



Kiwi Team EOTC

Term 4, 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

This year the Kiwi Team has planned some EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) experiences around an ongoing interest and clear passion that the Kiwi students have shown throughout the year. Our learning experiences will focus around animals, the way we take care of animals, their habitat and the impact our daily decisions has on animals and their habitat.

We are doing this mainly in the last few weeks of school. We know that these experiences are very valuable and a good way for students and teachers to enjoy some quality time together before the end of the year.

We have enclosed detailed information on all the activities and trips. Please read through these carefully and send the page with the return slips back to school before Friday, 4 December 2020.

Parent helpers:

Some of our activities require the assistance of helpers and therefore we need to know whether we will have enough assistance on the day to be able to proceed. We need at least 12 parent helpers for the trip to Omana. Due to the nature of these experiences we unfortunately are unable to accommodate parent helpers who need to bring along pre-schoolers. Please indicate on the permission slip if you are available to volunteer for the trip to Omana.

Cost:

We tried to keep the cost to a minimum and there will be an amount of \$45 payable before the 4th of December 2020. Payment can be made online and includes buses, cost of hiring and the cost of external providers.

Living eggs Experience

9 - 20 November 2020

During weeks five and six the Kiwis will have the wonderful opportunity to undertake the living Eggs Programme. The eggs will arrive on Day 19 of the incubation process and take 24 hours to hatch. Once hatched we will move them into the brooder box a few at a time to fluff up and by the following Monday the children will be able to handle them. This opportunity will provide the children with hands-on experience raising animals. We are allowed to keep the chicks if we have good homes for them, but if not living eggs will take them back as they like to ensure they go to free range farms. In the weeks leading up to the arrival of the eggs and after, we will explore many different curriculum area activities such as science, literacy, numeracy, art and design related to farm animals and life cycles.



Zoo Ventures



Zoo adventures are coming to our school to provide 3x 1 hour sessions of hands-on experiences so the children can learn about looking after animals in their natural environment. There will be frogs, newts, leopard geckos, bearded dragons, blue tongue skinks, tortoises, stick insects, rabbits and water dragons. The children will have a great time! In the words of David Attenborough: "Bringing nature into the classroom can kindle a fascination and passion for the diversity of life on earth and can motivate a sense of responsibility to safeguard it."

Sea shore safari

To extend on our Kiwi students interest in "taking care of animals", and our impact as humans on the environment, we thought of not only focusing on pets, farm animals and wild animals, but also encouraging students to think of the needs of sea-creatures. We want to broaden their views of how sea animals survive? And what impact humans have on New Zealand's marine environment? For this we will go on a 'Learning through experience, school programme' to Omana Regional Park by bus where students will have the opportunity to be accompanied by experienced educators and park rangers on a journey through curriculum-based experiences on environmental and sustainability issues. Students will Explore our rocky shore! At low tide, students will scramble over rocks to discover the special creatures that have adapted to life half-in and half-out of the water, including whelks, starfish, crabs and shellfish. Where do they hide? How do they survive? What impact have humans had on New Zealand's marine environment? The programmes will develop a connectedness to nature and inspire students to extend their sustainability journey. We will need parent helpers to assist us on this trip.



Permission slip - Friday, 11 December 2020 - Week 9. Trip to Omana Beach
Please cut this off and return to school as soon as possible.

I give permission for my child _____ (name) from the Kiwi Team to attend all of the EOTC experiences in Term 4, including the trip to Omana Regional Park on Friday, 11 December 2020.

I have included cash payments of \$45 in a sealed, named envelope.

I have paid \$45 via the school online shop (KINDO)

Yes! I am able to help on the trip to Omana Regional Park.

Name of Helper: _____

Relationship to child: _____

Best contact details: _____