



**Te Kura Maori o Nga Tapuwae**

## **SIR PETER BLAKE MERC**

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Tēnā koutou e ngā Mātua,

We have had the privilege to secure a place in the Sir Peter Blake Marine Education and Recreation Centre camp this year at Long Bay Okura Marine Reserve from Wednesday 16th June to Friday 18th of June. The purpose of this camp is to provide a life changing Marine Environmental Education and Outdoor Experiences for young New Zealanders.

Students are expected to be at school at normal time and prepared to depart for the excursion at 11:30am. Students will attend their first period of the school day and they will brief with their kaiako during the second period in Takatakaorangi. Please ensure your child arrives to Kura in comfortable mufti clothes.

There is a \$22 cost for this camp and has been subsidized by the Kura to cover major costs. Students will remain at camp for the full duration and will need to be well prepared for this camp as there will be activities that would include water. Equipment list attached to the back of this panui.

Please endeavor to have this permission slip returned to the Kura no later than Friday 11th June 2021. If you require further information, please contact me on 551 – 6161.

Noho ora mai,

Tayla-Shaye Williams  
Kaiako Pūtaiao

## **SIR PETER BLAKE MERC**

I do give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to Attend and participate in the Sir Peter Blake MERC camp. I will ensure my child is well equipped with the correct gear and ensure the permission no later than Friday 11th June 2021.

For emergencies You can contact me on: \_\_\_\_\_

(please fill in medical form and sign off MERC RISK DISCLOSURE forms as attached)

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## MERC RISK DISCLOSURE

At MERC we believe that Risk is important as it is present in different forms and different places along all of our journeys. Through challenge and exposure to risk, people develop self-efficacy and quality relationships equipping people with vital life skills.

At MERC we conduct adventure activities that can involve the risk of serious harm or death such as drowning or falling from heights. As a registered provider under the Health and Safety at Work (Adventure Activities) Regulation 2016, MERC manages these risks by adhering to the requirements of this Act. This includes undergoing an annual audit from an external provider. MERC delivers activities in line with standard operating procedures that are at or above industry standard. However, MERC cannot absolutely remove all risks from its activities.

Participants must always follow staff instructions and understand that this is critical to their safety and the safety of others. MERC staff are trained to manage all participants and will intervene with any not following instructions.

In signing this disclosure form you have:

- read and understood the above statements
- you give consent for yourself / your child to partake in adventurous activities at MERC
- you permit MERC to obtain relevant medical/behavioral information about you / your child
- you permit MERC staff to administer first aid to you / your child
- you have been given adequate information to sign this consent form.

Participant name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian/Group Leader name (if and as applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Note for Teachers / Group Leaders:**

*It is necessary that each participant at MERC has a risk disclosure signed on their behalf by a parent / guardian. MERC are able to accept either:*

- *This form signed on behalf of each participant by their parent / guardian or;*
- *This form signed by yourself as the teacher / group leader. By signing this yourself you acknowledge that this Risk Disclosure statement has been included in the permission forms sent to parents / guardians and permission has been granted for all participants, and proof of this can be provided upon request.*