

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Kia ora e te whanau,



### Year 8 Camp to Hunua Falls – 19 - 22 October

Outdoor Education and school camps are highlights of a student's education. They offer students a chance to take part in outdoor activities that are challenging, fun and often something that they have never tried before.

Camp Adair at Hunua Falls offers a huge variety of exciting activities in a safe environment. Set in 100 acres of native bush and fields, the camp is well set up for our group of 200 Year 8 students. The camp offers a range of activities delivered by fully trained staff. High and low rope courses, confidence trails, archery, hiking, kayaking, a river traverse and an exhilarating mud slide are just some of the activities on offer. All activities are aimed at helping students to take managed risks, set goals, overcome obstacles, work as a team and grow in confidence while learning some new physical skills.

The camaraderie that forms between groups of students and adults who attend camp is a huge highlight for many. Lots of parents claim that their child's school camp was also their best week ever! For parents who attend, you will have an exhausting week but it will be more rewarding than you can imagine.

For safety, all activities are led by qualified instructors. All equipment for activities is supplied by Camp Adair. The camp is catered. Accommodation is dorm style rooms with separate bathroom areas. Transportation to and from camp is by bus. All of this ensures a safe and well run experience but it comes at a cost of **\$330.00 per student**. We are advising you of this cost now so that you can begin to make regular payments rather than pay a large amount closer to camp week. **We require a deposit of \$100.00 prior to Friday 9 July**. The remaining \$230 may be paid off over term 3. All money must be paid prior to Friday 1st October.

Camp payments can be made from today. Regular payments or lump sum payments will all be received by the office and a record kept of your payments. If paying online, include your child's name and the word CAMP as a reference.

**Our bank account details are: Birkdale Intermediate School  
12-3035-0413925-01**

Our goal is for 100% attendance at the year 8 camp.

**Camp 2021 will be held from Tuesday 19 October – Friday 22 October.** Prior to camp, there will be many more notices sent home, a parent evening to share more information, a health and consent form sent home and information for parents who wish to attend as parent helpers. There is an anticipated cost of \$120 for each parent who would carpool to the venue. We rely on students to hand notices to parents but we will also ensure that notices are sent out via the school app and are on our school website.

To help us keep track of who is getting information, we would like every parent to sign and return the slip at the bottom of this note indicating that you have read this camp note and are aware of the camp dates and the associated costs. This is not a consent form.

If, for any reason, your child would NOT be able to attend camp, please come in and talk to us about this. There may be ways that we can assist to get your child to camp or, if it is not possible for your child to attend, we need to factor this into our organisation.

Camp 2021 is being organised and run by The PE team with assistance from other keen teachers. We have each run several outdoor camps before and have worked together to run several successful school camps in previous years. We love outdoor education and we know that it has huge benefits for all students.

We are looking forward to a fantastic camp week and feel excited to be planning this for your child.

Ngā mihi nui,

Rachel Young and Stephen Robinson  
**Teachers in-charge of Year 8 Camp**

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**Please return this slip to your child's whanau teacher.**

- I confirm that I have read the note about the Year 8 camp for 2019.
- I know the dates for camp, the location and the associated costs.
- My child will be participating in this outdoor educational experience.
- I will pay the camp costs of \$330.00 to the office before the end of term 3.

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Whānau: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_