

22 March 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers



Re. Year 8 Camp

We have been fortunate to secure the use of Camp Raglan for Weeks 2 and 3 of Term 2. As our previous Year 8 EOTC experience of a marae noho is unavailable this year, this is an excellent opportunity to give the children a wonderful EOTC experience.

Camp Raglan offers us the use of their camp and activities of which we have selected a few that we feel will encourage students to challenge themselves, as well as, build communication and teamwork skills.

We have also managed to secure Raglan Surf School and Raglan Surf Life Saving Club to give our students a variety of activities including; surf and water safety, surf life saving skills and basic surf lessons. Both of these groups provide all the necessary equipment, appropriate ratios of instructors to students and safety procedures to ensure the wellbeing of our students. They are very experienced at working with school groups and able to cater for different levels of knowledge and confidence.

Also, part of the experience is a visit to Poihakena Marae in Raglan. The marae is arranging a selection of authentic experiences for our students to help them gain greater cultural understanding and our hosts will also share their knowledge about the history of the area.

These experiences will take place over two weeks in May: (each syndicate stays two nights)

Syndicate E (Rooms 19,20,21,22):	Monday 7th - Wednesday 9th May
Syndicate F (Rooms 7,8,17,18):	Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th May
Syndicate G (Rooms 11,12,13,14):	Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th May
Syndicate H (Rooms 28,29,30,31):	Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th May

An information evening for parents will held on **Thursday 5th April at 7pm in the school hall** and this will last approximately an hour.

Please return the "permission to attend" slip to your child's classroom teacher as soon as you are able. The amount requested for participation in this EOTC camp will be \$195.00, which covers all expenses. Payment can be made via the classroom teacher, at the school office (cash/cheque/efpos) or by internet banking (Somerville Intermediate School Board of Trustees 030166-0303466-00). The final day to confirm participation (payment required) is **Tuesday 1st May** unless prior arrangements have been made with me.

As with any excursion of this nature it cannot happen without the support of parents. We will require a minimum of four parents per class to ensure proper adult/student ratios. Please consider accompanying us on your child's EOTC camp. There will be no cost to the parents who are able to accompany us.

If you would like to offer your assistance on your child's camp please indicate on the slip attached and return it to your child's classroom teacher. We will need to confirm parent helpers by the 9th April so, the sooner you are able to let us know, the better. A parent helper information evening will be held in the first week of Term 2 **Tuesday 1st May at 7pm in the staffroom.**

Kind regards

Stephanie Ready
Deputy Principal Year 8

FORM 1: PERMISSION TO ATTEND (last date to return: **Tuesday 1st May**)

I give permission for my child _____ of Room _____ to
attend the Year 8 Raglan EOTC camp on: (tick one below)

	Syndicate E: Monday 7th - Wednesday 9th May
	Syndicate F: Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th May
	Syndicate G: Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th May
	Syndicate H: Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th May

Name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____

Payment made by: (Circle one)

CASH CHEQUE EFTPOS (at office) INTERNET BANKING (see info below)

Westpac account 03 0166 0303466 00. Please enter your child's name and room number as reference details.

FORM 2: PARENTAL OFFER OF HELP (return to class teacher by **Friday 6th April**)

I am able to accompany the syndicate as a parent helper on: (tick one)

	Syndicate E: Monday 7th - Wednesday 9th May
	Syndicate F: Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th May
	Syndicate G: Monday 14th - Wednesday 16th May
	Syndicate H: Wednesday 16th - Friday 18th May

My name: _____ Relationship to child: _____

Contact Phone: _____ (Home) _____ (Mobile)

Child's name: _____ Room No: _____

Any skills/experience you have that might be relevant: