

Camp Update - 8 February 2022

At this stage we are still pushing ahead with camp. I have been in close contact with Makahika Outdoor Pursuits Centre over the past few months and have been reassured that they are well set up to work safely within the traffic light system. They have been doing so already with a number of school, corporate and sporting organisations. All staff are triple vaccinated and we won't be sharing the site with anyone outside of Adventure School. So in many respects a school camp in the foothills of the Tararuas is probably a lot safer than most other places in New Zealand at the moment.

This email offers a quick update to go with the camp notice that went home this afternoon. The note going home this afternoon is a paper copy of the one you received via email in January. It includes important information about camp - itinerary, kit list and a parent consent for your child to attend camp. **Please return a signed copy of the consent as soon as possible.**

The paper notice also points you towards **three links** that obviously don't work particularly well in paper format. They are nonetheless important.

- The first link goes through to a form asking you whether you are willing and able to donate to the cost of the camp. The vast majority have filled this out and the overwhelming response has been "Yes". Thank you. If you haven't filled this out yet, please do so by clicking [here](#).
- The second link goes through to a medical and personal student info form that needs to be filled out. We haven't had many responses on this yet. We need this filled out soon as there is a lot of collating and summarising that goes on after all info has been gathered. Access this by clicking [here](#).
- The third link goes through to a parent expression of interest form. This is the form you fill out if you would like to be considered for the role of camp helper. We have had some parents reply, but are happy to receive and consider more. We will be looking over all names received this weekend and will be getting back to the successful applicants early next week. Click [here](#), if you would like to be considered.

Grants and cost of camp

Unfortunately we were unsuccessful with our first grant application, but we do still have one pending with another organisation. This second organisation meets next week. It is likely we will be notified of their decision after we have given you a final figure for the cost of camp. If this does prove to be the case and we are successful in gaining a grant, the money received will still be applied to camp. Any excess funds given by yourselves will then be applied to your child's technicraft materials fees. Either way, you will be receiving a final figure for the cost of camp next week

Camp meeting cancelled

We are now unable to hold the camp meeting next Tuesday. It will be replaced by a slide presentation that will hopefully answer most of your questions. If you have any other questions about camp, feel free to email me directly at mhughes@adventure.school.nz. There will still be a camp helpers meeting once we have figured out who is in the starting line up.

Thank you all for your continued support of school camp. It is a difficult time to try and arrange anything and I appreciate that some of you will have concerns. My interactions with students over the course of our first day together indicate that it is indeed the thing that they are most looking forward to most this term, and possibly year. So we are doing everything within our powers to ensure it goes ahead and safely.

Regards
Mark Hughes
Syndicate Leader - Totara