

WATERLEA WEEKLY



**Great Learning Happens at Waterlea by Connecting with
our Community, Culture, World and Future**

10 April 2019

Calendar

April:

11th Whole School Assembly 9.15-10.15am
12th Happy Hour—Wheels Day!
12th Last Day of Term 1
19th-22th Easter (during holidays)
25th Anzac Day (during holidays)
29th First Day of Term 2

May:

3rd Waterlea Welcome Assembly 9-10.15am
6th-12th Sign language Week
18th PTA Quiz Night
23rd Puberty Plus Education Parent
Information Evening 5.30pm
26th- 1 June Samoan Language Week
27th Puberty Plus Education Years 5 & 6
27th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
28th Interschool Rugby League Competition
30th Interschool Rugby League Rain Date

June:

3rd Queens Birthday—Public Holiday
10th onwards: Matariki
11th Interschool Netball
13th Interschool Netball Rain Date
13th Student Led Conferences
21st PTA School Disco
24th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

**Hello, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava, Taloha Ni, Malo e Lelei, Bula
Deea awit, Fakalofa, Lahi Atu, Ni Hau, Namaste, Vinaka, Dia daoibh
Huan Ying, Hola, Sagutom, Konichiwa, Guten Tag, Sillaw**

What a great term of learning we've had at Waterlea! We have lots going on around the school both in classrooms, in the playground and at lunchtime clubs. Some of this learning has been captured below and I would like to remind you all to join us at our end of term assembly happening at 9.15am tomorrow (Thursday) in the David Lange Hall.

Today we practiced our lockdown procedures by holding a drill. What this means is that each class locked their doors, shut their windows and pulled their curtains and sat together quietly as a group for 5 minutes until the all clear signal was given. It is a Health and Safety requirement that we practice these procedures along with a fire drill each term. Don't forget to send a named muesli bar to school with your child to add to their class emergency bag—very helpful if we were to remain in lockdown for a long period.

Right: Wanda the Walking School Bus will be joining us at assembly tomorrow



On Friday we have Happy Hour which is 'Wheels Day' where children bring their bike, scooter, skateboard, remote control car, trolley, toy pushchair or anything with wheels to enjoy for an hour

as a celebration of their learning.

Years 3-6 from 9.15-10.15am

Years 1-2 from 11-11.50am (These times may differ to earlier correspondence)

Helmets must be worn for anything ridden (i.e. bikes, scooters, skateboards, rollerblades etc).



Don't forget that school is closed starting the week of the 15th April for the school holidays and we return on Monday 29th April. We wish all our students and staff a happy and well earned break so they can come back refreshed ready for Term 2.

Board of Trustees News

As you will know we are holding board elections in June and the students at Waterlea believe that being on the board is so important they have created a video explaining why.

The Waterlea Board of Trustees want YOU to join the Board!

See our message here - <https://youtu.be/gh-ezpuBn0>

(For best viewing - watch on a mobile device in portrait mode. If you're typing the video link, please be aware of the underscore between the dash and 'e', also note that the link is case sensitive.)



Waterlea Garden Club

The Waterlea Garden Club meets every Monday lunch time and tackle a variety of projects in gardens throughout the school. We have children represented from all age levels and they arrive ready to 'get their hands dirty'. It is an opportunity for the children to be kaitiaki (caretakers) of our environment, learn about our natural world, where our food comes from and sustainability. Our latest projects have included weeding, planting a herb garden, conditioning the soil and planting seedlings in our vegetable gardens. One of our most exciting ventures is working with whanau from our Waterlea community to grow and harvest corn and kumara. Special thanks goes to Peter Wedde (Ms Wedde's Dad) for his garden expertise, planting and tending our crops during weekends and holidays and Joy Tidmarsh (Mrs Lundberg's Mum) for helping during garden club and the donation of Kings Garden Vouchers to help us on our way. We welcome any Whanau with or without a green thumb to join us on Mondays at 1.00pm. Keep an eye out for 'produce sales' after school where we sell excess produce to raise money to invest back into the garden. We recently raised \$9.50 selling spring onions!!

Basketball

Basketball coaching sessions starting up in Term 2 on Thursday mornings in the hall. 8:30-8:55am. All welcome. First session is Thursday 2nd May. Any questions please contact andy.jones@waterlea.school.nz

PTA News

Quiz night: Saturday 18 May

Tables selling fast so get in quick!

Register your table of 10 for THE social event of 2019 for Waterlea parents and teachers! \$200 gets you ten tickets and two Kiwi Kai platters. Dress in Kiwiana theme: buzzy bees, All Blacks, Prime Ministers... This event will sell out so get in quick! Email waterleapta@gmail.com to register or for more information.

We're also looking for items for our ballot auctions on the night. Can you (or someone you know) donate a product or service? Please get in touch.



Yummy Apple stickers

Get your stickers in by Thursday to be our winning class for term 1! Later in the year we'll send these off to the Yummy Apple company in exchange for sports gear.

Entertainment books

These are back for 2019. Comes as a book of vouchers or an online app—the physical book will be available in May. Go to www.entbook.co.nz/9691y8 when you purchase your book, and a percentage of the cost will go to Waterlea School.

The Entertainment Book contains vouchers for all sorts of places eg McDonalds, Butterfly Creek, Coronation Café, movie tickets, Snow Planet and much much more! You usually recoup the cost of the book just by using 2 or 3 vouchers!

Community News

MANGERE BRIDGE DRAGONS BASKETBALL CLUB

PLAY basketball in Mangere Bridge for children ages 8-10. We are family run and we focus on fun, building individual skills and team work.

WHERE - Auckland Chinese Community Centre, 99 Taylor Road, Mangere Bridge.

WHEN - Term 2 starts Monday 13 May and is every Monday. Session 1: 3.30pm - 4.15pm session 2: 4.30pm - 5.15pm during school term.

COST - \$80 for Term 2 (Payment plans are available). Enquire about our discounts.

Pre-register your child now by visiting us on Facebook.

<https://m.facebook.com/Mangere-Bridge-Dragons-Basketball-Club-319471178879714/>



Ambury Farm Easter Clean Up

Friends of the Farm is organising an Easter clean up and egg hunt. Saturday 13th April 3-5pm. Meet at Ambury farm barn OR the Elmdon St Bridge (Taratara Stream, Mangere) (If you are heading to Taratara Stream, be back at Ambury by 4:45 for egg hunt fun) Bags supplied, bring your own bucket or gloves if you have them.

This is a family friendly patch and we are encouraging #caringforourpatch. For more info, email friends@fof.nz

Mangere Bridge Library Holiday Activities

The local library is a wonderful place to entertain the kids these holidays! They are holding a range of events including Decorate and Eat, Kinetic Sand and Kite Making. For a full list and times go to <https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/Pages/events-search.aspx?search=Mangere%20Bridge%20Library&type=14&show=12>

My Recipe for Kindness by Lily Ross (Rm 5)

YOU'LL NEED:

½ cup of forgiveness

2 ½ tbsp. of space

200g of favors

4 cups of looking on the bright side

1 person

1 smiley mixing spoon

METHOD:

Gently shake the ½ cup of forgiveness into the person. Pour in the 2 ½ tbsp of space, and mix using the smiley mixing spoon. Sieve in 100g of favors, mix then add the other 100g. Next, tip in 2 cups of looking on the bright side, and then slowly put in the rest. Stir for 2 mins straight with the smiley mixing spoon. Bake for 1 hour and 15 mins at 35°C. You're finished now!!

Update from your Board of Trustees for Term 1 – 2019

It is great to see such great energy and enthusiasm in our school community at this stage of the year. Thank you to all of you who have participated in supporting the school and your children's education.

As you are aware, from our perspective as governors, we have maintained focus on encouraging family participation in our children's education. This has been proven as a significant factor supporting success in education. The enthusiasm and energy I observe around the school community at present suggests that this engagement is continuing positively.

A significant support to our ability to provide the environment and resources we need to deliver the best possible education to our kids comes through the generosity of our community. We rely on the donations you provide personally and through the PTA to fund resources that we wouldn't otherwise be able to fund through the government's operating grant. For those of you that have already made your annual donation to the school - **Thank You**. For those who are yet to take the opportunity to support us financially, please make this a priority and see the team in the office to get these paid up.

As the first term of the year draws to a close, we are also nearing the end of the 3 year cycle that the current Board of Trustees has been in place for.

It doesn't feel like 3 years have passed since I started in this role! The time has passed so quickly. However, as I look back on this period, we have certainly covered some significant ground as a board and as a school.

A handful of standout items for me through this period:

1. The refinement and simplification of our Strategic Plan and Charter – this can be reviewed at this link. [Strategic Charter Plan 2019-2021](#)
2. The successful appointment of a new Principal and Deputy Principal
3. The recent ERO review process and report – their final report can be reviewed at this link. <https://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/waterlea-public-school-14-12-2018/>

If you have been following recent developments in education, you will have reviewed the recent Tomorrow's Schools Review Task Force Report which proposes some fairly significant changes to the way schools are governed and resourced. We have considered this as a board and made a submission to the review task force – we are happy for you to review this submission which can be viewed at this link [Tomorrows Schools Feedback](#) or email me requesting a copy and I will forward it to you (andrew.dunning@waterlea.school.nz)

However, the biggest highlight for me over the course of this last 3 years with our school community has been getting to know the individuals that make up our board, staff and community. We are "super lucky" to be where we are with a diverse and talented group of people supporting our school. Thank you all for your efforts for the benefit of our children.

As we head into the elections this year we have a few longstanding trustees stepping down after 6 or more years of service to our school. A special thanks to these trustees that have certainly made an investment into and shaped the nature and environment of our school over their time with us. Your efforts are appreciated. Thank you.

You might consider standing as a parent representative in the upcoming elections (June 2019). Some useful information about what it means to be a trustee of a school can be found at this link - <https://www.trustee-election.co.nz/becoming-a-trustee/>.

Any of the existing trustees will also be happy to have a chat with you about what it is like and the commitment involved.

In the words of one of our Trustee's kids -

"My mum likes helping people and thought that being on the board could be a way to help the students and their families to have a great experience here at Waterlea."

If that sounds like you and you feel you have some experience or skills to offer to support our community, we would love to have you stand in the elections.

As we are heading into an election, this could be my last newsletter to you as the chair of your Board of Trustees. I have enjoyed the privilege of serving our community for the last three years and seeing our school community and children thrive and grow through that period. Thank you for your support as well as your ongoing support of your children and our school.

Maybe I will be back again after the elections

Regards

Andrew Dunning

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Chair – Waterlea School Board of Trustees