WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

25 September 2019

Calendar

September:

26th Year 3 & 4 Happy Hour at Waterlea Park 11.45am-12.45pm 26th Musiqhub Rock Band performing at lunch 27th Whole School Assembly 9.15am 27th Year 1 & 2 Happy Hour Pyjama Party 11-12.30pm 27th End of Term 3

October:

13th-19th Niue Language Week 14th Term 4 Begins 14th-24th Life Education Caravan at school 15th Class/Individual School Photos 17th Waterlea Welcome Assembly (*Note date change*) 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 14th Kids for Kids Choir Rehearsal and Evening Performance 15th PTA Sausage Sizzle 18th New Entrant Cohort starting 22nd Interschool Athletics 25th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

December:

6th PTA Mufti Day 6th Year 6 Rainbows End Trip 10th Year 6 Graduation 11am 11th Year 6 Dine and Dance 5.45pm 16th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm 18th Last day of school (full day)

February 2020:

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

Exciting News!!! New Waterlea Website and App

Finding out what's happening here at Waterlea just got a lot easier with our brand new website and app.

Website: www.waterlea.school.nz

Features:

- An events calendar so you can see what's happening at a glance
- Event photos
- Key info about school life (similar to the old parent/caregiver handbook)
- Contacting the school and absences

 \rightarrow This is still a work in progress so if you have any suggestions about the sort of info/content you would like to see on the website, please let us know.

App:

Please delete the Skool Loop app from your phone and download the KS Connect App from your App Store. We will stop using Skool Loop from the start of Term 4.

Features:

- View the Waterlea Events calendar
- Report absences
- View the newsletter and website



Get helpful notifications

To download: Go to your app store → search for KiwiSchools Connect

 \rightarrow download the app for free \rightarrow search for Waterlea \rightarrow allow notifications

 \rightarrow subscribe to all groups

If you need help come and see the office staff

What a great term of learning we have had! I'd like to take this time to acknowledge the positivity, energy and hard work of our staff and the strong partnership we have with our parent community who support all great learning that happens at Waterlea. We wish our students a restful two week break from school and our staff some well earned non-contact time to refresh and take time to engage in activities that fill their well being buckets.

School starts again on Monday 14 October at 8.50am marking the beginning of Term 4—the final school term for 2019. Please join us on Friday for an end of term assembly at 9.15am and again on the first Thursday of the new term (17 October) for our Waterlea Welcome Assembly.

We have lots of exciting things happening in the new term—please make note of these dates:

- <u>Photo Day</u>—Tuesday 15 October (please refer to the info attached and that went home with your child. If you want a sibling photo please make sure you fill in the form at the office)
- <u>Waterlea Welcome</u>—Thursday 17 October,
 9.15am (Please note this was originally scheduled for the Friday)
- <u>Year 1 and 2 (and Room 11) Student Led</u> <u>Conferences</u>—Thursday 24 October. This also includes Room 11 however Room 3 and 21 will not be having them. School finishes at 12.50 for the classes having SLC. Room 3 and Years 3-6 will remain at school for the day. sKids will be available for childcare if required. A letter will be emailed home today.
- <u>Teacher Only Day</u>—Friday 25 October. School closed. This is a day of professional development for the teachers and has been scheduled for the day before Labour Weekend. By doing so, we hope that families will be able to enjoy a longer break together. sKids will be available for parents who need childcare.
- Labour Day
 Monday 28 October. School closed.
- The heated, portable <u>community pool</u> will be on site next term for the Year 1 and 2s—this is to promote water confidence and life jackets are provided.
- Life Education will also be on site for the first

two weeks of term (more info will be going home about this)

SWIS - Social Workers in Schools

This is a government funded community social work service available to Waterlea School. The aim of the service is to see safe, healthy socialised children with a strong sense of identity, who are fully engaged in school. Another aim is to protect vulnerable children and ensure their safety, wellbeing and educational needs are met. Our SWiS representative is the very approachable Sina Mauigoa who works in our school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. She will happily discuss parenting, how to access social services and a myriad of other things that impact families. Please feel free to drop into school to chat to Sina on those two days or contact her on: sina.mauigoa@waterlea.school.nz to make an appointment.

Te-Reo-A-Thon Money

If you have raised money for the Te-Reo-A-Thon, please ensure you bring it to school this week. Thanks for your support!

PTA News

Thanks for everyone's support of the recent Movie night and mufti day. We raised: Movie night: \$1243. Mufti day: \$470.10

Calendar Art Order now! Only six days to go!

Don't forget to order your child's calendar, notebook and more using the form that was sent home with your child. Last day for orders is next Monday 30 September (first Monday of the holidays). If you lose your order code, email us at waterleapta@gmail.com and we'll send it to you. There are some sample items (including the pens) in the office.

Terracycle contest and Dental Waste Collection

Win one of two garden bed sets for Waterlea! Please vote for Waterlea School at the link below. You can vote every day until 15 November. We're currently sitting 13th so if everyone votes every day we have a shot at climbing up the leaderboard!

https://www.terracycle.com/en-NZ/contests/

<u>colgategardenvoting</u> And keep bringing your dental waste in please!

Community News

Shine Speech and Drama Holiday Programmes Please see our popular programmes here: www.shine.school.nz/october-school-holiday-programme Spaces are limited. Any questions please don't hesitate to contact Nina on 021-1609197.

Cross Country

"Room 11 please come to the starting line!" Boomed the loud speaker. I lined up neatly behind my classmates. We walked calmly over to the starting line. As I got there I heard Mr Jones say "3, 2, 1 Go!" Snap! I had no idea what the thing was that went SNAP but I saw it all right. I ran like a monster was chasing me, when I heard my Mum and Dad cheering for me. "Go Ada go! Go Ada go!" They both shouted. I Jump-ran on the path next to where I have Brownies. I passed Miss Liu and walked up the hill, puffing. After that I walked competitively to a teacher. Suddenly my body wanted me to run. THUMP! THUMP! THUMP! Went my heart. I turned another corner and ran across a road. I beamed when I got in school, circled the field and sprinted through the finish line. Guess who was there? My Mum and Dad! I jumped into a hug that was so big I could not stop. And that was the end of cross country!

By Ada Hockly, Room 11

PhotoLife



- Your child's school photos will be taken
- on Tuesday 15th October 2019
- at Waterlea School

View and purchase your child's photos online

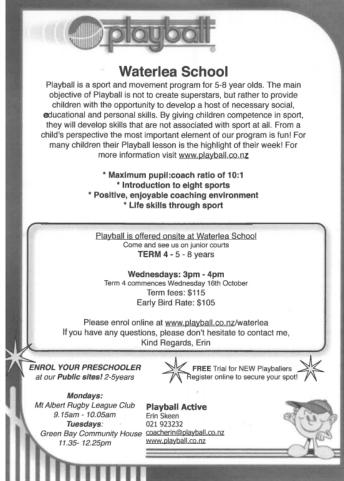


- Look out for your Child's Photo Shoot Keycode that they will bring home a couple of weeks after PhotoDay.
- Use your unique Photo Shoot Keycode to view your child's photos at www.photolife.co.nz
- Orders placed before the Free Delivery Expiry Date will be bulk printed and delivered to the school for your child to bring home.

Exciting New Product Online

Create Your Own Portrait Photo Pack

Simply purchase the first sheet of portrait photo/s for \$15.00. Go to your Shopping Cart and all the other portrait photo sizes and sheets will be available to you for just \$5.00 per sheet. Order the number and size of photo sheets that YOU want!



FAQs about PhotoLife's Online Ordering System

- When will my child's photos be ready to view Online? As soon as you receive your Photo Shoot Keycode you can go online and view your child's photographs. Class Group, Portraits, Sports Teams and Cultural Groups (if photographed) will be added into the Photo Shoot Keycode over the school year.
- 2. Can anyone else see my child's photo Online? In order to view your child's photos you have to have the unique Photo Shoot Keycode. Without this code no one else can see your child's photos.
- 3. How can I make sure I get the FREE DELIVERY offer? PhotoLife gives a "free delivery" period of approximately 3 weeks from the date the Photo Shoot Keys are dispatched to the School. It is best to go online straight away and place your order. The Freign Date of the "free delivery" reside for use while he had a back of the straight and the second straight are set.

The Expiry Date of the "free delivery" period for your child's school is clearly shown on the website and automatically expires when that date is reached.

4. What happens once the "free delivery" period expires? All of the orders placed before the expiry will be bulk printed and then dispatched to the school for your child to bring home. If you missed getting your order in before the expiry date then your order will be dispatched to the address typed in by the person placing the order. A \$6.00 Postage & Packing charge is automatically applied.

Sibling Photographs

If your school has approved for us to take Sibling Photographs you need to do the following:

- Pick up a Sibling Photo Booking Form from the School Office **BEFORE** Photo Day.
 RETURN the signed Booking Form listing your children's names and room
- numbers to the School Office BEFORE Photo Day.
- 3. If there is NO SIGNED FORM OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE NOT AUTHORISED TO TAKE A SIBLING PHOTOGRAPH.

We are here to help

If you have any further questions Please contact us www.photolife.co.nz 09 262 1040 or 0800 501 040





Update from your Board of Trustees for Term 3 – 2019

First of all, a big thank you to all of you in our community for the effort you have all put in to progressing our joint vision for the school this term.

Thank you to:

- the Children for their efforts in looking after their learning and taking up some of the amazing learning
 opportunities on offer at Waterlea this term.
- you as parents for being engaged and supporting your child's learning.
- the PTA for their ongoing support of the school community.
- the staff team for holding it all together, for knowing our kids and supporting their learning.

I was very happy to see so many families supporting the PTA events, the senior school production (so fresh and smooth!) and seeing you along at the Student Led Conferences. Nice work everybody.

You will be aware that one of our main strategic objectives at Waterlea is to Improve Cultural Experiences and Interactions. In support of this, throughout this term we have seen:

- some great learning opportunities and community engagement during Samoan and Tongan language weeks, and fono - thank you for being part of this.
- The theme for Maori Language week this year was "Kia Kaha te Reo Maori Let's make the Maori language strong." It was great to see the tamariki leading some of the learning of language and tikanga through art, waiata and other media.

These things are important because we want our kids to have opportunity to learn in and be proud of their own unique cultural context as well as experience other cultures and points of view. The engagement we have seen through these initiatives this term is evidence of the effort you are all putting in to see these experiences and interactions improve – You will also notice two of our new trustees (John Tapu and Lisa Anania-Matafai) specifically overseeing progress around these objectives as we progress through this next period.

Thinking of new trustees - Thank you to all of you who voted in the recent Board of Trustees elections.

In July we welcomed a 5 new trustees onto the board. As a school community, we are fortunate to have elected a well-balanced and capable team. Being a school trustee is about establishment and oversight of strategic direction and supporting the staff team to see this vision carried out. You can find out more about us as a board at this link: https://www.waterlea.school.nz/our-people/bot/

Finally, on behalf of your Board of Trustees, I wish you a safe and happy holiday. I hope you get the opportunity to spend some quality time as a family to get refreshed as we head into the final term of the year!!

Enjoy the last week of the term.

Regards

Andrew Dunning Chair – Waterlea School Board of Trustees



Manukau Taniwha BMX Club



Are you looking for a fun family sport for kids and adults?

Come down to the BMX track in Colin Dale Park, Wiri and give BMX racing a go. It's such a fun sport that the whole family can get involved in.

This event is the perfect time to bring the bike you have at home, along with long pants, long sleeves, gloves, covered shoes and a full-face helmet.

So, grab your gear and we'll see you trackside.

We have some bikes, full-face helmets and gloves you can borrow if you don't have your own.

Colin Dale Park - 87 Prices Road Wiri

Have A Go Day - Sunday 29th September - 10am to 12pm

For more info, please email info@taniwhabmx.nz

Cancellations will be posted on Facebook @taniwhabmx

Hillsborough Junior Athletics Club

Helping kids to run, jump, throw and love sport!

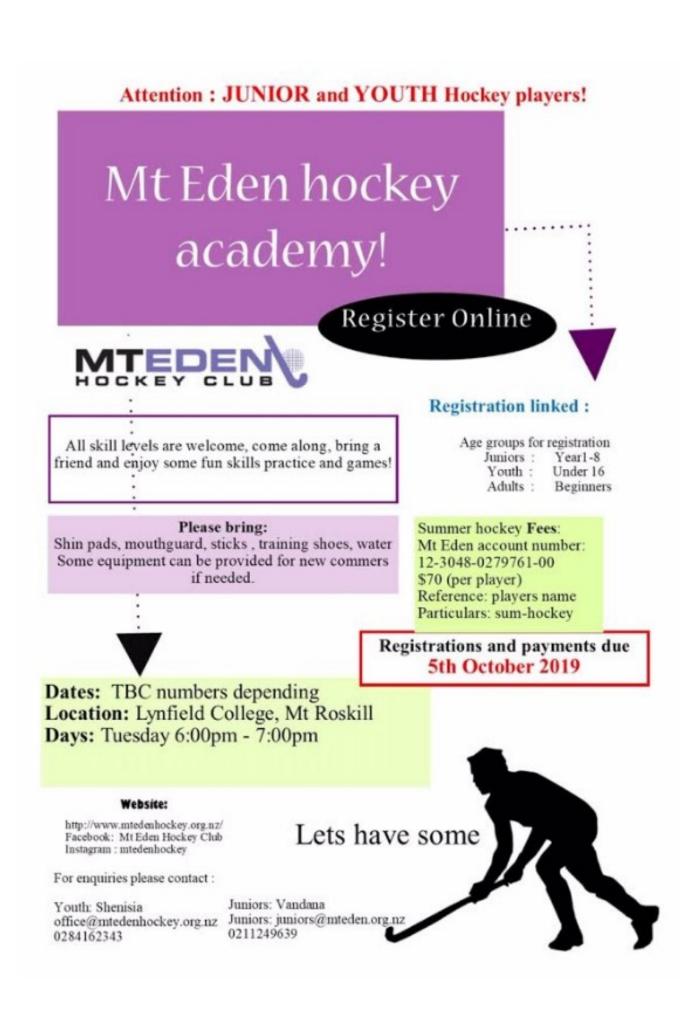
Make friends and have fun with your family

Athletics for Kids aged 2-14yrs

When: Weds 5:45pm (Season starts 16 Oct) Where: Hillsborough Park, Carlton Street Cost per season: Age 2-6 \$50; Age 7-14 \$90

Find out more at hjac.org.nz or





Top Secret October School Holiday activities at Mangere Bridge Library

Scavenger Hunt runs through the holidays with a prize draw for all entries

Tuesday 1 October 10:30 – 12pm

Tulip Cream Tea

Making scones for a morning tea to raise funds for Parkinson's NZ Gold coin donation

Thursday 3 October 2:30 – 5:00pm

Escape from the Crazy Librarian Registration is ESSENTIAL Collect a ticket from the library to gain entry There are 4 sessions and you must book a time 2:30 – 3pm 3:10 – 3:40pm 3:50 – 4:20pm 4:30 – 5pm

Saturday 5 October 2 – 3pm

Masquerade time

Create your ultimate disguise. We will be painting and decorating masks.

Sunday 6 October 10 – 11am

It's Top Secret! Having fun with secret messages and magic wands

Monday 7 October 2 – 4pm

Codes and cyphers

Fun learning how to decipher a recipe before you make something tasty.

Tuesday 8 October 2:30 – 4pm

Survival for spies Join in our Top Secret School for Spies for some tips and tricks

Wednesday 9 October 10:30 – 12pm

Multi-coloured Swap Shop

Bring your unwanted toys and books (no clothes please) and swap for something new.

Saturday 12 October 10:30 – 11:30am

Paper making

Did you know that one tonne of recycled paper saves the lives of 17 trees? That's 700 phone books!