



## The Farm Camp 2019

Dear parents and caregivers,

As camp is fast approaching, here is some important information that you will need to know so that our camp is an educational, fun and successful experience for your children.

### **Arrival and Departure**

Please ensure your child is at school by 8:45 the morning of camp. They need to have all of their camp gear from the camp gear list that has gone home. They will need to take their gear to their classroom. If you need another copy of the gear list, please speak to your child's teacher.

Students will need to bring morning tea, a drink bottle and lunch for day one. Students can give their home baking and fruit to their teacher who will put it into a communal box to take out to camp. Students in years 0 - 3 needs to bring home baking, and year 4 - 8 students need to bring fruit to share please.

We will be departing school at 9:15am. Piwakawaka (Y0-1) and Kereru (Y2-4) students will arrive back to school on Thursday by 3pm and Korimako (Y5-8) students will be back at school by 3pm on Friday.

### **Helpers and Ballot**

Thank you to all of the parents that have put their names forward and offered to help on camp. The teachers completed the ballot on Friday afternoon. A letter is going home to all parents who applied to go to camp today. If you are no longer able to help on camp, please let us know ASAP.

Please remember that the purpose of school camp is to give the students experiences that they would not often be given. Building relationships and taking risks is a big focus on our camp this year. Students need to be able to step out of their comfort zones in order to develop their self-confidence.

### **Activities**

The activities that students will take part in are horse riding, dirt biking, kayaking, milking cows in the morning, beach afternoons, bush walks, team building challenges as well as raft building. As supervisors, we need to ensure that the focus of camp is on the children and that they participate in all activities provided during this time.

### **Rosters and sleeping arrangements**

Sleeping arrangements and car lists will be sent home closer to camp. During camp, children will be sleeping in tents. We are hoping to get a few big tents that will house the Piwakawaka students with the supervision of the Piwakawaka parents. Other parents will be scattered around the campsite area. Students will be in groups of 3-4 (depending on the tent sizes that we can secure).

### **Final Camp Costs**

Final costs are confirmed:

Years 0-4 was \$235 and is now **\$163.40**.

Years 5-8 was \$269.50 and is now **\$197.90**.

The costs have been reduced due to fundraising and donations given towards school camp.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the fundraising of camp.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your classroom teacher.

Kind regards,

Maungakaramea School Staff