

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

13 February 2019

Calendar

February:

19th Rm 10 MB Library Visit 11am-1pm
20th Rm 11 MB Library Visit 11am-1pm
23rd Waterlea Choir at Onehunga Festival
9.30am
21st Gym Club begins
25th Rm 14 MB Library Visit 11am-1pm
25th Board Meeting 7pm
26th Rm 12 MB Library Visit 11am-1pm
26th PTA AGM 12 Dalry PI, 7.30pm
27th Rm 13 MB Library Visit 11am-1pm
28th Rm 15 MB Library Visit 11am-1pm
28th MusiqHub Lessons begin

March:

1st Whānau Day Walk to Ambury Farm
9.15am
8th PTA Sausage Sizzle
11th New entrant cohort first day
11th Year 5 & 6 bike skills this week
19th Rm 5 & 6 Tree Adventures
20th Rm 7 & 8 Tree Adventures
22nd Rm 9 Tree Adventures
25th Rm 10 Te Tuhi Gallery Trip (am)
25th Rm 15 Te Tuhi Gallery Trip (pm)
25th Board Meeting 7pm
26th Rm 11 Te Tuhi Gallery Trip (am)
26th Rm 13 Te Tuhi Gallery Trip (pm)
29th Rm 14 Te Tuhi Gallery Trip (am)
29th Rm 12 Te Tuhi Gallery Trip (pm)
29th PTA Mufti Day

April:

12th Last Day of Term 1
19th-22th Easter (during holidays)
25th Anzac Day (during holidays)
29th First Day of Term 2

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

Throughout the year we invite whānau into the school to join in on some specific activity or so we can share some specific learning- we call these Whānau Day. We usually hold these sessions once a term and we will try to give you as much notice as possible so you can plan accordingly. Whānau Day is an opportunity for anyone in your extended Whānau to come to school and share our learning. If you aren't available to attend a specific date due to other commitments maybe your child's grandparents, aunts or uncles or older siblings might like to come in your place. This term's Whānau Day is on March 1st at 9.15am and we will walk to Ambury Farm and have a picnic style morning tea. Everyone is welcome so come along and join in the fun. Don't forget your sunhat and drink bottles!

Another way of building Whānaungatanga is through our Wānanga Day at the start of the year—this is always a very worthwhile opportunity to start building a relationship with your child's teacher and it has been proven that a strong partnership between school and whānau is vital to children's learning. There are some wonderful impressions of the Wānanga Day from Room 19 below.

Even though we haven't been at school long we already have a number of lunchtime activities up and running for our tamariki to enjoy. This term we have Choir (Year 3-6), 3D Printing Club (Year 4-6) Chess Club (all ages) and two summer sports-softball and cricket. Next week Kapa Haka will start again on Thursday afternoon and this will be taken by Hamish Bennett of Room 7. Our schoolwide concept for learning this term is Mahitahi-collaboration. As a school we are firstly creating a strong sense of Whānaungatanga-viewing school as a supportive family with strong relationships/connections. Once we have a sense of this we will create opportunities to collaborate in our classes, across the school and by forming strong partnerships in our community.

Thank you to all parents who are supporting their children to be Sunsmart this term. All children must have a sunhat to wear at school- we have a few spares but for hygiene purposes it is always best for children to have their own. If you have any spare ones at home that you'd like to donate, drop them into the office and we'll distribute them out. All classes have sunscreen and teachers are encouraging children to apply it before going outside.

"What I liked about our Wānanga day was my Pa coming and being in a picture with my ice cream top on". – Mikayla



"What I liked about our Wānanga day was seeing our new beautiful classroom and my family having a chat with my teacher". – Annabelle





“What I liked about our Wananga day was that my brother came and mum and dad picked me up from SKIDS and we were all together” – Alex

“What I liked about our Wananga day was Miss Nieborak taking a photo and her learning new things about me” – Mia H



Waterlea Choir

It's only Week 3, and the choir students have already begun practising for their stage performance at the Onehunga Festival on the 23rd February. We are polishing up some well-known songs, so our incoming Year 3 students are welcome to join us for this event if they wish. Newsletters came home yesterday. Practices this year will be held Tuesday lunchtimes - we welcome students from Year 3 to 6. Feel free to pop in and see Helen Wedde in Room 1 if you would like any further information about our 2019 choir.

Walking School Bus

The Wallace Road/Muir Avenue Walking School Bus is starting again this week. At this stage it will be walking on Tuesday mornings, Tuesday afternoons, Wednesday afternoons, Thursday mornings, Friday mornings and Friday afternoons. Children can walk with the bus on all or just some of the journeys.

In the mornings it starts at 8:15 at 11 Wallace Road, walking along Wallace, crossing McIntyre Road, to the Muir Avenue pedestrian crossing, down Muir Avenue, to arrive at school at approximately 8:30. Walkers can join us anywhere along that route. In the afternoons we do the same route in reverse, leaving school at approximately 3:05.

This is a great opportunity for children to walk to and from school with their friends, and they can earn certificates and stickers after 25, 50, 75 walks, etc.

If anyone is interested in joining, please feel free to contact Rachel at racheldavies1102@gmail.com.

Waterlea Chess Club

Waterlea's Chess Club run by Whaea Angelique is starting next Tuesday 19 February at lunchtime in the Library. See you there!

Lucky Book Club

Last week your child would have brought home the first Lucky Book Club issues of the year. Orders can be made through Scholastic's "Loop" system. This Friday 15 February is the last day for orders.

PTA News

Waterlea School Hats

They are \$17 each, and come in sizes 55cm, 57cm, 61cm. (57cm is a standard junior head). Limited number available; pre-order now so you don't miss out. Email us on waterleaPTA@gmail.com to secure yours.

Yummy Sticker Collection

Keep up the great work collecting yummy stickers for our school. Drop them in to your teacher or the PTA mailbox in the office. Later this year we'll cash these in for school sports gear.

Outside providers offering activities at Waterlea:

Playball—Wednesdays

Playball offers a specialised series of age specific classes that teach sport and life skills for 5 to 8 year olds here at Waterlea on Wednesdays 3pm-4pm. Contact www.playball.co.nz for more information.

Gym Club—Thursdays at 3.15pm starting 21 Feb

Gym Club offers gymnastics lessons in the school hall every Thursday. For more information and to register go to www.gymclub.co.nz

Shine School of Confidence (Speech and Drama) - Thursday lunchtime and after school

a specialist, high-quality, fun speech & drama programme designed to build spoken excellence and self-belief in primary school children.

To enrol: www.shine.school.nz/enrol-waterlea

Lessons include vocal skills, public speaking, poetry & prose reading, body language, acting skills and creative movement.

MusiqHub Music Lessons—Thursdays

MusiqHub offers guitar and drum lessons for Year 4-6 students during school time on Thursdays starting 28 Feb. Please contact the teacher JP Carroll for more information on johnpaulcarrollmusic@gmail.com or 022 103 6686

Community News

Free Tball for 4-6yr olds

Come along to Mangere Mountain Friday evenings 545pm - 645pm for our first hits programme: batting stations, fun drills and a Tball game.

Season finishes on the 15th of March.

Limited numbers so get in quick.

MX Racing in Wiri

Manukau Taniwha BMX Club are now located in Colin Dale Park, 87 Prices Road, Wiri. New riders are welcome.

BMX is a great family sport for riders from 4 years to adults. Coaching for new riders and under 8yrs is on Thursdays at 5:15pm, with club night racing after that. Coaching for other riders is on Tuesday evening.

There are bikes and full-face helmets for new riders to hire, and they can try BMX for 3 weeks before joining the club.

Riders must wear long pants, long sleeves and shoes and socks.

For more info visit our website www.taniwhabmx.nz, Facebook [@taniwhabmx](https://www.facebook.com/taniwhabmx) or email info@taniwhabmx.nz

Queen's Cup Chess Competition for Girls

A chess tournament just for girls ages 4-18. This is held every two months on the following dates: 17 Feb, 5 May, 30 June, 18 Aug, 3 Nov and 15 Dec in Central Auckland. Contact Paul Macdonald for more information: mobile: 021 027 15577, email: paul@chesspower.co.nz, or website: www.chesspower.co.nz