

RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL

28 February 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

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

Every alternate year, our year 5 and 6 students attend school camp as part of our commitment to the NZ Curriculum. This year we are very fortunate 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 highlight experiences will 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 educational, developmental and social experience. For students in year five and six, 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 Syndicate, classes will attend Camp in two groups:

Camp One (rooms 10, 11, 12) 5-8th November (Tuesday - Friday)

Camp Two (rooms 19, 20, 21) 19-22nd 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. Along with all the fun of being on camp, we have three activity 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. The owner will also be facilitating a camp information meeting. These dates are yet to be confirmed, and we will let you know as soon as possible.

Can I be a parent helper?

Later this term, we will send home forms 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 12 overnight parent helpers per camp. We will also require some day helpers.

What will it cost?

Costings for camp are being finalised: our estimated cost is \$340 per student. This includes accommodation and food, transport, and all camp activities.

We have worked out a payment plan below to help meet the cost. We will confirm the last payment when 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). There is no charge for parent helpers.

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

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.

We understand that cost can be a barrier to students coming on camp. We would ask that you communicate early with Mike Farrelly 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 Mike in person, or email principal@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 15th March 2019.

We are really excited: our school camps have always been a very special experience for the students, the teachers and parents. 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 or Jenni Adams jadams@raumatibeach.school.nz

Kind regards,

Team Te Moana 5&6 Teachers