

# PAPAKURA NORMAL SCHOOL

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## Year 8 – Camp 2010 Newsletter No. 2

The annual Year 8 Camp has been arranged for Monday 29 March to Thursday 1 April, 2010 (Term 1, Week 9) and will be held at the 'Port Waikato Camp School'.

We will need parents to assist at camp – in fact camp cannot happen without the assistance of parents. ***If you are willing to assist please complete the attached form and return it to school by Friday 12 February.*** Please note that it is important that we ensure that we get the right balance of skills and abilities amongst our parent group. In selecting the parents to attend a wide range of factors are taken into consideration and the information provided on the attached form will assist us with this process. We will advise parents as soon as possible after the 12<sup>th</sup> February if we require their assistance.

The cost of camp will be approx \$125 – the actual cost is yet to be finalised. The camp fee covers everything including accommodation, food, equipment hire and instructors fees. It does not include transport to and from the camp as we ask for assistance from parents with car pooling etc.

We appreciate that there are a lot of expenses for families at the beginning of the school year – parents are welcome to make payments towards camp throughout the term although it is expected that students will have fully paid prior to the start of camp. Parents are welcome to contact Mrs McGehan in the office if they would like to establish an automatic payment etc.

If finance is a problem please consider how the cost can be met and please communicate any difficulties with Mr Hodge or Mrs Morgan in confidence. ***We would strongly recommend that children earn money towards the camp cost.*** Perhaps they can mow lawns for a grandparent or neighbour or do other work as a contribution towards their camp costs. Often children who earn their camp money have far greater ownership of their camp experience and appreciate the opportunities that they are given.

Attendance at camp is a privilege, not a right. Only those students who have shown that they are responsible, trustworthy and good citizens of Papakura Normal School will be invited to attend.

A page will be placed on the school website so that parents can download notices etc. Please look for 'Y8 Camp' on the left hand side of the home page – [www.papnormal.school.nz](http://www.papnormal.school.nz)

Dates for your diary:

Friday 12 February	Camp Parent helper applications due
Thursday 18 February	Permission Slip / Medical Form / Equipment List sent home
Tuesday 23 February	Camp Information Evening for all parents - 7pm
Friday 26 February	Permission Slip and Medical Form due
Tuesday 16 March	Staff / Camp Parent Helpers Briefing
Wednesday 24 March	Last day for payment of camp fees (unless other arrangements made)
Monday 29 March	Depart for Camp – 9am from Hall

Kind regards

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