

Wednesday 17th June 2020



Dear Parents / Caregivers

Re: EOTC week at Te Atatu Intermediate

As you may be aware, Te Atatu Intermediate opted into the government donations scheme for 2020. The scheme provides our school \$150 per student. This amount is used to cover curriculum costs including curriculum materials, tech materials, IT, Hapara, MathsBuddy, class trips, visits from theatre/educational groups and so on. Our hope was that through opting into the scheme, we can provide equitable access and opportunities for all students and their families. As this is the first year of the scheme, I misinterpreted one of the criteria around students attending camp, for which I apologise.

Following discussions with our MoE advisers, we have been advised that our initial camp letter was incorrectly worded. As part of the scheme, when offering camps, we need to provide an opportunity for all students to have the option of attending a school camp.

We can only request a donation to be paid to cover camp expenses. (Camps are exempt from the donation scheme restrictions, please see following link <https://www.education.govt.nz/school/funding-and-financials/fees-charges-and-donations/>)

Our hope is that by opting into the scheme and not having other fees, camps will become less of a financial burden for families.

The reality for our school however, is that your support with this camp through voluntary donation is important, so that we can continue to take our tamariki to camp.

Unfortunately, if we don't meet a certain threshold of donation, we will not be able to go ahead with camp. This is because the MoE donation does not cover the cost of camps, which for the week are \$400 per student. As the camp payment is a voluntary donation, families can claim a rebate (33%) at the end of the tax year. Information can be found at

<https://www.ird.govt.nz/income-tax/income-tax-for-individuals/individual-tax-credits/tax-credits-for-donations>

As a result of this, we would like to offer students the opportunity to attend the camp of their choice.

The three options remain; The school based programme, Lakewood Lodge Camp and the Motutapu Camp.

Please consider which option you would prefer and indicate on the form below. Please note that students who were previously on one camp list may choose to switch camps or stay in the same camp if they wish. We will do our best to accommodate.

In order for us to achieve this, there is a possibility that both camps could be split across the week (ie one group Motutapu Monday-Wednesday and 2nd group Wednesday-Friday) depending on numbers that wish to attend that camp. It would be most helpful if this form could be returned by **Monday 29th June** to aid us in our planning.

Could all students please return your completed form to your class teacher by the 29th June.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself at lloyd.e@teatatu.school.nz or Mr Collins at steve.c@teatatu.school.nz

Once again, I apologise for any misunderstanding I have caused and thank you for your continued support.

Nga mihi nui

Lloyd Evans
Principal.

A reminder about each option

Lakewood Lodge 2020 Camp

The dates for Lakewood Lodge Camp have been confirmed as Monday 2 November to Friday 6 November.

The camp has facilities for horse riding, kayaking, climbing, low ropes, archery, flying fox, animal experiences and night activities. Students and adults will be housed in dormitories and cabins.

Lakewood Lodge activities are run by the fully trained staff there. We will have 3 teachers and 6 parents on camp to assist with the activities and running of the camp.

Motutapu 2020 Camp

The dates for Motutapu Camp have been confirmed as Monday 16 November to Friday 20 November.

The camp has facilities for sailing, kayaking, swimming, climbing, high ropes, archery, stand up paddle boarding, orienteering, confidence course, survivor challenge and team sports. Students and adults will be housed in dormitories and a lodge.

Although there will be six fully trained instructors and 6 teaching staff available during our time at camp will also have 16 parents to assist with the activities and the running of the camp.

School based option

The dates for the school based option will be Monday 2 November to Friday 6 November.

During the school week, students will take part in team building activities at school. There is also a day trip to MOTAT, where students will be involved in Game Maker, where students look at old games and create a computer based game linked to STEAM activities.

A final day will be spent at Lake Pupuke, on the North Shore, where students will take part in kayaking, raft building and orienteering.

NAME: _____

ROOM NUMBER: _____



Please select the option you wish for your child to participate in during EOTC week in Term 4

OPTION 1 SCHOOL BASED PROGRAMME

(includes team building activities, Mindlab STEAM activity, kayaking, raft building and orienteering)

OPTION 2 LAKEWOOD LODGE

Already on Lakewood Lodge

Move from Motutapu Camp to Lakewood Lodge

Go to Lakewood Lodge

OPTION 3 MOTUTAPU CAMP

Already on Motutapu Camp

Move from Lakewood Lodge to Motutapu Camp

Go to Motutapu Camp

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