

# WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

**22 May 2019**

## Calendar

### May:

23rd Rm 4 & 19 Ambury Farm 11-12.30  
23rd Puberty Plus Education Parent Information Evening 5.30pm  
24th Nominations Close for Board of Trustee Elections  
26th– 1 June Samoan Language Week  
27th Samoan Flag Raising Ceremony 9.15am  
27th Puberty Plus Education Years 5 & 6  
27th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm  
28th Interschool Rugby League Competition  
29th **Nationwide Teacher's Strike—school closed**  
30th Interschool Rugby League Rain Date  
30th Royal Oak Intermediate Information Evening 5pm  
31st Closing of Samoan Language Week 12pm and shared lunch 1pm  
31st PTA Sausage Sizzle

### June:

3rd Queens Birthday—Public Holiday  
4th New Entrant Cohort starting  
5th Science in a Van shows  
7th Board Member Voting Closes  
6th SLC for Room 8 and 10  
10th onwards: Matariki  
11th Interschool Netball  
11th Reports going home  
13th Interschool Netball Rain Date  
13th Student Led Conferences and Book Fair 2-7pm (**School finishes early at 12.50pm**)  
14th New Board of Trustees take office  
18th Pasifika Fono for Year 1 5.30-7.30pm  
19th Interschool Hockey  
20th Marcellin College Open Day  
21st Interschool Hockey Rain Date  
21st PTA School Disco  
24th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm  
25th Nathan Wallis Developing Brain Seminar  
28th PTA Mufti Day

### July:

2nd and 3rd Junior School Tree Planting at Ambury Farm  
2nd Parent Evening Digital Curriculum 7-8.45pm

**Hello, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava, Taloha Ni, Bula,  
Malo e Lelei, Deea awit, Fakalofa, Lahi Atu, Ni Hau,  
Namaste, Vinaka, Dia daoibh**

Talofa lava. Next week is Samoan Language Week and the theme for the week is 'Lalaga le si'osi'omaga mo se lumana'i manuia—Weave an environment for a better future'. We have some great activities planned on a whole school and classroom level with the aim of celebrating our students' Samoan language, heritage and culture. We are starting the week coming together as a whole school at 9.15am where we will sing the Samoan National Anthem, raise the Samoan flag and eat some wonderful Samoan



treats. If you are free come and join us—Monday 27 May. We'll

end the week on Friday 31 May with a shared lunch where we can taste some scrummy Samoan dishes followed by a sharing assembly at 2pm. Waterlea School has been working with whanau to help plan a great week and have a keen senior student leadership group helping also. In doing so we are progressing towards achieving our Strategic Plan Goal 2—to improve cultural experiences and interactions. Further information regarding the Samoan Language Week will come home on Friday.

Student Led Conferences (SLC) are coming up soon and booking information went out last week. To book a Student Led Conference please go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and use the code 9dcp7. Please note that the SLC date for the school is Thursday 13 June, 2-7pm except for Rooms 8, 9 and 10. Room 8 and 10 will have their SLC date the week before on 6 June. Room 9 to be confirmed. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible either on the scheduled night or at another time that works for you—just let us know what works for you and your whanau.

I'm sure you would all like to join us in saying a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful PTA who organized yet another superb quiz evening on Saturday. Everyone had a fabulous time at this event—and with our community's help they raised money towards our new playground shade sails. Thank you to all involved.

### Board of Trustees News—Last Call for Nominees

If you are interested in standing for the Waterlea Board of Trustees please submit your nomination form by midday this Friday 24. You

will need to write a brief statement (up to 400 words) letting voters know who you are, why you feel you are the right person for the role and what you aim to achieve for the school and parent community. You may include a photo so voters are able to easily identify you.

If you would like any further information the board elections please email: [waterleareturningofficer@gmail.com](mailto:waterleareturningofficer@gmail.com).

#### Puberty Plus Parent Evening Tomorrow Night

A reminder that tomorrow night is our Whanau information evening which is being held in the school hall at 5:30pm. This is for Year 5/6 parents.

This will include an outline of normal growth and development expected at puberty and a run-through of the student programme. Included throughout are tween parenting tips & question time! It lasts about 75 minutes.

Note that this info evening is for parents/caregivers only—not school children—they are having their session on Monday 27 at school.

Please remember that the Puberty Programme we are running in school is opt-out. If you do not want your child to participate, please ensure you let your child's class teacher know.

#### Planned Industrial Action—Teacher's Strike

The Board of Trustees have decided to close the school on Wednesday 29 May due to the full day teacher's strike. We ask families to make other arrangements for their children on that day. **Please fill in and return the notice that went home last week (copy below).** This way we can ensure that all our families have been informed of the school closure and that all our children are safely accounted for. SKIDs will be available on this day so contact them directly to book in. [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz)

#### Health/Sickness Update

Please be aware a nasty illness with flu-like symptoms has starting to make it's way through some of our classes. Signs and symptoms of this illness include fevers, headaches, loss of appetite and in some cases, vomiting.

We currently have a couple of children/families at school with immune system issues which means that there can be serious consequences if they catch the same common childhood illnesses as everyone else. Therefore we kindly ask that you follow the following Ministry of Health guidelines regarding illness and when to keep your child at home. This will help to stop the spread of illness and keep our community healthy.

- Fever: any temperature of 38 degrees or more is a fever - this means they are fighting an illness/infection. Keep children at home if they have a fever.

- Gastro illness or tummy bug: the Ministry of Health advises that children remain at home for 48 hours after

their last vomit/diarrhea

- Chicken Pox: infected children can return to school when the spots are all scabbed over and dry. This can take around 5-7 days. Please advise the school if your child has been diagnosed with chicken pox.

Further guidelines around various illnesses can be viewed at [www.healthed.govt.nz/resource/infectious-diseases](http://www.healthed.govt.nz/resource/infectious-diseases).

#### Royal Oak Intermediate 2020 Open Day and Info Evening

This is being held on Thursday 30 May.

- School Tours between 10-11am and 5.30-7pm
- Information Presentation in the library at 6.00pm



#### Lost Property—Please Name Items

Just a reminder to please name all your children's items. Too often we have expensive trainers, hats, winter fleeces etc that end up in our lost property—if they were named they could be returned to the correct owner.

The lost property is located in the foyer area next door to the library.

#### PTA News

##### Entertainment books

Now is the perfect time to purchase your new Entertainment Membership! Not only will you be supporting Waterlea School, you will also enjoy FREE POSTAGE. Hurry, offer finishes 9am 24/05/19! To order visit <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/9691y8>

#### Kiwiana Quiz Night

The Kiwiana Quiz was Choooooooooiiice!! We made a whopping \$13,820! That will go a long way towards replacing the shade sails over the junior playground. A huge THANK YOU to all you good kiwi chicks and fullas who came along in your Kiwiana finery and also to our generous sponsors!

A fun night was had by all. The winning team was the 'Kens on Topp' team, and we were treated to a heartfelt speech from Camp Mother, aka Alex Thompson. Well done team.

Awesome to have our principle sponsor Ray White in the where too - thanks for your ongoing support team!

Tag yourselves and your mates in the Quiz Night album on the Waterlea PTA Facebook page.



#### Missing Trolley

Has anyone seen a brand new dollie wheel moving platform which was left outside the school on House Ave at around 1.30-2pm Saturday 18 May. This was for the PTA and we would really appreciate it being returned.



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Please tick the applicable box below and return this form to school as soon as possible.

☐ I understand the school will be closed on Wednesday 29 May and I will make other arrangements for my child that day.

☐ The closure of the school on Wednesday 29 May causes my family undue hardship and I need help to make other arrangements for my child that day.

Name of my child: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_