



Maraetai Beach School

Maraetai Beach School 2018 School Donation Expenses

Dear Maraetai Beach School Families

The Board of Trustees is requesting from all families a donation per child for the 2018 school year.

The Board of Trustees has reviewed the donation request policy and has decided not to make any changes to the donation structure for 2018. Our intent is to gain a high level of uptake by all of our families. Your donation request for 2018 has not increased from 2017.

Below is the donation structure:

1 Child - \$215

2 Children - \$395

3+ Children - \$555

Maraetai 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 Board of Trustees 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 our children require. However, Maraetai Beach School does rely on donations to ensure the schools' finances and resources work in the best possible way and we can continue to deliver a quality education for every child. These donations form a vital part of the finance plan, included in our budget and resource allocations for the 2018 school year.

Receipts will be issued for all donations so that you can claim back the tax if you wish.

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, robotics and other class technology
- Teacher aides and additional staffing not funded by the Ministry of Education, to assist all students including those with learning and support needs
- Support and extension programmes not funded by the Ministry of Education
- School property improvements and play equipment
- Maintenance and operation of our school pool
- Professional development for our teachers so they can continue to help students obtain outstanding results in academic achievement that Maraetai Beach School delivers and our community expects
- Art and cultural programmes
- Sporting programmes and initiatives
- Music programmes and resources

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.



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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 2018 year. The activity cost is outlined overleaf and is linked specifically to year group activities.

The activity cost does not cover Year 7 and 8 technology or school camps. This detail will be provided once costs are confirmed. There is a school camp planned for Year 4 and Years 5-8 and details of this will be communicated to the year groups specifically.

Payment

Please make payment through the KINDO website from Term 1 2018. 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@marataibeach.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 school events and activities.

Thank you for your ongoing support

Paul Bennett
Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Mark Keenan
Principal, Maratai Beach School

A Personal Tax Rebate may be claimed from the Inland Revenue Department for up to $\frac{1}{3}$ 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).



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Activity Costs 2018

Trips / Events to be undertaken

Year 1 - 6	Marae Visit	\$15
Year 1 – 8	NZ Playhouse Theatre	\$5
	Science in a Van	\$5
	Stu Duval Author Visit	\$5

Additional Costs

Year 1 – 8	Mathletics (compulsory cost for all students)	\$20
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Education Outside The Classroom

Year 3 & 4	Y3 Outdoor experience & Sunshine Ranch	\$65
	Y4 Sunshine Ranch Overnight Camp	\$115
Year 5 & 6	Camp	\$TBC
Year 7 & 8	Camp	\$TBC
	Technology	\$TBC
	Overnight Marae Visit	\$TBC

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

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