



27 November 2019

Dear Parent/Caregiver

As part of the **Year 9 end of year programme** we have three days to promote our year level theme "He waka eke noa" – to belong, to connect, to explore, to discover, to be.

This year the programme will be offering on the first two days Oddball, community service and recreation activities. One half of year 9 go to Oddball one day while the other half stay at school and they swap the next day. On Wednesday all classes will be at school and will compete in a Top Team type competition, which is a fun day with modified games with points contributing to their Ropu.

The "Oddball" programme is at the Trustpower Baypark Stadium & Arena. This is facilitated by trained staff there. It is about participation and not performance. It is to inspire people to enjoy healthy activities. It is essentially a variety of high energy games that utilise: skill, fitness, vision, intelligence and leadership abilities in a fun based environment.

There is a \$12 charge on your account for the Oddball programme. If you have not already paid this, could you please pay this by Wednesday, 4 December.

The community service activities vary from class to class. They include things such as: helping run sports programmes at local primary schools, gully cleanup and weeding, salt marsh clean up, making cookies for the Police, Fire and Ambulance services, making beeswax wrapping and weeding the school horticulture area. The afternoon activities include: Board games, geocaching, scavenger hunt, flax weaving and a quiz competition.

Wednesday's Top Team event will have a wet weather programme developed, should it be required.

Please note that Thursday, 12 December is the last day. The Year 9 Awards Assembly is from 10am – 11am. Students will be released for the holidays following this Assembly.

#### **Day One – Monday 9 December**

Classes going to Oddball: AIK, CRC, SMS, JSD, SSB, ANM, DNP, PHN *(please note students are to wear non-marking shoes)*

All other classes are at school.

#### **Day Two – Tuesday 10 December**

Classes going to Oddball: AJC, DDH, MRP, MAL, ANW, HLW, KTB, JNL *(please note students are to wear non-marking shoes)*

The other classes are at school.

#### **Day Three – Wednesday 11 December**

All classes are at school for the Top Team Event

*Let learning enlighten life - He akonga te oranga*

**What to bring and wear**

- All days – bring your own morning tea, lunch and a water bottle.
- Students wear PE gear to Oddball and non-marking shoes.
- Students wear PE gear for Wednesday's Top Team Event.
- Once you are aware of what community service you will be involved in – your teacher will suggest appropriate mufti or PE gear for that.

Yours faithfully



The image shows four handwritten signatures in blue ink, each corresponding to a name and title listed below. From left to right: 1. A cursive signature for Melissa Nicholson. 2. A cursive signature for Leo Wilson. 3. A cursive signature for Jude Brown. 4. A cursive signature for Russell Gordon.

**Melissa Nicholson**  
Year 9 Dean

**Leo Wilson**  
Year 9 Dean

**Jude Brown**  
Deputy Principal

**Russell Gordon**  
Principal

# Year 9 - End of Year Programme

## Permission Form

**Please return this permission form to your Form Teacher by  
Wednesday, 4 December.**

I give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ Form Class \_\_\_\_\_  
to be transported by bus to Oddball.

I also allow them to take part in the community service activities arranged, some of which may  
take them off-site or working with hand tools.

I allow them to take part in the Top-Team Event

I am aware that school rules will apply

Please list any medical conditions staff may need to be aware of when supporting your child

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Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Parent/Caregiver Name

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Parent/Caregiver Signature