



26th February 2025

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As part of our localised curriculum learning this term, we are going to have the team from Experiencing Marine Reserves come and work alongside us.

This will consist of (for each of the Te Tatai Whetu classes):

- One class based session on **Monday 3rd March**.
- One pool based snorkeling session on **Tuesday 4th March**.
- One snorkelling session on **Wednesday 19th March** at **Taurikura**.
- One **Marine Reserve** snorkelling session on **Tuesday 25th March** at **Reotahi Marine Reserve**.
- Our postponement day for the snorkelling trips will be **Tuesday 1st April**.

The EMR programme is sponsored by the *Mountains to Sea Trust*. A wetsuit and all snorkeling gear will be supplied. All students will have a boogie board attached to their wrist during the snorkeling session. The adult to student ratio is 1:2 or 1:4 at all times in the water.

Cost

The cost of this trip is **\$15** per child, which will help cover the bus cost. We need **a minimum of 80% of families to pay for this trip, in order for it to go ahead**. If you are unable to make payment **in full by 7th March** please contact **Aimee or Lisa in the office**.

If you are in a position to pay for another student's trip (in part, or in full) please do this via the Donate / Pay It Forward area of Kindo. Your donation will go towards the 80% threshold for this trip to proceed.

This is an amazing experience for the students, and also for you! We will need parent helpers with the snorkelling experiences, so please indicate below if you are able to help with this.

Mark, Leon, Jeremy, Tineke and Gail will lead the activity and will attend the event with students. They will identify any hazards and manage the risks according to the school's safety management plan. This includes **briefing students prior to leaving about behaviour and expectations while at the venue, medical needs are met, ensuring that supervision is sufficient, and ensuring that students safely travel to and from the event site**. The risks at this event are very minimal but could include **a vehicle accident, medical incident, or students leaving the venue, or experiencing difficulty in the water (although this would be very unlikely)**, and while they can be maintained to acceptable levels, they cannot be totally eliminated. If you wish to see our safety management systems or have any questions, feel free to contact **one of the teachers** - Gail, Jeremy, Tineke, Mark and Leon.

Please fill out all the areas below and return as soon a possible. Thank you in advance.

Nga mihi nui

Gail Green, Kate Fortune, Jeremy Hamilton, Leon Candy, Mark Ashcroft and Tineke Maunder

EMR Snorkeling days, Term 1, 2025

I give permission for _____ to participate in the EMR sessions.

My child is (please circle one) not confident / somewhat confident / confident out of their depth.

My child has the following medical issues that may affect them during this excursion, in particular (but not limited to): Diabetes, Asthma, and Epilepsy, Heart condition and anaphylaxis and allergies relevant to the activity.

My student can swim (please circle one) 50m / 100m / 200m independently.

I can assist at McGregors Bay on Wednesday 19th March Yes / No
I am happy to snorkel/ I wish to be land based (please circle)

I can assist at Reotahi on Tuesday 25th March Yes / No
I am happy to snorkel/ I wish to be land based (please circle)

I can assist on the postponement date of Tuesday 1st April Yes / No
I am happy to snorkel/ I wish to be land based (please circle)

I give permission for EMR and sponsors to use work, images and/or video footage produced as a result of participation in the EMR programme for educational purposes and the promotion of the EMR programme, on internet, social media programme websites, resources, newspapers and publications.

Yes / No

Signed: _____ Parent name _____