

# WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

**20 February 2019**

## Calendar

### February:

20th Rm 11 MB Library Visit 11am-1pm  
21st Virtual Reality Experience Rms 5-8  
21st Gym Club begins  
22nd Virtual Reality Experience Rm 9  
23rd Waterlea Choir at Onehunga Festival 9.30am  
25th Rm 14 MB Library Visit 11am-1pm  
25th Board Meeting 7pm  
26th Rm 12 MB Library Visit 11am-1pm  
26th Interschool Cricket Competition  
26th PTA AGM 24 Waterlea Ave (note venue change), 7.30pm  
27th Rm 13 MB Library Visit 11am-1pm  
28th Rm 15 MB Library Visit 11am-1pm  
28th Interschool Cricket Rain Date  
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  
13th Interschool Softball Competition  
14th Interschool Softball Rain Date  
14th School show "The Suitcase" 11.30am  
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:

9th Interschool Swimming Competition  
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**

This week we've been discussing safety quite a lot at Waterlea. Given recent events in our local community that received media coverage this week, some of our senior students have used this event as a springboard to engage in critical thinking. They have been exploring questions regarding what makes a community and how can we make a positive contribution to our community. Through their discussions and thinking some really good ideas have been put forward so they have decided to write to the Auckland City Councilors with their suggestions. In this way they can help turn a negative local event into a positive action by offering solutions. Next week we'll share some of their ideas.

While at Waterlea we want our students to begin to develop a sense of citizenship and the responsibilities that go with belonging to a community whether the context be their classroom, Waterlea School, Mangere Bridge or New Zealand. Exploring current events is a positive way of supporting our tamariki to make sense of their world by considering different perspectives and the exploring the wider impact of making certain choices.

When children are in the more junior classes at school, developing a sense of citizenship means learning to be a monitor in the classroom, sharing and caring for classroom equipment and what it is to be a good friend. This year as a school, we are focusing on friendship in a more intentional way to help all students navigate and problem solve when it comes to having friendship issues. Our focus on friendship is part of the wider umbrella of promoting student Hauora/Wellbeing. Research tells us that for students to be fully engaged in learning their social wellbeing needs to be intact. The Bounce Back Programme introduced in some classes last year is a great way for teachers to unpack strategies for children to help them understand the different and changing dynamics of friendships. The better understanding our children have—the greater chance they have some things to try when they experience problems and to build resilience.

***Below: Staff Learning Time yesterday—focusing on Hauora and the Bounce Back Programme***



As you know we have two Deputy Principals at Waterlea- Andy Jones who is new this year and Therese Bakker who was formally the DP overseeing Years 4-6. This year with our new senior leadership team we have decided to change things in that Therese Bakker is now the Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO) for the whole school and will support the teachers and team leaders of Years 1-3 with any additional behaviour and learning needs. She will continue to oversee the transition of students and whānau out of Waterlea. Andy Jones will be leading Curriculum across the school and in particular overseeing the introduction of the Digital Technologies Curriculum this year. He will support the teachers and team leaders of Years 4-6 with any additional behaviour and learning needs and in collaboration with Helen Wedde, oversee the transition of students and whānau into Waterlea. You can contact the Deputy Principals by email or leave a phone message at the office: phone 636 4233.

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Throughout the term there might be further updates regarding the DPs and their school wide responsibilities.

#### Education Review Office (ERO) Report News

You may recall that ERO visited the school last September for a week, in order to review the teaching and learning at Waterlea. Over the Summer holidays they published their findings and we are very happy with their report—one that reflects the great learning that happens here at our school.

You can view this report also—either by reading a copy held here in our office, or online at: <https://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/waterlea-public-school-14-12-2018/>

#### Waterlea Choir at the Onehunga Festival

Pop along and support our school choir who are performing at the Onehunga Festival this Saturday morning at 10.55am. It will be a fabulous community event for our families to enjoy!

#### Whānau Day—next Friday 1 March

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 next Friday, March 1 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!

#### PTA News

PTA AGM will be held Tuesday 26th Feb at 7.30pm, 24 Waterlea Ave. All welcome.

#### Yummy Stickers

Please help us to win sports gear by collecting individual Yummy apple stickers and cutout labels from Yummy apple bags. Send them in for class teachers to collect and at the end of Term 3 we'll exchange our collection for sports gear. Locally, The Bridge Fruit & Vege sells Yummy apples.



*Above: Year 1s and 2s enjoying morning singing... a wonderful way to start the school day!*

#### 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.

##### Mt Eden Hockey Club Registrations

Muster location: MRGS-Mount Roskill Grammar School Turf - Somerset Road, Mt Roskill. Parking is available at the turf, or on the side streets around the school turf. More parking on Frost Road Gate 4 Carpark.

##### Muster Dates and Times:

- School Year 1&2 and 3&4: Monday 11th March and 18th March, Arrive at 5:45 pm for a 6:00 to 7:00 pm session
- School Year 5&6 and 7&8: Wednesday-13th March and 20th March Arrive at 5:45 pm for a 6:00 to 7:00 pm session
- Youth: Monday-11th March and 18th March, Arrive at 6:45 pm for a 7:00 to 8:00 pm session
- Attend two for a musters if you can.
- Hockey gear is available as package deals from our club sponsor Sports First, 954 Dominion Road, Mt Roskill [www.sports-first.co.nz](http://www.sports-first.co.nz) -Get the guys at this outlet to show you how to select the right size stick and mouth guard etc.



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