



Nīkau Zoo Sleepover

Wednesday 4 November and Thursday 5 November

25 August 2026

Kia Ora Nīkau Whānau

Excitement is building in the Nīkau Syndicate as we prepare for a highlight of our EOTC programme: the upcoming Zoo Sleepover!

Throughout the year, our classes have been exploring the animal kingdom with a strong focus on animal classifications and groups. This sleepover is a fantastic opportunity for students to bring their classroom learning to life after hours. During our visit, we will focus heavily on animal welfare - not only understanding how animals are cared for, but discovering practical ways students can help protect wildlife in their everyday lives. We will also be exploring the amazing Conservation Programmes supported directly by the Zoo.

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 be provided soon. 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 so we can travel in convoy style. Students will be provided with a light evening snack and a continental style breakfast in the morning. 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. This means we will be asking parents to help with transport to and from the zoo. Our Bake Sale was a great success - the \$1855 raised as well as money from the PTNi has helped lower the cost slightly. At this stage the cost is \$50 per student. Please complete the attached form and return it, indicating if you are happy to contribute to this cost to take your child.

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 4-5 parent helpers per room. These parents would need to be happy to transport a group of students to and from the Zoo, and be responsible for supervising students while walking around the zoo, 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 financial 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 by Friday 4 September

Students Name _____ Room no. _____

Yes / No I would be happy to support this trip to the Zoo for my child by contributing **\$50** to cover the costs.

Yes / No I am interested in being a parent help

Yes / No I am able to help with transport

Parents name _____

Signature _____