



Maratai Beach School

Maratai Beach School 2017 School Donation Expenses

Dear Maratai Beach School Families

The Board of Trustees is requesting from all families a donation per child for the 2017 school year.

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the donation request policy in an attempt to align ourselves with other Decile 10 schools of similar size. For a number of years now, Maratai Beach School donation request has been significantly less than schools we are equated to within the immediate locality and across the Auckland region in general. The Board of Trustees has taken a cautious approach to donation request in previous years, introducing a discount structure for families with more than one child attending in 2017. Our intent is to gain a high level of uptake by all of our families. Your donation request for 2017 has increased by \$5 from the 2016 request, and the payment structure altered to requesting the same donation for families of 3+ children. This moves us a little closer to the donation requests of schools with a similar demographic but also acknowledges our unique position as a Decile 10 school on the outskirts of Auckland rather than the central locations within the suburbs of Auckland.

Below is the donation structure:

- 1 Child - \$215
- 2 Children - \$395
- 3+ Children - \$555

As mentioned above, Maratai Beach School is a Decile 10 school. As such, we receive the lowest possible level of funding from the Government to run our school. The senior leadership team and BOT work extremely hard throughout the year to manage these funds and ensure that our students get the best possible education. In addition to this, our teachers, support staff and PTA work tirelessly throughout the year fundraising to help provide the resources your children require. However, Maratai Beach School does rely on donations to ensure the schools' finances and resources work in the best possible way. These donations form a vital part of the finance plan, included in our budget and resource allocations for the 2017 school year.

While we have a low level of funding allocated through the decile system, the political philosophy behind a decile ranked school is that the community augments the school funding through a collective capability. We are at the top end of the decile scale and therefore your donations are used to provide additional resources to help ensure all of our students have the opportunity to succeed and excel in school life.

Examples of where the school allocates your donation include (but are not limited to):

- iPads, laptops, and other class technology
- Teacher aids and additional staffing not funded by the Ministry of Education, to assist students including those with learning and support needs
- Support and extension programmes not funded by the MoE such as Literacy support and Mathematics
- School environment and improvements, play equipment, maintenance and operation of the school pool
- Professional development for our teachers so they can continue to help students obtain outstanding results in academic achievement that Maratai Beach School delivers and our community expects
- Art and cultural programmes
- Sporting programme and initiatives
- Music programme and resources



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In order to provide the best possible opportunities for our children the Board sincerely hopes that they can rely on your continued support and payment of this donation.

Activity Cost

In addition to the donations outlined above, we have number of activities planned that ensure our children participate in special activities during the 2017 year. The activity cost is outlined overleaf and is linked specifically to year group activities.

The activity cost does not cover technology or school camps. This detail will be provided by your child's teacher early in the New Year. There is a school camp planned for Year 4, Years 5/6 and for Years 7/8 and details of this will be communicated to the year groups specifically.

Payment

Please make payment through the WrapitUp website from Term 1 2017. Receipts will be issued for all donations so that you can claim back the tax if you wish.

If you have any questions, or wish to discuss the payment options available, in confidence, please contact Tristan in the office or email tgilchrist@maraetaibeach.school.nz.

Any donation is gratefully accepted. Donations in excess of the requested donation amount are always welcomed. The attached form can be amended accordingly. We do appreciate your support of our school not only from a donation request, but in the many other ways you support us with in school events and activities.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Paul Bennett
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Mark Keenan
Principal, Maraetai Beach School

A Personal Tax Rebate may be claimed from the Inland Revenue Department for up to 1/3 of all donations made to state schools and other charitable organisations. To claim the rebate you must keep your receipts and send them to the Inland Revenue Department with your claim form. Each receipt must be for \$5 or more. Claims must be submitted to the Inland Revenue Department on an IR526 claim form (download from www.ird.govt.nz).

Activity Costs 2017



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Trips / Events to be undertaken		Education Outside The Classroom	
Year 1 & 2	Motat	\$20	
	Stardome and Observatory	\$20	
	Get Wise ASB	\$0	
	Stu Duval Storyteller and Author	\$5	
Year 3 & 4	Stardome and Observatory	\$20	
	Get Wise ASB	\$0	
	Museum	\$7	
	Stu Duval Storyteller and Author	\$5	
	Y3 Outdoor experience & Sunshine Ranch		\$55
	Y4 Sunshine Ranch Overnight Camp		\$100
Year 5 & 6	Puberty Plus Programme	\$15	
	Stardome and Observatory	\$20	
	Get Wise ASB	\$0	
	Stu Duval Storyteller and Author	\$5	
	Camp		\$210
Year 7 & 8	Puberty Plus Programme	\$15	
	Motat	\$5	
	Mindlab	\$25	
	Get Wise ASB	\$0	
	Stu Duval Storyteller and Author	\$5	
	Camp		\$225
Additional Costs	Technology (Intermediate students only)		\$100
	Mathletics (compulsory cost for all students)		\$20

These costs may be paid for in bulk, or as they occur, depending on your preference using **WrapitUp.**