

# **RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL**

2 May 2019

Dear Parents & Guardians,

## **TE MOANA YR 5/6 CAMPS - MAKAHIKA OUTDOOR PURSUIT CENTRE – NEWSLETTER #2**

### **Camp Information Meeting**

There will be a Camp Information Meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in the Learning Street for parents of students attending Makahika camp in November. We will be presenting information about the camp, and outlining the activities that the students will partake in. Sally Duxfield, who is the owner/operator of Makahika, will also be present to answer any queries you may have.

### **Parent Helper Selection Process and Requirements**

Parent Volunteer applications will be available on the night. If you are keen to be considered as a parent helper, we recommend that you attend this meeting. There will be a movie running in one of the classrooms for parents who require child minding during the meeting.

Once all applications are in, the teachers will work together 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 five overnight parent helpers per class. We will also require some day helpers. Parents will be notified by the end of Term Two if they have been successful.

***Please note that a police check form is part of this process.***

There is no charge for parent helpers. (This cost of \$83 per adult has been covered by our grant from The Pelorous Trust).

### **When do we go?**

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

**Camp One (Rooms 10, 11, 12) 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> November (Tuesday - Friday)**

**Camp Two (Rooms 19, 20, 21) 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> November (Tuesday - Friday)**

### **What do we do there?**

It will be an action-packed week! We travel to Makahika by bus, meeting at school on the Tuesday morning. 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. Arrival and departure times will be within school hours.

If your child has any anxieties about attending camp, please contact their teacher. We are really keen for all students to attend, and are happy to work alongside you in implementing strategies to support your child. Makahika will also run a camp orientation prior to camp for families of anxious children. You will be invited to spend a weekend day there where you will be spoken to by the owner and given a tour of the grounds.

### **What will it cost?**

Costings for camp have been capped at \$315. This includes accommodation and food, transport, and all camp activities. We anticipate this cost will be further reduced with continued fundraising efforts. So far the cost of transport (\$25 per child) has been deducted from the total due to a grant from Pelorus Trust.

We have worked out a payment plan below to help meet the cost. We will confirm the last payment when the total fundraising has been deducted. Payments can be made at any time through the school office or 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](mailto:jcorbett@raumatibeach.school.nz)).

\$75	Due 12 <sup>th</sup> April	Payment 1 (includes a \$50 non-refundable deposit)
\$90	Due 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Payment 2
\$90	Due 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Payment 3
\$TBC	Due end of October	Payment 4

Please contact your child’s class teacher should you have difficulty paying the deposit, to discuss payment options. Follow up calls will be made in the following weeks, as we are keen for all students to participate in our Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) curriculum based activities.

### **Will there be fundraising?**

We will endeavour to subsidise this cost by making applications to charitable funding sources (such as the Pelorus Trust) and by running in-school fundraising events. Parents are also welcome to do private fundraising for their own camp account.

This term, we will be organising more bake sales. Rooms 10 and 21 will be responsible for a bake sale on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May, Rooms 12 and 20 on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June, and Rooms 11 and 19 will do the final bake sale of the term on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Reminder notices will come out on the Monday of the bake sales.

### **What do I need to do now?**

Please ensure that you have confirmed your child’s attendance by completing the permission “sign up” on Kindo if you haven’t already done so. Thank you to those parents who have paid the first installment of the camp fee of \$75, which was due at the end of Term One. A reminder that the second installment of \$90 is due on 5<sup>th</sup> July. This is to be paid through Kindo or at the school office.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak with your child’s teacher, or email Matt van Wheeler [mattvw@raumatibeach.school.nz](mailto:mattvw@raumatibeach.school.nz) or Jenni Adams [jadams@raumatibeach.school.nz](mailto:jadams@raumatibeach.school.nz).

Regards,

**TEAM TE MOANA 5-6 TEACHERS**