



Windy Ridge School,
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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This letter is to let you know what will be happening during the EOTC Inquiry learning for the 2018 Year 5 and 6 children in Tui team in Term 1. It will also give you an idea of the cost it involves to allow you plenty of time to budget for it as it comes around quickly in the first term.

As this is an Environmentally based EOTC programme and our Term 1 Inquiry is focusing on 'Who we are, Where we live 'and 'The nature of self' we will be learning about the native trees and birds that inhabit New Zealand and the Auckland area and also how pests (both plant and animal) have an impact on these.

We will focus on looking at, and learning what is being done to protect our native species and discover how and why New Zealand species and conservation programmes are so unique.

We have been offered an amazing opportunity to take place in a pilot programme for the Auckland Zoo which involves participating in a conservation science field trip at Tawharanui Marine Reserve. This involves an overnight stay and the children will participate in conservation activities and have the chance to snorkle in a Marine Reserve. As numbers for Tawharanui are a set number it will be for our year 6 students. We will however, also have a few limited places for year 5 children.

The year 5 students not involved in Tawharanui will follow a similar programme without the overnight stay going to Auckland Zoo and attending the education sessions there and then a day trip to Rotoroa Island which will also involve conservation activities.

The EOTC programme will take place in March and April.

As Education Outside the Classroom is a requirement of the school curriculum each child is expected to participate. The programme provides children with a unique learning experience, both educational and socially.

The cost of these visits, which will include transport, entry fees and classroom sessions and overnight camp, dinner and breakfast for Tawharanui will be approximately \$65 - \$70 for the year 5 trip and \$130 - \$150 for the year 6 trip. I will send a letter home early next year to let you know the details, dates and final costs. If possible we would appreciate you paying a deposit of \$20 early next year, and any further payments you may wish to make to ensure our bookings can go ahead and also spread the payments out so that you do not have to pay the full amount in one go. Please send payments to the office as soon as possible next year or pay by Kindo.

Kind regards,
Inge Millard