

Thursday 5th September 2024,

Dear Parents and Whānau,

Do you like getting up at 6:30am and going to bed no earlier than 11pm, with little down-time? Do you like hiking? (it is a good 40 minutes each way to the camp). Do you like eating camp food? Do you like working with students in new and varied situations? Can you encourage the children? Are you a dedicated parent helper? Can you get stuck in and focus on all the kids, not just your child? Can you focus on making sure every child achieves success and feels great about being at camp? Can you have fun? Do you work hard and have a high level of fitness? Can you get a police vet?

If you answered yes to all of these questions, we would love for you to apply to be a parent helper at this year's camp! Along with this application, you must also return a police vet form.

Unfortunately, the school is only able to fund 8 parents who meet the skill requirements needed at each activity and then a further maximum of 8 parents can attend but would need to pay approximately \$250 (at this stage just an estimation) to cover costs. There will be a draw for the 8 funded parent helper positions and a separate draw for the 8 paying parent helpers. All parents will be allocated to activities and responsible for a group of children throughout the duration of the camp.

This year, the Year 6 Camp is being held at Motutapu Island from **Wednesday 4th December to Friday 6th December**. This will require the students and adults to be away for two nights and three days. You must know you can attend the camp before applying.

We are looking for highly skilled adults who would be interested in assisting us with supervision. We 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!)

Proposed Activities:

- **Sailing:** 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/SUP:** able to kayak confidently and for long periods. Need to be able to hold a child up out of the water. May spend time on land or water depending and in varying conditions.
- **Climbing Wall:** confident with heights and safety harness gear. Encourage students to push outside their comfort zone.
- **High Ropes:** confident with heights and safety harness gear. Encourage students to push outside their comfort zone.
- **Snorkelling:** confident in the water. Need to be able to hold a child up out of the water. May spend time on land or water depending and in varying conditions.

Each activity will have multiple parent helpers to ensure safety ratios are met, and each group of students will be led by an assigned teacher..

If you are wanting to attend camp in 2024 (as a funded or paying parent) please return the cover slip and skill capability sheet (which can also be found on our website) with the area of supervision you are skilled at and interested in helping with.

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 and the Senior Leadership Team will 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 and to a certain degree gender - we know how hard it is doing these things all day so strength is a key factor for consideration.

DEADLINE

Please get your form to the office by **Friday 20th September** – this will allow time to inform parents who will be assisting, and to let parents know to attend the 'Camp Parent Helpers Information Meeting' that is compulsory if attending camp (held early Term 4). 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.

Ngā mihi,

Sanjay Rama, Sven Cropp and the Kōwhai Team

2024 Parent Helper Application Form

Forms must be in the office by Friday 20th September by 3pm
- *no late forms will be considered.*

Parent Name: _____

Child Name: _____ 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.

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, High Ropes and Kitchen (cooking):

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)

7. If I am not selected as a funded parent I would like to pay approximately \$250 (estimated) to go to camp and understand I will be allocated to activities alongside 'funded' parents and or on a waitlist:

YES / NO

Signature of Parent: _____

Date: _____

Received in office by: _____

Date: _____