



14th September 2026

Tēnā koutou,

We have a new date for our Whananaki Camp Year 7 and 8 - Monday 30th November to Wednesday 2nd December 2026

On Monday 30th November to Wednesday 2nd December, Team Tatai Whetu (the Year 7 and 8's) will be going on camp to Whananaki. There, students will experience Education Outside of the Classroom, with kayaking, floating down the estuary, fishing, swimming, and discovering local history - important landmarks for Whangarei. We will be camping in tents, and staying at the Whananaki Holiday Park (2160 Whananaki North Rd).

We will be leaving from Parua Bay School at 9:15 am on Monday 30th November and returning to Parua Bay School at 2:20pm on Wednesday the 2nd December. We will be travelling by private vehicle. We will send home an equipment list the week prior to camp, but your student will need to have (or be in a group with someone who has) a tent, camp mattress, sleeping bag, pillow etc.

Costs

The cost of the 2026 camp is \$100 per student and, as an overnight activity, is not covered by the Ministry's donation scheme. The camp fee will cover: site fees, kayak hire, transport and food. This will be invoiced as a donation to Year 7/8 Camp. As such, you will be able to claim it against your income tax. **Could you please make sure this is paid by Friday 16th October**, in order for us to ascertain whether the camp can proceed. Although your payment is a voluntary donation, we require 80% of parents/caregivers to have paid for camp to proceed. All school payments can be managed through your myKindo account. Lisa will reinvoice those of you who still need to make this payment.

Participation

All ākonga will be supported to participate fully in this activity. Please let us know if your child has any needs that we are unaware of. We will work with you to put in place a plan to support a successful and inclusive experience for them.

School staff attending will identify any hazards and manage the risks according to the school's safety management plan. This includes having a recce of the camp ground, estuary and hike prior to the camp, also all three teachers are qualified kayak instructors. The risks at this event include kayaking in the estuary, swimming in the estuary and potentially beach swimming, fishing, jumping off the bridge, and walking along a gravel path. While risks 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 Jeremy Hamilton, Leon Candy or Tineke Maunder.

It is important for safety reasons that ākonga follow instructions given to them by all staff and follow all school rules. They will be supported to do this, however behaviour by ākonga that is deemed dangerous and puts themselves and/or others at undue risk will result in parents being contacted to collect their student.

Attached to this letter is a consent form. Please complete and return by **Friday 25th September**.

We also now have the potential opportunity to go to **Adrenalin Water Park** on our last day of camp - Wednesday 2nd December. However, this will cost an additional \$44 per student. Can you **please indicate below** as to whether you are willing to contribute an additional \$44 for your student to attend Adrenalin Water Park.

Please feel free to contact us at school with any queries,

Ngā mihi,

Jeremy, Leon and Tineke

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PARUA BAY SCHOOL

Year 7/8 Camp

Whananaki

30th November to 2nd December 2026

I give permission for _____ to attend the Whananaki Camp (30 November - 2nd December 2026).

My student has kayaking experience Yes / No

My student is (please circle one) not confident / somewhat confident / very confident in open water

I would like to come and assist at the camp Yes / No

I can transport _____ students in my car

My car has a current WOF and Registration Yes / No

I have kayaking experience Yes / No

I am able to help organise the food for camp Yes / No

I am able to help in the kitchen at camp Yes / No

I can provide a trailer Yes / No

I can provide a chilly bin Yes / No

I will pay an extra \$44 for my student to attend Adrenalin Water Park. Yes / No

Please provide details of any changes to medical /contact information since the health form was completed in February / March (this could include recent changes in regular medication or recent injuries that might impact on their experience)
