



Date: 19/03/2025

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

The school has an opportunity to offer a Waka Ama Experience for all of our Year 9 students thanks to our Kahui Ako.

The purpose of this day is to allow students to have a cultural experience which will bring inspiration into the sport of Waka Ama as well as connection with their peers.

On the day, students will have a 1-hour session, in small groups, where they will be able to go on a traditional Waka (canoe) and be taught by highly skilled experts on how to paddle and work as a team.

A Waka seats 10-12 people, at least 2 of these people will be adults (1 teacher and 1 trained coach minimum).

Please note that this is an opt-in activity with no cost for students thanks to funding provided to the Kahui Ako.

The day will also have opportunities for other cultural activities away from the water.

Please note that this activity involves students being out on the water in the Orakei Bay area paddling a Waka. Safety vests will be provided while on the water, and it is expected that students are confident in being in this setting.

When: 10th April - (Jeremiah and Ezekiel Whānau) 11th April - (Daniel and Joshua Whānau)

Bus departs Golfland Campus at 8:30am

Bus returns to Golfland Campus by 3:00pm

Cost: Free, paid for by the SECKA Kahui Ako

What to bring: Change of clothes, togs and appropriate attire for getting wet, wet weather gear in case of rain, hats, sunscreen, togs, towel, appropriate footwear, lunch (there is a cafe should students want to purchase something).

Adverse Weather - Should the weather stop the activity from going ahead, a message will be sent to all families on the morning of the event. High wind and heavy rainfall will postpone the day, light rainfall will not cause any changes.

The save date in case of cancellation would be the 1st and 2nd May 2025.

Please complete [this form](#) by Friday 28th March, if you wish your child to attend.

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