



Nikau Zoo Sleepover

Monday 7 November, Tuesday 8 November and Wednesday 9 November

29 August 2022

Kia Ora Koutou Parents and Caregivers

We are excited to be planning the Zoo Sleepover as part of Nikau Syndicate's EOTC programme. A big chunk of our programmes will be based around animals and classes have already started learning about animal groups and their habitats. There will be a big focus on animal welfare; learning about them, but also finding out what they (students) can do in their lives to help these animals in the wild. The Zoo itself supports many Conservation Programmes and we will also be looking into these.

Zoo sleepovers are a really fun and unique experience that we are sure our students will love. During the sleepover our students will get out and about in the Zoo and see what happens behind the scenes after other visitors have gone home. The students will sleep with their classmates either in the Archibald Centre, which overlooks Monkey Island, or in the Living Room, which is in close quarters to some of the cutest critters. The next morning students will again get to see what happens at the Zoo before visitors arrive.

Each class will spend one night at the Zoo - more details will come out about this later. The sleepovers start at 7pm and will end at 9:30am the following morning. Students will eat dinner at home before meeting back at school at 6pm to catch a bus to the Zoo. Students will be provided with a light evening snack and a continental style breakfast in the morning. We will also provide the students with fruit for morning tea and hot chips once we return to school. We would also suggest they bring a packed lunch. Closer to the trip, a detailed itinerary and list of what students will need to bring will be sent home.

As with most trips outside the classroom there is an associated cost. The actual sleepover is \$45 per person (adults and students) and we also have to factor in the price of the bus. Our Bake Sale was a great success and the \$1624.80 has helped bring the cost down. We are also looking at other ways we could bring these costs down, but at this stage the cost is approximately \$58 per student. Please complete the attached form and return it if you are happy to pay this donation.

We would also love to have a few parents join us on this adventure, but due to numbers (maximum of 70 people) we are only able to take 3 parent helpers per room. These parents would be responsible for a group of students as well as food preparation. If you are interested in joining us, please indicate this on the slip below and return it to your class teacher.

Please do not pay any money now, because if we don't get sufficient support, the trip will not go ahead.

Toni-Marie Bennett
On Behalf of Nikau Syndicate

**Nikau Zoo Sleepover
Expression of support**

(Please return to class teacher)

Students Name _____ Room no. _____

Yes / No I would be happy to support this trip to the Zoo for my child by donating approx \$58 to cover the costs.

Yes / No I am interested in being a parent help

Parents name _____

Signature _____