

Dear Whānau

Monday 25 November 2019

Birchville Y5 and Y6 Camp

The Ministry has clarified their expectations of payment requests for overnight camps. It is required that these be a 'request for donation', rather than a fee. This means parents will not pay GST on the cost and can claim one third back on their tax - essentially reducing the cost to families significantly.

Our Board has decided to go ahead with the planned 2020 camps. They believe overnight camps provide important learning opportunities for our students as well as supporting their health and development. Camp is a wonderful way for teachers to connect with their tamariki in a completely different environment and for many children camp is where they begin to gain confidence and independence.

We believe that our parent community feels the same. Most children look forward to attending camp once in their senior years at Birchville School. We hope that parents will be prepared to fund the cost through a 'donation' request rather than a 'fee' request of \$200 per pupil.

As our dates for camp are 26 to 28 February 2020. We need to get your confirmation before the end of this year. We are currently waiting on grant applications to try to supplement the costs. However, if we are not able to cover the cost of \$16,000 for camp for 72 children in 2020 we will need to cancel this bi-annual event.

As usual you may pay this through Kindo and a system for families experiencing financial hardship will be available as has been in the past.

Please can you return this form to the office by Friday 6th December after which we will inform the community if we are able to go ahead with camp for 2020 or not.

Ngā mihi nui

Robyn Brown
Principal

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Child's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

- I will pay the full amount before 26 February 2020
- I will pay off the \$200 before the end of Term 1 2020
(at least \$100 must be paid off before 26th February)
- I will not be able to make this payment

