



*Adventure School*

Monday 14th October 2024



Dear Year 2 whānau,

This year we would love to take our Year 2 tamariki to Ngā Manu Nature Reserve in Waikanae and Marine Gardens in Raumati for our end of year trip in Term 4. Ngā Manu offers nature focused education visits that aim to inspire a lifelong commitment to the natural world.

Date: **Thursday 12th December**

Leave Adventure School at 9:15 a.m. Arrive at Ngā Manu Nature Reserve at 10:00 a.m.

Leave Reserve at 12:30 p.m. and arrive at Marine Gardens at 12:50 p.m.

Leave Marine Gardens at 2:00 p.m. and arrive back to Adventure School at 2:40 p.m.



The Reserve provides the following opportunities and activities for our children:

- **Ranger talk** overview of the Reserve, its ecological significance, and the native wildlife programmes at the Reserve.
- **Visit to the native birds and reptiles** up close in enclosed habitats including Kiwi, Kākā, Kea, Kākāriki, Whio, Pāteke, Tuatara, and a variety of Skinks and Geckos.
- **Forest walk**, a 35-minute loop track through our rare lowland native swamp forest.
- **Climb** up the lookout tower to view the native forest from above the canopy.
- **Scavenger Hunt** nature trail. A chance to find the Kererū and have fun finding the answers to all 8 nature education questions hidden around the Reserve.
- An opportunity to **feed the eels**.

Marine Gardens is a beachfront playground in Raumati Beach with a great splash pad. The purpose for this part of the trip is pure fun and time together as a syndicate.

We intend to travel by bus (just tamariki and kaiako) and will require a parent/child ratio of 1:5 to provide close supervision for all children. Parents would make their own way to each venue, maybe via carpooling.

To allow this exciting trip to go ahead we need to know:

- Whether families are happy to support this trip by donating \$22 to cover the costs for their child
- If we will have enough parent helpers on the day. We will require 11.

Please provide this information on the form below (one form per child). A paper copy will be coming home this week.

Kind regards,

Vanessa Burn

Kōwhai Team Leader

## Year 2 Kōwhai Ngā Manu Nature Reserve Trip Term 4

**Please return to class teacher by Wednesday 23rd October**

**WE NEED RESPONSES BACK PLEASE FROM EVERY FAMILY  
TO DECIDE IF WE CAN GO AHEAD WITH THIS TRIP**



Students Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room No. \_\_\_\_\_

I would be happy to support the Year 2 end of year trip for my child by donating \$22 to cover the costs:      **YES / NO**

**Please do not pay the donation yet, because if we do not get enough support this will unfortunately not go ahead. Another letter will come out letting parents know the decision.**

Parents name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

If you are able to help with supervising a group of children at the Reserve and the Gardens, please complete the following:

My name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: if we do not get enough parent helpers we will not be able to go on this trip.**