



*Adventure School*

## Tōtara Camp Final Notice

27 February 2024

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This will hopefully be the final notice ahead of camp. You are receiving this as you have indicated that your child will be coming to camp this year. If circumstances have changed and this isn't the case, please advise me as soon as possible, as final numbers have already been sent to Makahika and they have invoiced us based on these numbers.

We have also now received a full and final tally of all student and medical information for students coming to camp. Thank you all for getting this to me. I will be collating this and sending details to Makahika on Wednesday, so please advise me directly if there have been any last minute changes ahead of then. On the subject of medication, please remember to pack this into a separate named, clear plastic bag, with instructions enclosed. Hand this to a teacher in Room 24, when you arrive at 8am next Tuesday.

Hopefully you have managed to put together all the other items on the [kit list](#) that was sent through to you earlier this year. We have advised all students that this isn't an opportunity to ask for new sleeping bags, tramping boots or torches. Let me know if you are struggling to tick everything off the list or have any questions about what should or shouldn't be taken to camp.

We have had notification of our last two grant applications. We were successful in securing \$5,000 from Trust House, which we can add to the \$2,000 we received from Grassroots Trust and the fundraising efforts from last year. Unfortunately this leaves us \$3,000 short of our target. Rather than ask you for more money at this late stage, we have decided to cover the extra cost via additional fundraisers later in the year. We appreciate that \$350 is still a lot of money to find out of already stretched family budgets. If you prefer to pay by installment, please contact the school office.

As this is the last notice ahead of camp, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has had a hand in getting us to this point - the rest of the teaching team in Tōtara, the parent helpers who are giving up 4 days to come and assist, the office staff who are overseeing all the necessary admin and of course yourselves, who are providing financial support and encouragement to get your children to what I am sure will be a wonderful camp.

If you have any questions about the above, please don't hesitate to contact me directly.

Thanks and regards on behalf of the Tōtara Syndicate.

**Mark Hughes**