

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

11 September 2019

Calendar

September:

8th—14th Maori Language Week
12th Year 3-6 Student Led Conferences
and Book Fair (**Year 3-6 children go
home at 12.50pm**)
13th PTA Movie Night—Diary of a Wimpy
Kid 4.45-7.30pm
17th Year 3 and 4 Cross Country 9-
10.30am
17th Year 5 and 6 Cross Country 11-
12.30pm
17th PTA Meeting 7.30pm
19th Year 1 and 2 Fun Run 9.30-10.15am
20th PTA Mufti Day
22nd—28th Chinese Language Week
23rd Te Reo-a-thon Money Due
26th MusiqHub Rock Band Performance
at lunchtime
27th End of Term 3
27th Year 1 & 2 Happy Hour Pajama
Party 11-12.30pm

October:

13th-19th Niue Language Week
14th Term 4 Begins
14th-24th Life Education Caravan at
school
15th Class/Individual School Photos
24th Year 1 & 2 Student Led
Conferences
25th Teacher Only Day **School Closed**
28th Labour Day **School Closed**
29th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

November:

5th Middle School Production Matinee 2-
3pm
6th Middle School Production 6-7pm
7th Middle School Production 6-7pm
11th New Entrant Cohost starting
14th Kids for Kids Choir Rehearsal and
Evening Performance
15th PTA Sausage Sizzle
22nd Interschool Athletics
25th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

December:

6th PTA Mufti Day
6th Year 6 Rainbows End Trip

**Hello, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava, Taloha Ni, Bula, Ni Hau,
Namaste, Malo e Lelei, Deea awit, Fakalofa, Lahi Atu,
Vinaka, Dia daoibh, Sillaw, Hola, Sillaw, Huan Ying,
Sagutom, Konichiwa, Guten Tag, Здравствуйте**



Ngā mihi nui ki a koutou katoa.

Kia Kaha te reo Māori is the theme for this year's Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. (Māori Language Week) 'Kia Kaha' is a well known phrase in Aotearoa, meaning 'be strong'. We often talk about language health, strength, and revitalisation. So when we say 'Kia Kaha te Reo Māori' we're saying - 'Let's make the Māori reo strong'. Check out your child's Seesaw account for examples of learning that has happened this week in which we celebrate Maori language and culture.

This week we are flying the national Māori flag and some of our students have inquired into the elements of this flag-this is what they've found out.

- Black represents the darkness from which the world emerged.
- White represents the physical world and also symbolises purity, harmony, enlightenment, and balance.
- The Koru or curling frond shape represents the unfolding of new life. It represents rebirth and continuity, and offers the promise of renewal and hope for the future.
- Red represents Papatuanuku, the Earth Mother, the sustainer of all living things.
- The design represents the balance of natural forces with each other. To live life is to live with nature. To appreciate life is to understand nature.



Te Reo-a-thon

All students are participating in a Te Reo-a-thon and a letter came home at the beginning of the week with phrases to be learnt. Children will be seeking sponsorship and all money raised will go towards class activities. Money is to be collected and sent to school by Monday 23 September.

10th Year 6 Graduation 11am
11th Year 6 Dine and Dance 5.45pm
16th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
18th Last day of school

February 2020:

3rd Wananga Day (Short meeting with child's teacher)
4th First full day of school



Tongan Language week Assembly



Our celebration of Fakakoloa 'o Aotearoa 'aki 'a e Tauhi Fonua was a huge success and thank you to all our tamariki and whanau who made our assembly on Friday a great success. In particular, I would like to acknowledge the Halasima family for sharing so much of their culture and knowledge with us and supporting Ja-bez

(Rm 8), Lishelle (Rm 11) and

Lavinia (Rm 4) to be Tongan student teachers for us all. I would also like to acknowledge Mosese Uhila and his family for their support of our Tongan Language week too. We hope you enjoy some images above from this assembly.

Student Led Conferences for Year 3-6

Student Led Conferences for the Year 3-6 students are tomorrow! **Please note that Year 3-6 children finish school early at 12.50pm that day.** Year 1 and 2 children remain at school until 3pm.

BOOK FAIR BOOK FAIR BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place at the same time as the SLC—2-7pm in the library.

A percentage of all sales goes back to the library for book purchases—we thank you for your support! See you there!

Room 8 Making Kawakawa Balm

In term one, our class made a rongoa garden with kawakawa and horopito. Rongoa is medicine in Te Reo Māori. We also made a border with some timber and each had a section to paint. We painted koru which represented us and our whānau.

After a term of letting the plants grow we started harvesting and thinking about the things we could use them for. We learnt that you had to take the leaves with small holes in them because that means the bugs have

been eating them so they're ready to use. We also had to do a karakia before picking the leaves to give thanks to the earth and the sky for providing us with the plants.

Soon enough, we had a recipe for kawakawa balm. We picked the kawakawa leaves and started making the balm with some beeswax and oil. We cooked it all together with a gas stove top and left it to simmer for about four hours.

We also learnt that after using the kawakawa for the balm you should put it back into the soil around the plant. Mr Bennett gave us each a small piece of paper to make our own labels for the mini balm jars.

Since we haven't made it before we first had a trial run and found out that the coconut oil melts the balm but the olive oil allows it to stay as a solid for longer. When we finished the first batch we put a small amount of the liquid on a cold bench to see how fast it would solidify. It turned out to be the right consistency to put into the first test jar. After that we made a second batch to put into the jars that we would sell.

I hope that everyone likes it and we sell the kawakawa balm fast so we can buy more ingredients and make some more balm!

The Kawakawa balm is for sale through the office—\$5 per jar (please refer to the following poster)

Celebrating Birthdays at Waterlea

A reminder that at Waterlea we kindly ask that you save any birthday treats (such as cakes and lollies) for your celebrations at home. No birthday cakes at school for sharing please.

Oral Care Recycling back at Waterlea

Thanks for supporting Waterlea to win the terracycle gardening prize—we have received lots of dental waste in our collection box! Please also go online and vote for the school at <https://www.terracycle.com/en-NZ/contests/colgategardenvoting> And keep bringing your dental waste in please!

Missing Scooter

A scooter has been missing since last Friday from the school scooter bay. It is MADD brand—red/black/silver. If you see it please let the office know.

PTA News

Calendar Art

Your order forms for Calendar Art have been sent home this week. This year we've moved to online ordering - you can view your child's picture and make your orders online (all information you need will be on the form). The art can be made into calendars, greeting cards, diaries, mouse mats and sketch pads. These are treasured keepsakes and make perfect gifts for friends and family. You should receive your ordered items early in Term 4, so these would be great Christmas presents to send to family overseas. Sample items will be displayed in the school office. If you lose your order code, email us at waterleapta@gmail.com and we'll send it to you.

Movie night - This Friday!!

A fun night out for the whole family - check out the poster for details!

Yummy Apple stickers- it's crunch time!

We only have two weeks left to collect as many Yummy Apple stickers and cutout labels from Yummy bags as possible. Send them into school; we'll send them away and will receive a haul of sports equipment, calculated according to the size of our collection.

Community News

Mangere Bridge Fun Run Walk Stroll Stride

Great events for all ages, FREE sausage sizzle on completion of the race and HEAPS of amazing spot prizes up for grabs including two mountain bikes!! So get registering now - support community events (see the following ad)

Two weeks ago Room 11 helped out with selling popcorn at the senior school production, Fresh and Smooth. First, we got into four different teams the cooking team, the decorating team the advertising team and the selling team. Then the decorating team got to work decorating 500 brown paper bags, but they didn't quite get through all of them! On Tuesday the cooking team made some delicious, sweet, crunchy caramel popcorn. On Wednesday Miss Ringer and a couple of kids helped to put the popcorn into the bags that the decorating team decorated. That evening the selling team was at the hall at about 6:00pm, ready to sell at 6:30pm. Some of the kids were in the kitchen helping make more popcorn for if we had heaps more customers. Room 11 was really proud of their work. We made \$440! Woohoo!

-By Pixie Edwards and Ruby Jones, Room 11



WATERLEA PTA presents *KIDS MOVIE NIGHT*

DIARY of a Wimpy Kid

THE LONG HAUL

\$3 tickets

Get in **QUICK** limited tickets

Kids 2 & under GO FREE!

Friday 13th September

BRING SLEEPING BAGS and BEANBAGS

Doors open at 4:45pm / Movie starts at 5:30pm

Dinner, snacks & drinks available
KIDS RAFFLE \$2

Ticket sales at the office or door sales.
Eftpos available on the night.

WATERLEA SCHOOL
With Learning We Grow

freshchoice

Hellers
NZ's Butcher



Room 8's Original
Kawakawa
Balm

\$5
a jar!

All natural ingredients:
Kawakawa, BeeSwax, Olive oil

- Soothes dry and irritated skin
- Great for moisturising
- Helps with itches, exzema & more!



ONEHUNGA MANGERE UNITED SOFTBALL CLUB

Come and give Softball a go at our annual Open Day
Registrations 10% discount on the day. Free Sausage Sizzle for all who participate.



**Sunday 15th
September
12pm-2pm
Swanson Park
Mangere Bridge**

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RayWhite.

Refer a friend to one of our helpful Team and we will donate \$1500 to Waterlea School upon a successful sale!