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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Environmental Monitoring Field Trip

Our school is involved in the Environmental Monitoring and Action Project (EMAP). This project is facilitated by the Royal Society of New Zealand and supported, through partnerships, by regional councils and various crown-research institutes.

EMAP aims to increase student awareness and understanding of the sustainable management of natural/physical resources and through the development of appropriate skills and knowledge provide students with the ability to contribute positively to the management/enhancement of their local environment.

An essential element of the programme is the collection of information on the qualities of the local environment – social and economic as well as environmental.

Environmental data will be collected during field trips to
and includes:

- chemical characteristics (pH, dissolved oxygen, concentration of nitrates and phosphates, and conductivity)
- physical features of streams (water clarity, stream flow and morphology)
- assessment of the life support capacity of the stream

Data collected through these activities will be communicated to other schools internationally through the GLOBE programme, as well as industry partners, the regional council, farmers and other interested groups.

All activities will be carried out in accordance with current risk management and safety standards and normal school rules will apply throughout the duration of the field trip.

Attached please find details of the field trip and a medical and consent form for you to complete and return by

Yours sincerely

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