

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

11 March 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians & Whanau,

TEAM TE MOANA 5 & 6 CAMPS TO MAKAHIKA OUTDOOR PURSUIT CENTRE – NEWSLETTER ONE

Every alternate year, our year 5 & 6 students have an opportunity to experience school camp. This year we are very fortunate to once again be able to attend Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre situated in the foothills of the Tararua Ranges in Levin. This will be a very exciting and unique camping experience for our students like no other. Some of the camp highlights include a day bushwalk to an overnight campsite, along with a river crossing and 170m flying fox.

Our aim is for all students to have the opportunity to attend Camp with their schoolmates, as it is a wonderful developmental and social experience. For students in years 5 & 6, this is an opportunity for them to experience independence, and develop new skills on a multi-overnight trip.

When do we go?

Due to the size of our team, classes will attend Camp in two groups:

Camp One (rooms 11, 12 and 19) 2 - 5 November (Tuesday - Friday)

Camp Two (rooms 20, 21 and 10) 16 -19 November (Tuesday - Friday)

What do we do there?

It is an action-packed week! We travel to Makahika by bus, meeting at school on the Tuesday morning of camp. Along with all the fun of being on camp, we have three busy days filled with exciting activities, and the opportunity to spend the night in three separate camp locations (bush tents, tents and cabins). We return, tired but happy, on the Friday afternoon.

The camp director, Sally Duxfield, will also be facilitating a camp information meeting for parents in Term 2. The date is yet to be confirmed, and we will let you know as soon as possible.

Can I be a parent helper?

After our Camp Information Evening we will send forms home for whanau to apply to be helpers on camp. A Police check form is part of this process. The teachers then work to select a group of adults who would best support the needs of the camp group. We aim to let you know as soon as possible so that work/family arrangements can be accommodated. We will take approximately 18 overnight parent helpers per camp.

What will it cost?

Costings for camp are being finalised: the approximate cost is \$380 per student. This includes accommodation and food, transport, and all camp activities. We have charged \$300 to your child's Kindo account and this **must be paid by Friday 17th September**. We will confirm the last payment once fundraising has been deducted. Partial payments can be made at any time on Kindo. If you would like to set up a direct debit, see the "my account" page on Kindo or email Jackie (jcorbett@raumatibeach.school.nz). There is no charge for parent helpers.

In order to make your payments easier, please consider the following payment schedule.

\$100	Due 14 th April	Payment 1 (includes a \$20 non-refundable deposit)
\$100	Due 30 th June	Payment 2
\$100	Due 17 th September	Payment 3
\$TBC	Due 20 th October	Payment 4

Will there be fundraising?

We will endeavour to subsidise this cost by making applications to charitable funding sources and by running in-school fundraising events, such as bake sales. Parents are also welcome to do private fundraising for their own camp account. **However, if you are keen to coordinate, or be part of, a parent fundraising group to help raise funds for the team, please contact Jenni Adams.** This would be greatly appreciated!

We understand that cost can be a barrier to students coming on camp. We would ask that you communicate early with Team Leaders if there are financial difficulties so that payment options can be discussed. You can be assured that this information will be kept confidential. Please speak with Jenni Adams or Paul Gilbert in person, or email them at:

jadams@raumatibeach.school.nz

pgilbert@raumatibeach.school.nz

What do I need to do now?

Please confirm your child's attendance by completing the permission "sign up" on Kindo before 31st March 2021.

We are really excited: our school camps have always been a very special experience for the students, teachers and parents. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak with your child's teacher, or email Jenni Adams jadams@raumatibeach.school.nz

Regards,

YOUR TE MOANA 5 & 6 TEACHING TEAM