

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

27 February 2019

Calendar

February:

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 "Baggage" 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)

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

Currently in New Zealand there is a nationwide review going on behind the scenes of our Education System and the model we know as 'Tomorrow's Schools'. Tomorrow's Schools was introduced some 30 years ago as a way to ensure more community involvement in school decision making. Schools became self managing of property, finances, employment and governed by a group of parents or the Board of Trustees. This model has worked well for many schools throughout New Zealand and Waterlea has been amongst this group. For some communities the model has not worked as well and the review is an opportunity for all New Zealanders to have their say. Education impacts us all and its important that way have an equitable system for every child and family. The working group assigned with the task of reviewing the Tomorrow's Schools model has come up with some draft proposals as to what the future of pre tertiary Education could look like and you can read these by clicking this link:

<https://conversation.education.govt.nz/assets/TSR/Tomorrows-Schools-Review-Report-13Dec2018.PDF>

If you'd like to have you say the easiest way for you to do so would be to take part in the online survey accessible through the following link:

<https://consultation.education.govt.nz/tsr/survey2019/>

Some our senior students have had the opportunity their say in the future of their community. Students in Room 8 have written to city councillors with their recommendations for the area down by the Old Mangere Bridge. They are really looking forward to a response from the council and maybe some of their ideas will be adopted. Escada has written:

Monday 25 February

*Room 8
Waterlea School
Mangere Bridge*

Dear Councillors,

We need the old Mangere Bridge to be a safer place for our community. I have lived in Mangere Bridge for 11 years. I want our community to be a safe, happy place. I really disagree with the behavior it is unbelievable, rude and unfair. Please listen to us. It is so rude of them to do this. I have some ways that you can make happen for the Old Mangere Bridge to be safe.

CCTV is one idea. It will help to keep them away because they will be watched and will not want to come because they will be seen if they do something disturbing, rude, dangerous or environmentally harmful.

Rubbish bins would help too so that animals such as fish, dogs, cats, birds or lizards don't eat broken glass or trash. The amount of trash that falls in the sea is harmful for all sea life and the environment. Most people think that it is fine t just dump glass all over the place.

I hope that you will listen to my ideas and respond to me. I think that my ideas will really help, please respond thank you.

*Yours sincerely
Escada.*



We invite you to our
Open Day
Saturday 9th March
Tours at 10am & 12pm



17 House Ave, Mangere Bridge, 09 636 4233 or 027 323 9368, www.waterlea.school.nz

Waterlea Comes First in Cricket!

Yesterday the Waterlea Cricket team participated in the Mangere Otahuhu Sports Association's annual cricket tournament with other local schools. The team demonstrated great sportsmanship both on and off the field. They worked together, all making a contribution through their excellent batting, bowling and fielding skills to win this annual event. Congratulations to all the boys—you've certainly made us all very proud. Many thanks to their coach Andy Jones— all those lunchtime practices certainly paid off.



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!

Procedures for Collecting Children Throughout the Day

If you need to collect your child early from school or to take them out to an appointment, you must come through the office and fill in an early leaving form to give to their teacher. No child can be released to an adult without one of these forms—this is to ensure all our tamariki are safe and accounted for so we appreciate your help with this.

Medication at school

If your child requires any medication at school it must be handed in to the office and an 'Authority to Administer Medication' form filled in. This applies to both long term medication like an asthma inhaler and if your child requires pamol or antibiotics. Under no circumstances are inhalers or medication to be kept in children's bags as this poses a health and safety risk to themselves and other children. Please see the office if you have any queries.

Both the *Early Leaving* and *Parent/Caregiver Authority to Administer Medicine* forms are located on clipboards next to the office computer for easy access.

Donation Receipts and Statements

A huge thank you to those who have already paid the classroom supplies fees and/or school donation already. Next week we will be sending out reminder statements or receipts to those who have paid.

The donation is voluntary and set at \$180 for each family (an individual child or more) for the year but if this is paid before 31 March 2019 there is a \$20 discount (\$160). Remember you can also claim back a third of this donation through the IRD making it more affordable.

In New Zealand, we are very fortunate to have access to free education. However, current levels of Government funding only enable state schools to deliver a very basic educational experience. The school donation helps us to deliver a top quality curriculum to your children by way of things like digital technologies and other costly educational extras. Therefore we really appreciate your help and support—we couldn't do what we do without you!

ASB Banking Through School

Did you know you can open up a bank account at ASB for your child and help them to bank through the school? It's never too early for your child to learn about money and saving and ASB is working with Waterlea to make it easy for your family to do so.



Feel free to pop into the office to pick up a school banking registration form. Once an account is set up you and your child can deposit money at the elephant deposit box in the office. This will be banked regularly by office staff.

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.



Below: The Waterlea Choir singing and dancing their hearts out at the Onehunga Festival last weekend

