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2017 Buddy Patrols

Dear Year 5 Parents and Caregivers

As you aware Titahi Bay School provides many different opportunities for our young people to develop leadership. As 2016 is coming to an end we are looking ahead to 2017. We are asking our future Year 6's to think seriously about Leadership and what that could look like for them in 2017 be that in sport, KapaHaka, Pasifika, Te Manawa, Enviro Monitors, as a Senior Reading Buddy or Buddy Patrol.

Your child has shown an interest in becoming a Buddy Patrol and we would like you to be aware of what that role entails and the selection process.

A Buddy Patrol is identified as a role model both in the classroom and in the playground. Someone who is consistently a Go-getter, someone who shows KURA in everything they do. They have a positive attitude and involve themselves in all school activities.

A Buddy Patrol has a few responsibilities, such as refilling fruit buckets and spending wet play times caring for their junior buddy class and are often called upon for extra jobs around the school. They have duty days in the playground where they care for other children who are injured or upset. They regularly attend meetings where they are taught to deal with different situations that may occur in the playground and share their experiences with their team.

Buddy Patrols receive a uniform at the start of the year and will be involved in the termly Buddy Patrol celebration where they have are recognised for their commitment to our school and the extra effort they make throughout the year.

To be considered for a Buddy Patrol position your Year 5 will be required to either give a short speech (no more than a minute), read a persuasive letter **or** show a promotional video outlining **why they think they should be chosen**. They will present this in front of their teachers and peers during Ngahere hui on **Friday 21 October**. This presentation must be submitted by **Friday 14 October** to your child's teacher. Although there will be time at school to complete their submission many children choose to complete this at home.

We are looking for 20 Buddy Patrols. We would appreciate you taking some time to discuss this with your child as at this stage we have over 60 children interested and we want you to know if your child is selected the role lasts the full year so is a big commitment, also, if your child is unsuccessful please encourage them as there are still many other leadership opportunities for them in 2017.

I, _____ (child's name), would like to be a 2017 Buddy Patrol.

(please tick one) I will be sharing a:

speech

Letter

promotional video

Parent sign: _____