

# ***RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL***

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

## **KAPITI MARINE RESERVE RESEARCH**

As you know, this year Raumati Beach School has changed the names of the teaching teams to reflect the journey our children take as they learn, and to reflect our involvement in our local environment. The journey takes in Wharemauku (the stream), Te Moana (the sea) and Kapiti (the island, and the peak of their learning at Raumati Beach School, from which they may gaze out over the ocean and their future).

By a happy coincidence, Victoria University doctoral student Ursula Rojas Nazar is in the process of making a detailed study of the impact of the Kapiti Marine Reserve on the local area as part of her doctoral thesis. In order to do this, she needs to gather the opinions and feelings of as many people as possible in the community –families, recreational users, commercial users and so on.

On the reverse of this letter you find one from Ursula and her team, explaining the purposes of and background to her study in some detail, and inviting you to take part in her study. The questionnaire is likely to take around 15-20 minutes to complete, and can be confidential.

The school fully supports this study, as it has strong links to ourselves, our community and our environment.

If you are prepared to help by completing the survey, please complete the form at the foot of Ursula's letter and return it to the school office. These will be collected by the research team, and the questionnaires and consent forms will then be sent home for completion.

Regards

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Deputy Principal