



RUAHINE SCHOOL

The Best I Can Do, The Best I Can Be

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Dear Parents & Caregivers

SCHOOL PICNIC @ SPLASH PLANET

The whole school will be travelling to Splash Planet in Hastings for our annual school picnic. Everything you need to know is in this letter. If you lose this, look on our website for information (www.ruahine.school.nz).

Travel arrangements:

Students will either travel by bus or in parent cars. If your child is travelling by bus they will need to pay \$8 toward the cost of transportation. Children travelling in cars are not required to pay this money.

We depart school at 9:05 am. All parents attending on the day will be given a sheet outlining planning for the day on arrival at Splash Planet. We have an area inside the park booked. Please wait outside the park until a staff member arrives so that accurate numbers can be given to park staff.

We leave Splash Planet at 2:45 pm. NB/ This means that children will not be back at school in time for the School Bus Run. It is anticipated that **we will arrive back at school at 4:15 pm.**

Children travelling on the bus or in cars can be dropped in town or will be dropped at school. Parents will need to arrange to have their children picked up from school at 4:15 pm.

Parent Helpers:

Parents who provide a car as transport will be given a free spectator pass (one pass per car). A spectator pass only allows access to the Fantasyland Express Train and the 2 Toddlers Pools. Parents and additional siblings or family members are able to purchase a super pass for \$20 (usually \$26) at the gate on the day. A super pass entitles the person to unlimited access to all of the parks rides, slides, pools and Mini Golf.

Parents who come on the trip will be asked to supervise students throughout the day. While Splash Planet provides duty lifeguards, we are still required to actively supervise our children. Supervision levels will depend on the age of the children. You will be advised of the students you are supervising on the day.

If you are able to provide transport and parental help, please indicate on the return slip. A notice will then come to you in the next few weeks with more details.

Cost:

The Student Council & PFK have done a fantastic job of fundraising for this event. Money from our Pyjama Day, Cake Raffle, Mufti Day & \$5 per student from the PFK have gone toward the cost of this trip. The school has also been holding the money paid by some students toward the cancelled Tararua 7s tournament earlier in the year.

As a result, the cost of the trip will be **\$2.00 per student!** Students who paid for the Tararua 7s earlier in the year **DO NOT** have to pay this.

All students travelling by bus will be required to pay an additional \$8 toward the cost of transport.

All money needs to be returned to classroom teachers by Friday 2nd December.

What to bring:

Each student will need the following:

- ✓ Togs
- ✓ Towel
- ✓ Warm clothes
- ✓ Drink
- ✓ Packed morning tea and lunch
- ✓ Hat
- ✓ Sunblock

NB/ no school uniform items please! Please ensure that everything is clearly named.

Other:

We are aware that some families may like to bring pre-schoolers or older siblings. These children are very welcome but cannot be the responsibility of the staff or other parent helpers on the day. Passes etc can be purchased for them at the gate on the day.

Please fill in all details on the attached permission/information form and return to school by Friday 25th November. Payment for the trip is due by Friday 2nd December. (Because this trip does not finish until 4pm, parental permission is required.)

We are all really looking forward to celebrating the end of another successful year at Ruahine with this trip to Splash Planet.

Ruahine Staff

SPLASH PLANET PERMISSION SLIP

(Only one return required per family)

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO CLASSROOM TEACHERS BY FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER

Child/rens Name/s: _____

I will be taking my children to Splash Planet by car: **YES / NO**

I am prepared to fill spare seats with extra children: **YES / NO**

If yes, number of extra seats available: _____

If yes, name of driver: _____

TRAVELLING BY BUS:

- I understand that there is an additional cost of \$8 per student catching the bus
- I understand that my child will be dropped either in town or at school and that the school bus run will not take place.
- Please drop in town (approximately 4 pm)
- Please take to school where my child/children will be picked up at 4:15 pm (approximately)

Payment:

- Please find payment of \$_____ enclosed
- Payment will be made by Friday 2nd December

Signed: _____
(Parent/Guardian)