0-6 students can colour in Jack's journey to school and create a wonder or adventure for him along the way. Age Categories: 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, Special Education (see your teacher for colouring in page).

YEARS 1 & 2 NETBALL - REMINDER

A reminder that registration and payment for Years 1&2 Netball is due by this Friday, 5th March.

UPCOMING EVENTS

16-19 Mar	Y7/8 Kapiti Island Trips
24 Mar	Y7/8 Kapiti Island Trip
26 Mar	Green Day
29 Mar	Y7/8 Science Roadshow
31 Mar	WOW Family Day
2 Apr	Easter Friday
5 Apr	Easter Monday
6 Apr	Easter Tuesday
16 Apr	End of Term 1 - Teacher Only Day – School Closed

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Waikanae Kindergarten – Garage Sale

Waikanae Kindergarten are having our annual Garage Sale and Gala on Saturday 13 March and we were hoping you would be able to advertise the event in your school newsletter. I have attached a copy of our flyer, but the details are also below.

Waikanae Kindergarten Annual Garage Sale & Gala
Saturday 13 March 2021
8.00am – 12.00pm
Russell Reserve, Ngaio Road, Waikanae

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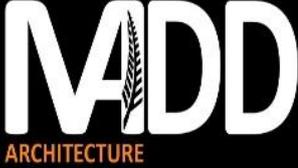


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