



Raglan Area School

TE KURA A ROHE O WHAINGAROA

Whanau Information Letter: Years 12 Camp Kaituna - Tongariro February 2021

Dear Parents / Caregivers

We are excited to give you information about our Year 12 camp which will be held from Thursday 25th until Friday 26th February at the Kaituna River and Tongariro National Park. The goals for this camp are:

1. **MANAAKITANGA:** Understand and accept our own and others responsibilities for effective group functioning by being respectful, kind and empathetic.
2. **WHANAUNGATANGA:** Further develop interpersonal skills, leadership skills and established relational trust with peers, teachers and police personnel
3. **KAITIAKITANGA:** Appreciate and learn about National Parks in Aotearoa New Zealand; Tongariro
4. **POUTAMA:** Develop resilience by accepting challenges and new skills; White water rafting and tramping.

YEAR 12 (Thursday 25th - Friday 26th February)

Assemble at school on Thursday at 8.30am in the hall. We will be leaving school promptly at 9am. This group will be back in Raglan late on Friday evening. Further details to come.

We will be travelling to Kaituna to complete a whitewater rafting experience. Then we will head down to National Park where we will be staying at the Crossing Backpackers. On Friday we will meet with the police who will lead us over the Tongariro Alpine Crossing. On our return, we will be heading to the hot pools in Taupo before finally heading home.

Tongariro Alpine Crossing – 19.4km / 6-8hrs

New Zealand's best one day walk – This 19.4km alpine trail takes you up and over Mt Tongariro through ever-changing volcanic landscape, see thermal activity, explosion crater pits, and ancient lava flows. Enjoy lunch beside the shimmering emerald lakes. Throughout the day you'll take in many stunning views of the surrounding Tongariro National Park including seeing Lake Taupo from the height of 1100 mtrs. Rich in cultural and geographical history; this dual world heritage park is world class. A good level of fitness is required, please train. Adventure Outdoors guides know all the hidden secrets and deliver full interpretation to allow for a truly memorable day.

Attached to this letter are two documents as follows;

1. The permission / consent / health form needs to be completed AND returned to school no later than Friday 12 February. Included in this document is the request for \$150 towards the cost of the camp.
2. A Gear list that will help your son / daughter to prepare for the camp.

We are fortunate to have enough staff who are able to attend this camp, so we do not require any parent/caregiver assistance. We look forward to your anticipated support.

Ngaa mihi
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PRINCIPAL / TUMUAKI