

Dear Parent/Guardian,

**2022 Wainui School Bike-a-thon - Online Sponsored Fundraiser**

Wainui School's annual Bike-a-thon is happening in April to raise much needed funds to support our wonderful school! The funds raised by our school community make a huge difference in enhancing the overall school environment and educational outcomes of all our students. Our fundraising events over the year also go towards projects like upgrades to our very popular bike track, an amazing outdoor classroom, shade in much needed areas, upgrades to our much loved playgrounds and awesome new readers for our juniors.

As well as raising much needed funds, this event is a highlight of our school calendar! Our children get to come together and work as a team towards a common goal, helping their school – and they have a great time on bike-a-thon day.

**How will this fundraiser work?** We have partnered with New Zealand based, online fundraising company, Raise It. Raise It specialise in working with New Zealand schools to maximise their fundraising efforts. Collecting sponsorship online makes it super easy for everyone - no more door knocking, your child can collect more donations from further afield (friends and family living overseas, work colleagues etc) and no need to worry about handling all that cash and bringing it into school!

**How do I sign my child up to fundraise online?** Each child can sign up for their very own fundraising web page to send out to collect online sponsorship. Sponsorship can be collected from anyone, anywhere and sponsors can choose their own currency to donate in, if they wish.

Just go to our School Fundraising Hub page at: <https://wainuibikeathon.raiseit.nz/hub>

- You will find the register/sign up link to set up their fundraising page
- You will need to choose your child's class as their fundraising team and then enter your account/page details
- If you need any help email [help@raiseitfundraising.com](mailto:help@raiseitfundraising.com) for direct assistance
- All student totals update in real time and your sponsors can leave you messages of encouragement

**Do I have to sign up for an online account to fundraise?** We would love all fundraisers to have an online account as this allows the school to significantly reduce the administration overhead of collecting and dealing with cash and removes the need for students or parents to bring cash to the office. Raise It Fundraising adhere to strict cyber safe guidelines and this is built into our fundraising website. If you really do not want an online fundraising page, and still want to participate please check with the school office to see if you can collect cash and hand it in.

**Prizes:** We have a great range of fundraising prizes available including spot prizes and overall fundraising prizes for classes/individuals. Please see the Prizes page linked on the Fundraising Hub page of our fundraising website. Our amazing prize baskets have been kindly donated by Simone du Bernard from Harcourts – A very big thank you to Simone for her continued support!

**Event Details:** Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> 2022 – Timetable of the day's events to follow. We are waiting on guidelines from the Ministry of Education as to parents/caregivers/family being able to attend events at school. Once we have a clear picture we will let our school community know, it would be wonderful to have our friends and whanau here!

Isolating and Bike-a-thon – If your child is isolating/learning from home on the day of the event we will work with you to make sure this is still fun for your child. Please contact FOWS – [fows@wainui.school.nz](mailto:fows@wainui.school.nz)

Kindest regards, Friends of Wainui School.



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