

WATERLEA WEEKLY



WATERLEA
SCHOOL

With Learning We Grow

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

20 March 2019

Calendar

March:

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:

3rd Year 1&2 Whānau Afternoon Tea 3-4pm
9th Interschool Swimming Competition
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:

18th PTA Quiz Night

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

In light of the recent tragic events in Christchurch our school community has been talking a lot about kindness. We started our school week in a whole school assembly with a principal's challenge—how many ways can we demonstrate kindness and mānakitanga to others in our class, our school and in our local community? Over the past couple of days I've had lots of stories shared with me regarding this challenge and I thought I'd share just a few with you.

Yesterday our first groups of Year 5 & 6 students went off to Tree Adventures in Woodhill Forest. This is part of our Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) programme where we provide a variety of authentic learning opportunities to help develop student's problem solving, resilience and social skills. During yesterday's activities, teachers and parents noticed lots of examples of encouragement and kindness amongst our students where they worked together to ensure everyone had success. The parent helpers noticed more capable and confident climbers talking with less confident students giving suggestions, words of support and celebrations of small successes. When they returned to school I heard of many lovely examples of kindness and teamwork as our students worked together to achieve goals that some would never imagined possible at the beginning of the day.



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"I can show kindness by not leaving people to be lonely and say come and play with us" Kayla

"I can show kindness by smiling!!!" Mia H

"I can show kindness by just being nice to each other" Sabrina

"By helping somebody when they are hurt and injured" Abbey

"I can show kindness by not saying bad hurtful words or listening to bad ideas" Dollie

SAY NO TO HEADLICE

Condition Hair

Check Weekly

Comb Hair

Treat Quickly

Check Hair

Tell the School



Students from the middle school have been writing poems about what kindness means to them and here is one written by Sophie Heinzl, Room 10...

**Friends
are nice, friends
are kind, friends are super
awesome. They care, they help
they are always there
for you. We should
respect our friends.
Respect other
people as well.
Friends**

Wallace/Muir Walking School Bus

There are many examples of actions of kindness in our wider community as well. Last week our Wallace/Muir Walking School Bus had some special guest walkers on the bus: Charlee, Storm and Maia from the Northern Stars netball team, who chatted and encouraged us, and signed autographs at the end. We also had lots of extra Waterlea children and parents join us for the walk. Because March is Walking School Bus month, and to celebrate this, the children dressed as superheroes. It was a really fun, busy and exciting walk to school.

The bus walks every morning and afternoon Tuesday to Friday, and if you live anywhere near Wallace Road, McIntyre Road, or Muir Avenue there are 'bus stops' along the way where children can join us. You can contact Rachel at racheldavies1102@gmail.com if you are interested to know more.

You can also contact Rachel if you are curious about having a walking bus in your neighbourhood. Rachel can help you set one up, even if it is only one or two days a week.



Sickness Alerts

- **Gastro Illness and School:** We would like to remind parents that children must not come to school if they have vomited the night before or that morning. The Ministry of Health advises that children are kept at home until 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhea or vomiting.

- **General illness and fevers:** Children should not be at school if they have a temperature—if you give them parol before school, that will only last for part of the day and they will feel poorly again. We would also like to minimize the risk of infections spreading... keep them at home please if they are unwell.

- **Impetigo/School Sores:** We have also had a couple of cases of school sores/impetigo. This is a common childhood skin infection as it is highly contagious. We ask that if your child is showing any blistering sores that may have a yellow or brown scab that you please see your doctor. They are best treated with oral antibiotics.

- **Measles:** You may be aware there has been a measles outbreak in Christchurch recently with some confirmed cases in Auckland. A reminder that all children require two doses of the MMR vaccination (usually at 15 months and again at 4 years) so if you are unsure, please see your doctor.



Interschool Softball Competition

On Wednesday 13 March our school Softball teams competed in the Mangere/Otahuhu Zone competition at the Memorial Fields, Otahuhu College. The girls' softball team had a fantastic time at the tournament. The boys' softball team were successful and played 7 games and managed to win 6 games. Our children displayed enthusiasm, team spirit and impressive skills. Thank you to all our parents who came and cheered on our children.



Library... Breaking News

E-Books are coming to our library! Look out for information in next week's newsletter for details. Each student at Waterlea will have their own login and we will be trialing E-Books to see what you think.

Lucky Book Club

Children will be bringing home Issue 2 of the Lucky Book Club. Purchases can be made through Scholastic's online Loop system—last day this **Friday 22 March**. Thanks for your support.

Reminder—No Dogs Allowed on School Grounds

Just reminder to all that no dogs are allowed on school grounds during school hours, especially during the before school and after school periods.

PTA News

Mufti Day - Next Friday 29 March

The funds raised at next week's Mufti day will be donated to the Givealittle page to support the families affected by last Friday's tragedy in Christchurch.

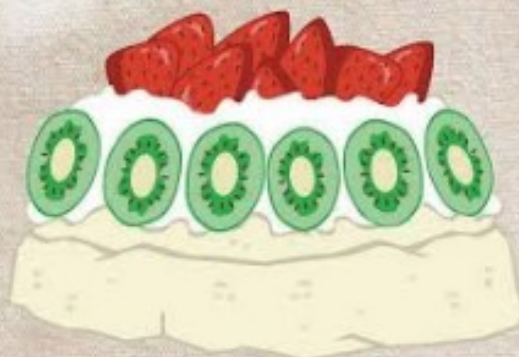
PTA Quiz night 2019: Saturday 19 May

Start rounding up your crew of ten and planning your costumes. This year's theme is (drum roll please)...KIWIANA. Contact Waterleapta@gmail.com to book your table of 10. \$200 per table, includes a Kiwi Kai platter.

Waterlea PTA Presents

Kiwiiana Quiz Night

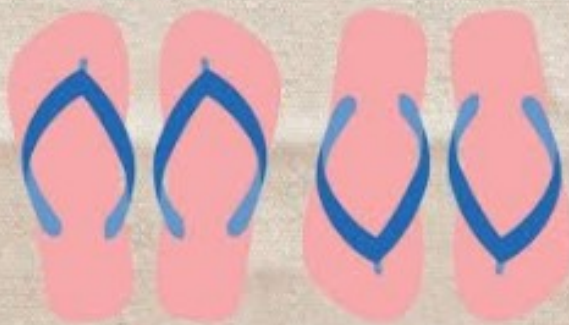
R18



**Saturday
May 18th
6pm - 10.30pm**

DAVID LANGE MEMORIAL HALL
WATERLEA SCHOOL

Bring cash / eftpos available
Ballot Auctions on the night



\$200
FOR A TABLE
OF TEN

INCLUDES 2 KIWI KAI PLATTERS

TO PURCHASE TICKETS
Email: waterleapta@gmail.com

NO DOOR SALES

JUNIOR TOUGH GUY AND GAL CHALLENGE

EXTREME OFF ROAD RUNNING EVENT



Come join thousands of kids
in NZ's biggest MUD RUN SERIES
22 May - 22 August



For children School Years 3 to 8
Enter individually or through your School



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THE KIDS EVENT

Get Kids Active Charitable Trust and Event Promotions are excited to have the Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge series back for 2019 across seven different cities! This is a chance for primary and intermediate aged kids to get involved in New Zealand's biggest mud run series in a version tailored especially for them. The Junior Tough Guy and Gal Challenge will include many of the same amazing perks as the original adult Tough Guy and Gal Challenge along with all competitors receiving a stunning finishers medal, Hell Pizza voucher and the chance to experience the challenging obstacles, incredible venues, hot showers and spot prizes.

GRADES

- 1.5km Ankle Bitters: Open to kids in school years 3 - 4
- 3km Little Nippers: Open to kids in school years 5 - 6
- 3km Big Rascals: Open to kids in school years 7 - 8



Finishers medal for all competitors

WELLINGTON - Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd May

HAMILTON - Wednesday 5th, Thursday 6th and Friday 7th June

AUCKLAND - Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd July

HAWKE'S BAY - Monday 29th July

PALMERSTON NORTH - Friday 2nd August

TAURANGA (New Venue) - Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th August

ROTORUA - Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd August



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