

19 June 2026

Exciting News: Big Changes for the Rimu Team EOTC Camp in 2027! 🌲🌟

Kia ora Year 4 and Year 5 Families,

We are absolutely thrilled to share a major update regarding our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) program for next year. Based on years of wonderful feedback from our community, we are shaking things up for the Rimu Team in 2027!

Many of our families have expressed a keen interest in providing a more traditional, "outdoorsy" camp experience for this age group. You wanted a stepping stone that perfectly bridges the gap between the Year 3/4 overnight Zoo trip and the big Year 7/8 camp. We listened, and we are excited to announce that we are planning a return to El Rancho in Waikanae!

Save the Date!

When: Wednesday, 17 February to Friday, 19 February 2027

Where: El Rancho, Waikanae

Estimated Cost: \$280 per student (at this stage)

Why El Rancho & Why February?

Located on the beautiful Kapiti Coast, El Rancho offers an incredible environment for outdoor adventure. From team-building initiatives to classic camp activities, it is the perfect backdrop for our students to challenge themselves, build resilience, and connect with nature.

Holding this camp at the very start of the school year is a deliberate and powerful choice. It provides an unmatched opportunity for our Year 5 and 6 students (current Year 4 and 5s) to:

- **Bond as a team:** Establish deep friendships and a supportive team culture right from week one.
- **Grow in independence:** Step out of their comfort zones in a safe, guided environment.
- **Set the tone:** Build a foundation of trust, leadership, and collaboration that will enrich their learning for the entire year ahead.

We Need Your Support to Make It Happen!

An outdoor camp of this scale is a massive undertaking, and we simply cannot do it without our incredible community. To move forward with booking and planning, we need your commitment in two vital areas:

- **Parent Helpers:** We will require a strong cohort of parent volunteers to join us and help supervise activities.
- **Financial Viability:** The estimated cost is \$280 per student. For this camp to go ahead, we need to ensure it is financially viable and supported by our families.

What We Need From You Now:

Please take a moment to fill out our quick expression of interest form below so we can gauge if we have the green light to lock this in. Please return to your child's teacher before Monday 29th June.

Thank you all for your ongoing partnership in making these unforgettable learning experiences possible for our tamariki. We are so excited about this next step for the Rimu Team!

Warm regards,

The Rimu Team Teachers

Rimu Team EOTC Camp in 2027
Expression of Interest

(Please return to class teacher by Monday 29th June)

Child's Name: _____ Room: _____

- Yes, I can commit to financially supporting this EOTC opportunity for my child and understand the estimated cost is \$280.
- Yes, I would potentially be interested in being a parent helper for this camp.

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Signed: _____