

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

18 March 2020

Calendar

March:

20th Waterlea Mini Festival

23rd Senior EOTC Week Begins: Wero
Whitewater Rafting Rm 8&9
23rd Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
24th Wero Whitewater Rafting Rm 5&6
25th Wero Whitewater Rafting Rm 7
30th MB Library Trip 11am-1pm Rm 10
31st MB Library Trip 11am-1pm Rm 11

April:

1st MB Library Trip 11am-1pm Rm 12
1st Whole School Vision Screening
2nd MB Library Trip 11am-1pm Rm 13
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3rd PTA Sausage Sizzle
3rd MB Library Trip 11am-1pm Rm 14
6th MB Library Trip 11am-1pm Rm 15
8th Interschool Swimming @ Moana-nui-a-kiwa
9th PTA Non Uniform Day
9th Last Day of Term
10th Good Friday (During Holidays)
13th Easter Monday (During Holidays)
27th ANZAC Day Observed (During Holidays)
28th Term 2 Begins

May:

29th Teacher Only Day

June:

2nd Queen Birthday Public Holiday

**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, Huan Ying, Jó Napot
Sagutom, Konichiwa, Guten Tag, Здравствуйте**

It's amazing what a difference a week can make and how quickly things can change- you will have heard by now that the Summer Festival is no longer happening on Friday. We congratulate the PTA who regrouped quickly and have come up with a positive, innovative and child-centred solution-the Mini Festival being held during the school day on Friday. The bouncy castle will be set up so classes can all have a time having fun and at break times our tamariki can spend a bit of their pocket money on some treats. We haven't forgotten about the adults and before school the PTA, Garden Club and 3D Printing Club are holding a plant stall outside the hall so come along and check out the plants.

Right now it is important for you to know that it is not only safe for your child to attend school everyday but also very very important. Maintaining a normal routine helps when things seem uncertain. New Zealand is still in a situation whereby there is no community spread of COVID-19 and measures put in place to restrict gatherings are to help maintain this current situation. The Senior Team's decision to postpone the sleepover in a couple of weeks was in response to this.

We will continue with the other EOTC activities such as WERO and

thanks to all those parents who are helping us with that. For those who signed up for the sleepover and underwent police checks etc, we thank you and will call upon you to help in the future when an opportunity presents itself so the sleepover can proceed.

As a school we are continuing to actively encourage good hygiene habits such as washing and drying hands and using tissues to blow noses. Shayne our caretaker is working everyday to ensure supplies are available in classrooms so if your child notices that their classrooms are getting low on soap or paper towels their job is to let Shayne know.

Online Learning

The Ministry of Education have asked all schools to think about their ability to provide a form of online learning for parents and students to access. It is important that the ministry has this information if the government decided schools needed to close for a time. We are not at that stage at the moment but it is always good to be thinking ahead to have solutions in mind. Last year many parents signed up to the online platform seesaw and if you haven't downloaded the seesaw app please ask your child's classroom teacher to help with this. This is one online platform that we could easily push out learning and information. To help us with our online planning please take our survey [here](#).

Waterlea Walking to School

Wednesday

Next Wednesday we have a great day planned encouraging everyone to walk to school. You as a family can walk to school or you might like to join one of the walking school buses. There will be some special Waterlea people joining the walking buses and also some spot prizes up for grabs.

Parking Outside the School

We ask that you show manaakitanga (kindness and support) to our lovely neighbours who are getting fed up by the illegal and disrespectful parking outside our school at drop off and pick up time.

Please do not:

- Park over driveways
- Park on the grass verges
- Park on the yellow lines
- Park in the disabled carpark

This also helps to keep our tamariki safe as they cross at the pedestrian crossing and walk along the road.



Mini Waterlea Festival

Friday 20th March
During School Hours

Bouncy Castle
treasure & snack
SHOP
heaps of items
for \$1 & \$2

Bring your CASH & join the FUN!

Bouncy fun has been donated by:  

Photos are being taken of offenders and they are being sent to the council and NZ Police.

Spare Waikowhai Uniform

We have had some Waikowhai Intermediate School uniform given to us for any families who might have children attending that school or who plan on going next year. Please come to the office if you would like to take a look.

Lucky Book Club Issue 2

Issue 2 went home last week. Orders can only be made through the Loop System with online payments closing this Friday 20 March. We do not accept cash orders. If you have any queries please contact library@waterlea.school.nz. Waterlea gains points from these orders to spend on books and equipment so we really appreciate your support!

The PTA regrets to announce that the Waterlea Festival is cancelled due to the developing COVID-19 situation and the new Government guidelines around public events.

We know that our Waterlea whanau will be disappointed that this iconic school event cannot go ahead, and we appreciate the effort that our kids, teachers, sponsors and PTA team have put into it.

To make sure our kids can still have some fun, we're organising a mini festival on Friday during school hours. See the attached poster for information. We're still aiming to raise money to go towards our new junior playground, so please send some cash into school with your kids and

they can have a go on the bouncy castles, and buy something from our '\$1 & \$2 treasure shop' and treat tables. Before and after school on Friday, check out the garden club and 3D printing shop outside the school hall. Heaps of bargains to grab, indoor and outdoor plants plus awesome creative items from the 3D printing club.

Please could you send the cake boxes back to school, to your class teacher or the office, so we can use them at a future event. As these cost us a lot, we're hoping they'll all be returned.

We're also looking for ways to share the performances so we can acknowledge the hard work our students have put in - watch this space!

