

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

1 July 2020

Calendar

July:

2nd PTA Non-Uniform Day
3rd Matariki Assembly 11.30am (*Please note this is a change of time*)
3rd Last day of Term 2
20th Term 3 begins
20th New Entrant cohort begins
23rd Royal Oak Intermediate Presentation at Waterlea for Y5 & 6 11.30am
24th Waterlea Welcome Assembly
27th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
31st Eid al-Adha

August:

2nd-8th Cook Island Language Week
4th-6th Senior School trip to Maritime Museum
13th Student Led Conferences 2-7pm (school finishes at 1.15pm)
18th PTA Sausage Sizzle
20th Playhouse Show 11.15pm
24th New Entrant Cohort Begins
24th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

September:

6th—12th Tongan Language Week
14th—20th Maori Language Week
17th Art Exhibition 5-7pm
20th-26th Chinese Language Week
25th Last day of Term 3

October:

12th Term 4 begins
13th Class and Individual School Photos
19th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
26th Labour Day - Public Holiday

November:

12th Wero Trip Rm 7
14th Diwali
16th New Entrant Cohort Begins
16th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
19th Wero Trip Rm 8 & 9
20th Wero Trip Rm 5 & 6
21st PTA Quiz Night

December:

7th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

**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**

Reminder: PTA Non-Uniform Day tomorrow (Thursday)

Kia pai tōu tātou Matariki.



What an amazing turnout we had last Friday night at the PTA Matariki Sparkle Disco and what a wonderful way to mark the beginning of celebrating Matariki at Waterlea School. Last week was also National Volunteers Week and the theme for week was 'weaving the people together'. As a school we'd like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful school volunteers from the PTA, Board of Trustees and others folks in our community who help us out in so many ways by giving their time to support our school. Your contribution certainly helps to weave us all together.

Talking of weaving, the senior school have been weaving harakeke to make kono as part of their learning about Matariki. Our MANA value of Ako is being demonstrated as groups of students teach other groups of students to weave kono or baskets. George, Eli, Caleb, Sam and Isabelle from Room 8 have been into other Senior School classrooms this week teaching other students. As well as learning how to weave, students are learning the tikanga around using harakeke. I asked some students from Room 8 about tikanga and they told me when cutting



harakeke, you don't take it when it is raining or when it is dark and you always say a karakia after cutting it. Here are some photos of Caleb, Sam, Eli, George and Isabelle teaching Room 6 how to make kono. Room 5 was also taught by Room 8 students and here is Harry with his almost completed kono. Harry told me he really liked learning about Matariki, making his Kono and kono are good for holding things like fruit and vegetables.

Thank you to the group of lovely parents who made the staff morning tea and it was absolutely delicious and much appreciated by the staff. I'm sure some of the recipes will appear in the great Waterlea Village Cookbook coming soon to a school near you so watch this space!

We wish our tamariki, whanau and staff a lovely break after an unusual start to our school year. Let's hope the next two terms bring some more settled times where we can enjoy participating in school events that we have been unable to enjoy so far. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 20 July ready for Term 3.

Andrea Jamieson - Principal

Wet Weather - Spare Clothes

As we have had some very rainy weather recently, we ask that you provide a spare change of clothes in your child's bag. We have had many children request spare clothes from the school when they have got wet at lunchtime or played in puddles and we do not have the resources to provide a change, nor do we wish for them to sit in wet clothing in this cold weather.

Important Update from EZ Lunches—ezlunch/myKindo changes to POLi payments

We have been advised that a service fee of 1% (capped at \$3) will apply for ezlunch (myKindo) topups using POLi (instant bank transfers) from 6 July 2020. Internet banking continues to be FREE. Please go to the website for more info <https://www.ezlunch.co.nz/> or should you have any queries, please get in touch with the EZ Lunch Customer Support team on hello@mykindo.co.nz or call 0508 454 636

New Menu Item

Please note there is also a new product being added in Term 3: Hot Main - American Hotdog (contains: soft bread roll, frankfurter, mustard, tomato sauce and grated cheese). \$6.50.

PTA News

Non -Uniform Day Tomorrow

Its non-uniform day on Thursday! Students can wear their weekend clothes and bring a donation. It's our last fundraiser for the term. We've had to pack our fundraisers into the last few weeks after the disruption caused by the lockdown....we really appreciate how supportive you all are All funds go towards projects and activities that support learning, wellbeing and fun at school.

Funds raised at Disco and Sausage Sizzle

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our sausage sizzle and Matariki disco. The turnout at the disco is rumoured to be the biggest we've ever had, and it was fantastic to see whānau come together (after a short wait in the queue that went out the gate and down House Ave!) to chat, party,

eat and just enjoy being together.

Between these two events, we raised over \$4,400 to go towards the new junior playground, WOW! We're blown away by your generosity and hope you had fun.

We wish everyone a relaxing break and we'll see you in Term 3.

Community News

Matariki Competition at Mangere Bridge Library

In addition to the holiday programme 'Take and Make' kits, Auckland Libraries are also running a competition which the students would enjoy. There is an amazing Merge Cube prize!

<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/Pages/matariki.aspx>



Update from your Board of Trustees for Term 2 – 2020

Kia ora koutou,

Wow - It is hard to believe we are in July already and rolling into the end of the second term of the year. What a year it has been so far!

As a board, we appreciate all of you in our school community have experienced the disruption through the first half of this year differently. I hope that you have all had the opportunity to find some positives through the chaos and change imposed of us through the lock-down and life with a pandemic raging.

Thank you to all of you who put in extra effort to support your children and our community through this time.

The year has been disrupted. As a result of this, we have lost a bit of time and momentum in progressing the school's strategic objectives. However, we have also made more progress than expected in other areas – especially the area of creating a community of digitally literate learners.

Through this time, the school team have that they know our learners and were able to adapt quickly to redesign the way we deliver learning and take advantage of the digital tools available. Thanks to the staff team and to you all at home for rising to the challenge here.

You may or may not know, that last week, we celebrated volunteers and the contributions they make to our local community (National Volunteer Week). Our school is a major beneficiary of volunteer support. There are too many volunteers in our community to name individually here, but we really appreciate the efforts you all put in to support our school community. From walking school bus "drivers" to sausage sizzlers. From parent help in school and on trips to the PTA in their ongoing and substantial help. Thank you so much for your ongoing support. Our school and community are better as a result of your efforts.

Another area of the school that the Board of Trustees oversees is our ongoing property plan and improvements around the grounds. As you can imagine, this can be quite a bureaucratic environment to get things done in. So, we are usually thrilled when we can get projects done that enhance our school. When you get back from the holidays later this month, hopefully, you will notice the air is cleaner around the school as a result of our old coal boiler being replaced. The Board's property subcommittee did a great job in managing the bureaucracy in getting this achieved. Well done team. You have demonstrated Aumangea here!

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 second half of the year!!

Enjoy the last week of the term.

Nga mihi



Andrew Dunning
Chair – Waterlea School Board of Trustees