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Kia ora e te whānau,

As part of our swimming and water safety programme senior school students will be attending a beach education day to be held at **Wainui Beach, Raglan** (see dates for your child's class in the table below) Kaiako and tamariki will travel by bus to Raglan.

This programme is **FREE** for all Year 5 & 6 tamariki.

BeachEd is a beach safety programme aimed at giving children the skills and knowledge they need to be safe both in and out of the water in a beach environment. Trained lifeguards from the Surf Lifesaving Club instruct the programme, with parental / adult assistance.

**Adult help (18+ years)** is extremely important to this programme, as there must be a ratio of 1 adult to every 5 children in the water. During the water activities you will not be going past waist depth at any time. Your role in the water is simply to provide another pair of eyes, to act as boundary markers and to provide encouragement to those participating. You will not be required to act as a lifeguard in any situation. We will need a **minimum of 6 adults per class** in order to meet our required ratio.

All parent helpers will need transport to and from Raglan, as seating on the bus is limited. It might be a good idea to carpool and contribute money towards the cost of petrol for the driver. Please let kaiako know if you would like to carpool.

Please **return** the Health and Consent form that accompanies this letter to your child's kaiako by **Rāhina 18 Whiringa-ā-rangi** (*Monday 18 November*) so that we can confirm adult helpers and send home the volunteer helper disclosure forms.

Rāhina 2 Hakihea <i>Monday 2 December</i>	Rātū 3 Hakihea <i>Tuesday 3 December</i>	Rāapa 4 Hakihea <i>Wednesday 4 December</i>	Rāpare 5 Hakihea <i>Thursday 5 December</i>
A27 & A28	A31 & A32	A5, A22 & A23	A29 & A30

Bus Departs **promptly** from school each day at **8:15am**  
Bus Returns to school each day between **3:30 - 3:45pm**

**All children and parent helpers participating in the programme will need to bring:**

Swimming togs, towel, warm clothes, sun block and a hat, morning tea, lunch and plenty to drink.  
(A wetsuit is optional. If your **child burns easily, a rash top is recommended**)

Please note that the BeachEd programme runs wet or fine, so if it is wet you will also need a change of clothes.

Kind regards  
Senior Kura Kaiako