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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Do you like getting up at 6:30 am and going to bed no earlier than 11 pm with little down-time.

Do you like hiking - it is a good 1 hour each way to the camp.

Do you like working with students in new and varied situations? You have to be able to really encourage the children.

Are you a dedicated parent helper? You get stuck in and can focus on all the kids, not just your child. You stay at one activity for the whole day.

Can you focus on making sure every child achieves success and feels great about being at camp - you can have fun?

Do you work hard and have a high level of fitness?

Police vet completed (Done prior to parent meeting as it takes 5 – 6 weeks) All vets completed are clear)

Are you aware we only fund through the children parents who meet the skill requirements needed at each event and then a further 10 maximum can attend but would need to pay \$180.00 to cover costs. There is a draw for a place for the 17 paying parents. Note paying parents are allocated to activities and expected to help at the camp.

The Year 6 Camp this year is being held at Motutapu Island **from 8th December to 10th December**. This will require the students and adults to be away for two nights and three days. You must know if you can attend the camp before applying. We are looking for highly skilled adults who would be interested in assisting us with supervision. Again **we only need and fund through the children's costs & parents** (provides a 1: 4 ratio) for the activities and are looking for people with skills appropriate to the outdoor pursuit activities as stated. Physical strength is needed for all of the activities (and acting skills desirable for the parent skit):

Yachting (x 2 funded & 2 paid parent): able to sail competently, work a boat with an outboard motor, rig a small optimist sailing boat, support instructors in the basics of yachting – be able to haul children into safety craft and be in water all day.

Kayaking: (x 2 funded & 2 paid) Able to kayak confidently and for long periods. Need to be able to hold a child up out of the water. Stay with this task for 5 groups.

Climbing Wall (x 2 funded & 2 paid). Confident with heights and safety harness gear. Will be on a belay harness all day Thursday. It is hard work pulling on ropes all day.

High Ropes (x 2 funded & 2 paid): Confident with heights and safety harness gear. Will be on a belay harness all day Thursday. It is hard work pulling on ropes all day.

Snorkelling (x 2 funded & 2 paid): Able to snorkel confidently and swim confidently in the ocean. Need to be able to hold a child up out of the water. Stay with this task for 5 groups.

Each activity has a teacher allocated to it to ensure ratios and a person to ensure children are all involved. The paid parents are extra to the requirements.

If you are wanting to attend camp in 2020 (as a helper or paying parent) please return the cover slip and this skill capability sheet with the area of supervision you are skilled at and interested in helping with (Paying parents are all allocated to an event). **It is very important that you include an outline summary of your expertise** with the activity and any past experience at Motutapu. We use this information in our risk management plan. Sanjay , Matthew and Francis make the final selections based on a range of variables- contribution to school, known capability with children, previous involvement with school sports teams and trips and board membership. Parents are selected on skill - we know how hard it is doing these things all day so strength is a key factor for consideration. If we have more than 10 parents wishing to attend as paying parents there will be a draw and parents given their order on the waitlist. Paying parents will be allocated to groups and be expected to take part fully in the camp programme.

DEADLINE Please get your form to the office by **Thursday 29th October**– that gives Sanjay and Matthew time to inform parents who will be assisting, and to let parents know to diarise the 'Attending Camp Parents Information meeting' that is compulsory if attending camp. It is the 'safety and well-being' training meeting for any attendee parents. If a parent cannot attend this meeting they will be unable to attend the camp.

N.B. This is an alcohol-free camp/ smoke free camp with an expectation that parents can turn off cell phones during activities.

Kindest regards Sanjay, Matthew, Francis and the Kowhai team.

Camp 2020 Application to attend Camp

Return slip to school office

Parent Name:

Child attending camp:

Room

Please fill in with as much or little information as you choose. Selection to attend as a paid for parent is based on many variables as explained in the letter.

Forms must be in the office by 3pm Thursday 29th October - no late forms will be considered.

Please feel free to add extra over the page

1. Any previous experience at Motutapu

2. Your involvement with the children at school over the last 2 years e.g. sport music, managing teams etc...

3. Area(s) of expertise and a summary of skills selected area (Kayaking/Sailing/ Snorkelling/ Rock wall climbing and High ropes (note kitchen is already covered):

4. Any other relevant information e.g. first aid certificates etc.

5. Police vet form completed YES / NO (Office to confirm)

6. I know of no reason (personal health and fitness) that would prevent me being fully involved in all camp activities including hiking in and out of camp Yes / No
(If yes please talk to Sanjay.)

If I am not selected as a funded parent I would like to pay \$180 to go to camp and understand I will be allocated to activities alongside 'children-funded' parents and or on a waitlist . YES / NO

Name of Parent

Signature of Parent

Date.....

Received in office by.....Date.....