



# Te Awamutu Primary School

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*Mā Mahi Tahi Te Eke Panuku A Tētahi*



Thursday 25th July 2024

## Topa - Totara Springs Camp 2024

**Kia Ora Whānau,**

We are feeling excited as we are getting closer to our Year 5/6 camp to Totara Springs this term from **Wednesday 4th to Friday 6th September 2024**. The initial letter about camp came home last term and you have all let us know if your child is attending or not. If you have indicated that your child will not be attending, we recommend you coming along to the information evening happening next week, where you can learn more about camp and have any questions you might have answered.

We invite all parents/caregivers to attend this **information session on Tuesday 30th July from 5:30-6:00**. This will be held in Room 23 (the old library). We will go through the programme, some photos from last years camp, what a typical day looks like and we can answer any questions you may have.

We would ideally like to see all children attending camp as it is an amazing opportunity for all of our students to experience Education Outside the Classroom and create lifelong memories. It is hugely beneficial for developing your child's social, team-building, leadership and decision-making skills. They will be sleeping in cabins and we have a range of exciting and fun activities organised for the children to participate in, such as abseiling, go-karts, hydrosides, rock climbing, crate stacking, kayaking, pool activities and so much more!

Attached to this note, you will find all of the necessary information we require in order to cater for everyone's needs. Please fill in with as much detail as you can and return these forms as soon as possible. We would like to have all forms completed and returned by Friday 9th of August at the absolute latest.

Totara Springs is a fully catered camp and caters for the following dietary requirements: halal, vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, dairy free, egg free or nut free. If this applies to your child, please ensure you note this on the Student Health Profile. Please also indicate if your child has any medical needs such as daily medication or if they might sleep walk / wet the bed. This is kept highly confidential and this information helps us to ensure children are in the right cabins with the right people.

The School Donation Scheme largely covers the camp but the total cost is approximately \$50 000 for this year's camp alone. We are asking for a contributing donation of \$100 from all attendees to support the cost of food and accommodation at the camp. Activity fees are covered as they relate to the administration of the curriculum. This donation can be paid at the office or via online banking. This can be paid all at once, or in installments - whatever suits you best.

The camp website is <https://www.totarasprings.org.nz/schools/>. Feel free to check out their website to see more about the activities they provide.

If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with your child's teacher or email the syndicate leader Sara Sabin - [saras@taps.school.nz](mailto:saras@taps.school.nz)

Thank you  
Topa Team Teachers