

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

6 March 2019

Calendar

March:

8th Watermania Happy Hour
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)
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

A huge thanks to all of you who joined us last Friday for our first Whānau Day-our community walk to Ambury Farm. Over the past decade or so Waterlea School has built a strong partnership with the farm and we feel very fortunate to have such a wonderful local learning resource for our tamariki. Learning in our local community is one of our 4 strategic goals for 2019. Waterlea's Strategic Plan and Charter can be found on our website. It sets out our plan for learning at Waterlea for this year and the next 3 years. Our 4 big goals are:

1. Deliver success for all students
2. To improve cultural experiences and interactions
3. To create a community of digitally literate learners
4. To strengthen productive community partnerships.

Learning at the farm and other local contexts is one way for us to work towards achieving Goal 4. Another way is Waterlea School being a partnership school within a larger community of schools or Kahui Ako. Our Kahui Ako is called Te Iti Kahurangi which means Together, Success for All. There are 10 schools in our Kahui Ako and they are Mangere Bridge Primary, Onehunga Primary, Te Papapa School, Royal Oak Primary, Oranga Primary, Royal Oak Intermediate, St Joseph's Primary, Marcellin College and Onehunga High School. Te Iti Kahurangi formed in 2018 and we met yesterday as a group for the first time this year. This opportunity for further collaboration across schools and sectors is an exciting one as we develop strong pathways for children going from ECE to High School and beyond.

Strengthening productive community partnerships

Our Kahui Ako is organising an evening event in June that you might be interested in- Nathan Mikaere Wallis is coming to town. Nathan Wallis is an expert in the field of children's brain development and some of you might've been lucky enough to have heard Nathan talk previously. Teachers and support staff across the Kahui Ako schools will be given first option for tickets but there might be some spare spaces that we intend to offer the community. The date is 25th June at Mangere Bridge School, 7.30-9pm. We will let you know via text or email when the tickets go on sale so it might pay to save the date now.

Creating a digitally literate community- using devices safely at home

There has been a lot in the media lately about different pop ups that come up when children are online. The best way to ensure your children are safe online is to treat it in a similar way as you would the real world. Just like all other activities they are involved in, children need coaching and strategies from parents as to how to navigate tricky situations. Know what your children are doing online and discuss with them what to do if something comes on screen which makes them uncomfortable. Keeping an open line of communication is really important and also utilising mechanisms on the device to restrict access to the full functions is also a helpful way to keep our children safe while they



**Families
enjoying
morning
tea
together at
Ambury
Farm**



learn to navigate the online world safely. Just like in the real world, we wouldn't drop young children at the park to play unsupervised. We stay with them, watch from a distance so they can have a go on their own and help them when they get into difficulty. One online game which is really popular at present is Fortnite. It might be interesting to note that the recommended age for this game is 12 years and older. Many children at Waterlea are playing this game on a regular basis and they get a lot of enjoyment from it because it's fun. Again, if your child is playing Fortnite it's important for you to understand the game and its appeal. Below is a link to an online parent guide to Fortnite which has some really practical hints to help you:

www.nationalonlinesafety.com/fortnite-battle-royale-parents-guide

Achieving success for all students - trialing a new morning bell system

This week Waterlea School is trialing a new morning bell system. At 8.50am a handbell will be rung to indicate to children that they need to go to their classroom to start the day. For the next 10 minutes children who arrive after the handbell just go directly to their classes. At 9am the electric bell will be rung and all children arriving after this bell will be recorded as being officially late. They will need to go to the office, record their names and collect a late card to give their teachers. In the window of the office there will be a sign indicating to children if the second bell has been rung or not. The purpose of this trial is to stop the congestion and confusion in the office straight after the 8.50 am bell goes. School still starts at 8.50am and this system should give us more accurate information regarding attendance. With this information we can think strategically about what we need to put in place for those children who have regular unexplained absences.

Emergency Kits

A part of our emergency preparedness, every classroom has an emergency kit and as part of this kit we ask every child to bring a muesli bar from home each year. Many of the uneaten muesli bars from last year are now passed their used by date and we'll dispose of them. Any other muesli bars will be popped into our supplies for children who might need their lunch boxes topped up from time to time. So over the next few weeks we would really appreciate it if you would please send along a muesli bar to school with your child's name on it.

Board of Trustees News

The Board of Trustees is seeking expressions of interest for the position of Returning Officer for the school's triennial board elections to be held in June this year. This is an important role and requires someone capable of ensuring that the process is conducted with integrity in accordance with the prescribed process. An ability to follow process, meet deadlines, and pay attention to detail are required. Much of the process is administered online so access to a computer with internet capability is essential. A fee is payable to the returning officer for the work which is governed by applicable Ministry Guidelines. If you are interested please email Dave Lynch at Davelynch@waterlea.school.nz by 6pm on Monday 11 March. Please include in your email a brief overview of any work experience which may be relevant to the role.

Happy Hour this Friday –Watermania

On Friday our children will participate in Happy Hour—this is a fun activity for the children who have been following the “Waterlea Way”. Happy Hour this time round is Watermania. Senior School from 9-10.30am, Middle School from 10.50-12.50 and Junior School from 1.50-3pm. Please make sure your child brings togs and a towel as well as any other items listed in the notice that went home with your child.

The Waterlea Way – Ara Waterlea

Look after yourself—Tiaki i a koe

Look after others—Tiaki i etahi atu

Look after the environment—Tiaki i te taiao

Look after your learning—Tiaki i tōu ako

Donation Statements

As per the message in our last newsletter, we would like to say thanks again to those that have paid. Statements and receipts will be coming out this week.

PTA News

PTA AGM Results

2019 Committee Members:

Chair—Gee Taylor

Treasurer—Corinne Cameron

Secretary—Jody Bennett

We are ready to support Waterlea School and parents!

PTA Sausage Sizzle

Our first PTA SAUSAGE SIZZLE for 2019!

This Friday 8 March.

\$2 per sausage.

Bring money to your teacher on Thursday in an envelope, noting name, class and number of sau-



Community News

Pippins

Would you like to have lots of fun and learn lots of new things—Reserve, House Ave, Mangere Bridge
For more information call Yvonne 0212682583

MBS PTA Presents

Wet and Wild Day!

Saturday 9th March 10am—3pm

Mangere Bridge School
Coronation Rd, Mangere Bridge

3 Different Water Slides + Swimming Pool

\$2 per activity—MegaPass available for \$20

Sausage sizzle, bacon + egg rolls, ice cream, coffee, ice blocks for sale

Pack a picnic blanket, umbrella, sunscreen & your togs and enjoy a day of family fun!

Everyone welcome!

Help us raise funds for our new school playground!

Parent/Adult Supervision Required In All Play Zones

Wet & Wild Day Mega Pass

\$20

(Valued at \$28)

Entitles you to:

- 4 x 3 in 1 Slide
- 4 x Wild Splash
- 4 x Good Old Kiwi Slide
- 2 x Pool Entry

Available for pre-purchase in the library:
Thursday 7/3 and Friday 8/3
8:30am -9am or 3pm—3:30pm

Or purchase on the day at the Money/First Aid Tent.

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AGE RESTRICTION
12+



FORTNITE BATTLE ROYALE

'Fortnite - Battle Royale' is a free to play section of the game 'Fortnite'. The game sees 100 players dropped on to an island from a 'battle bus', where they have to compete until one survivor remains. The last remaining player on the island wins the game. Players have to find hidden items, such as weapons, to help them survive longer in the game. To make the game more challenging, there is an added twist called 'the storm' which reduces the size of the island from the start of the gameplay, bringing the players closer together in proximity. The game is available on PC, PlayStation 4, Xbox One, Mac and iOS.



What parents need to know about FORTNITE: BATTLE ROYALE

MICROTRANSACTIONS

Newly featured items are released daily and are only available to purchase within 24 hours of their release. These are cosmetic items, called 'skins', 'gliders' and 'emotes', which change the character's appearance, but do not improve the game play. Once purchased, the player has full use of these in the future. The designs are attractive for players to purchase and even celebrities are endorsing them. Also available to purchase in the game is a 'Battle Pass'. When a new 'Battle Pass' is released, users can take part in a series of challenges, receiving more rewards (cosmetics) by progressing through different tiers. Whichever rewards they achieve can then be used in the game.

HACKER ATTACKS

News site Forbes stated that it had seen "dozens" of online reports from people who said their accounts had been compromised by hackers, who had gained access to user's accounts in the game and accrued hundreds of pounds in fraudulent charges.

NO PROOF OF AGE REQUIRED

Signing up to the game is relatively simple. Users have the option to log in with either their Facebook or Google accounts or their email address. When signing up with an email address, no proof of age is required. If your child is under the age of 12, it is important to check whether your child has the game downloaded.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

Interacting with other players in the game is part of the fun as players can communicate with their friends and other players in the game. Players will benefit from wearing headphones to hear footsteps from other players trying to compromise their game. Wearing headphones makes it difficult for parents to hear what exactly is being said and children may be exposed to inappropriate language. Fortnite includes really good reporting features for players either cheating or misbehaving, and works towards having one of the best online gaming communities.

TALKING TO STRANGERS DURING SQUAD MODE

There are many accounts on Facebook and Twitter which claim to give away free money (known as 'V bucks') for games which will be transferred to their Xbox Live or PSN cards. Any giveaway promotion from Fortnite will be in the game. It is important to check the authenticity of these accounts before giving away personal information in order to claim 'V bucks'. The website or accounts may ask you to share your account name and password in order to claim the money; if these offers seem too good to be true, they usually are.

IT CAN BE ADDICTIVE

Games can last around 20 minutes but this varies according to the game. Children may feel angry if they lose the game and will want to continue playing until they achieve their desired result. The competitive nature of the game may make it difficult for them to stop playing halfway through as their position in the game could be affected.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

PEGI has given the game a rating of 12+. Even though the game includes violence and weapons such as crossbows, grenade launchers, rifles, pistols, shotguns and more, PEGI say "more graphic and realistic looking violence towards fantasy characters is allowed. Any violence towards human characters must look unrealistic unless it consists of only minor or trivial injury such as a slap," making the game 'suitable' for children aged 12 and over.

IT CAN BE PLAYED ON THE GO

The game was released on mobile devices in April 2018, meaning it can be played without the need for a home-games console. Some schools have reported that the game is distracting their students whilst in the classroom. As the game is available outside of the home, parents may not be aware of how long their child is playing this game.

'FREE' TO PLAY

The game IS free to play. However, if playing on Xbox, you will need an Xbox gold subscription, which does require a fee.

Top Tips for Parents



LIMIT GAME TIME

Parents can use parental controls on Xbox and PC to limit the time a child is playing games on these devices. Be aware that the game is available on iOS and will soon be available on all mobiles. With this in mind, it is worth having a conversation with your child to discuss and agree how long you would like them to play the games for. Even though the games last around 20 minutes, it may be difficult to take them away from a game mid play. It may be worth imposing a limit on the amount of matches they play rather than a time limit.

LOOK OUT FOR VBUCK SCAMS

It is important that your children are aware of the scams that they may come across online in association with the game. Open up conversation with them about scams and how they should never share their username or password with people in order to gain anything for the game.

SHOW THEM HOW TO MAKE A REPORT

If your child believes a player is playing or talking inappropriately, you should advise them to report them. To report a player, you can use the in-game feedback tool located in the Main Menu of the game. Additionally, you can report a player in-game when spectating them.

PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM TALKING TO STRANGERS

There is an option to turn off the voice chat feature, which means your child wouldn't be able to talk to anybody, including their friends. However, they would still be able to use the in-app chat and hear other people's conversations. To turn off voice chat, open the Settings menu in the top right of the main Fortnite page, then click on the cog icon. Open the Audio tab at the top of the screen. From there, you can turn off voice chat.

RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

'Fortnite: Battle Royale' is a free to play game, but there are still options to make additional purchases. If you do not want your child to make payments, ensure your card is not associated with their account. If you are happy for your child to make payments in the game, but want to restrict spending, we suggest using a payasafecard, or a games console gift card. These can be purchased in specific amounts, which will allow you to restrict the amount your child spends and removes the need for a credit/debit card to be used with their account.

USE A STRONG PASSWORD

It may seem like a simple tip, but it is important that your child selects a strong password when creating an account, particularly if a credit/debit card is associated with the account. This will help reduce the risk of their account being hacked.



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FREE EVENT



Eye on Nature
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

FAMILY DAY


HEALTHY TREES, HEALTHY ME
Hauora Rākau, Hauora Ahau

AUCKLAND BOTANIC GARDENS EVENT SITE
(ENTRY VIA EVERGLADE DRIVE)

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SATURDAY 11AM - 5PM

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