



23 February 2026

Tēnā koutou,

**Whananaki Camp Year 7 and 8  
25th - 27th March 2026**

On Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th March, 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 Wednesday 25th March and returning to Parua Bay School at 2:20pm on Friday the 27th March. 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 attend to this by Friday 13th March**, 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.

**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 and ākonga health profile form. Please complete and return by **Friday 6th March**.

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

25th - 27th March 2026

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend the Whananaki Camp (25 - 27th March 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