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Dear Parents and Caregivers

## **RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL FUNDRAISING – THE FUTURE**

The Board of Trustees (BOT) sees aligning fundraising with school priorities as key to making Raumati Beach School the best that it can be for our children.

It is for this reason that the BOT will be coordinating **all** school activities, with co-operation and support from the school community and groups within.

### ***Fundraising Goals***

One of the current Key Strategies underpinning the direction that the school is taking is, to -

- ***Provide an optimal physical environment that enhances learning.***

We are currently at the start of an extensive building programme which will begin to provide the sort of facilities we need to ensure that our children and staff have the best environment to learn and work in.

There is much work to be done in this area. The current building projects are Ministry of Education (MoE) funded. We are expecting to receive extra funding around the middle of this year to continue renovating our school.

The vision for the school is to have a total learning environment both inside and out. While the MoE provides funding for the classrooms and for maintenance, it does not provide enough funds for improving the outdoor environment – that is left to the community.

### ***Major Goal***

The school leadership have identified, and the BOT have endorsed, the following projects which we believe would add tremendously to our school.

- **Interior Quad redevelopment – First**

This would see an outdoor stage constructed behind the Junior Block. Having this would allow outdoor performances to take place, such as Kapa Haka, outdoor music concerts and drama etc. To complement the stage, doors would be constructed at the back of the stage leading to the junior corridor and classrooms. Seating and planters would also be built within the quad to add to the environment of the area.

- **Backfield development – Then**

Our current field is in very poor condition. It lacks good drainage, has no irrigation and limited grass cover. The back field development has three stages:

1. New Netball / Tennis Court located behind the existing court.
2. New Rugby and Soccer field. (Running East-West with new surface, drainage and irrigation).
3. Hockey Turf (Netball Court size) Running East- West next to Kapiti College.

These are big projects. We believe these have the potential to make a BIG difference to our children's learning experience at Raumati Beach School through making these developments happen.

The full costing for these projects has not been completed, but they are likely to be in the order of:

- Interior quad / stage: \$40-50,000
- Backfield: new netball / tennis courts: \$60,000
- Backfield: synthetic courts \$100,000

With these goals and clearly endorsed vision, it becomes much easier to approach businesses for sponsorship and charities for donations.

We know this is a lot of money and it will take more than a year to achieve. With these goals in mind, and breaking each down to “bite sized chunks” we can, and will achieve it.

### ***Supplementary Goals***

We recognise that a number of smaller items are needed through out the school (expansion of playgrounds, sun shades, sports equipment, are a few examples).

To be able to fund these, for every \$1 raised by the school community, 80c will go towards the major items above, and 20c will go towards the smaller items. Which smaller items this money will go towards, will be selected in a ballot process, more details of this to come.

In the events planned, there is a significant aspect of just getting together as a school and having fun.

This will help to strengthen the school community spirit.

### ***How can we achieve this target?***

We are proposing to have a well publicised events calendar for the year. There will be one marquee event per year, one “major” event per term, and a number of smaller opportunities through out the year, including discos and mufti-days, etc. Other opportunities will be included as they present themselves. There is and will be a range to participate in, so if golf isn't your thing, maybe the Christmas Market is.

Please note, that fundraising for the school camp (etc) is outside of this – you will see these events and requests coming from time to time. Money raised for these events will not go towards the goals outlined above.

### ***PLANNED FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES***

Below are the events planned at this time – they will be expanded and added to during the year. The school community will be well notified of these events.

#### **Rotary Fun Run – 7 March**

A fun run event held by Rotary in which all proceeds raised come back to the school. Notice of this has been distributed. (The School Office is coordinating this for Rotary).

#### **Wholly Bagels – The 1<sup>st</sup> week of every month during term.**

For only \$20 you can choose your own selection of 13 bagels. Orders must be in by 9.00 am on the first Tuesday of each month, and will be delivered to your child's class two days later on the Thursday. \$5.00 of each order comes to the school. (Ian Thompson is coordinating this).

#### **“RBS Wheels Around Weka” – 28 March, Weka Park**

A sponsored bike ride for children. This is a team event of up to 6 children in a team, completing one lap of Weka Park at a time in an endurance style event. The inner part of the track will be marked for the teams 'pit' area. Families can pitch tents and have picnics in and around the park. (Dan Ralph is coordinating this).

#### **Golf Day – 6 May, Kapiti Golf Club and Village Inn**

The Golf Day is a great fundraiser for the school. Teams of four register for 18 holes of golf which includes a goodie bag, nibbles, drinks, and a BBQ during the day. After the golf, there is an auction at the Village Inn, to which the community is also invited. Help is needed on the day with

registration, running raffles, helping with the food etc. (Debbie Warren and Alana Webb are coordinating this).

### **Westfield Fun Run (was Golden Circle) – Last half of Term 3, School**

A fun run event with prizes, organized externally, with proceeds raised coming back to the school. Remember Pete the Pineapple from last year... (The Fundraising Group is coordinating this).

### **Arts Hub – October/November, School**

This exciting idea is a chance to link in with our local community by utilising our newly built Learning Corridor and associated classrooms as an exhibition space. It will:-

- Provide a quality and easily accessible venue for exhibiting artists and their customers.
- Showcase Artists from our local community and from within our very talented school community, including RBS children and their family members.
- Incorporate fundraising - both arts related and rest & refreshment for people on the trail.
- Challenge RBS children with a new opportunity for their arts learning.

DO you think this is a good idea? If so, what can we do to ensure it is a successful school, community and fundraising venture? We need to be a 'must visit' venue for artists and people on the trail. Thoughts and ideas please. (Rowan Lyver and Dorothy Baker are coordinating this).

### **Raumati Beach School Christmas Fair – December, School**

Building on the successful 2009 event, we see this as the marquee event for the school. We see this becoming a major event, including arts, food, rides, fun and possibly the talent quest finals (among some of the ideas). (Wendy Keating and Vicki Wright are coordinating this).

### **A themed social function – Term 3 or 4 (to be determine)**

A themed fun night out for the adults in our community. Dancing, good food and laughter...

### ***How can you help?***

We need your buy-in to the direction outlined above, and your support to deliver the best for our children. We also need people to help out with the events – each event has a number of different tasks – and through the year we will be calling on the school community to help with these tasks. The event coordinators will be breaking each event into a number of bite sized activities that you will be able to volunteer to help with. We are planning to have a variety of working bees over the year – any and all help at these will be welcome. The dates and activities are not finalised yet.

We are counting on you, the school community to become involved in these, and other events, so we can provide the best possible learning environment for our children.

### ***Feedback***

The BOT are very keen to hear from you about this plan, and any other ideas for fundraising and community spirit building, as well as other ways to make this a success.

The BOT will ensure that we keep the school community well updated of the progress towards the goals above, through the newsletter and web site, as well as the fund raising programme as it develops.

We look forward to an exciting and fun year ahead for Raumati Beach School.

Regards

Chris Litten  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

# **RAUMATI BEACH SCHOOL**

## **FEEDBACK FORM**

Please fill in this form and give to the school office, or send your details to [rbs.fundraising@gmail.com](mailto:rbs.fundraising@gmail.com) outlining where you can help out and your feedback.

The event coordinator will contact you in the near future to discuss their event and how you can help.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in assisting in someway with (please circle);

RBS Wheels around Weka

Golf day

Arts Hub

Christmas Market

Themed social evening

I have skills that I would like to provide to the school in working bees (dates not yet set).

My skill is: \_\_\_\_\_

I have no specific skills, but I'd love to help out at a school working bee (dates not yet set).

I can't help with these activities, so here is a donation to the fundraising efforts instead.

My donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ as is attached (please fill in details so we can get you a receipt for tax purposes).

***/we like the fundraising goals presented here:***

Disagree with goals \_\_\_\_\_ Agree with goals

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***Feedback/comments:***