

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

29 July 2020

Calendar

July:

31st Eid al-Adha

August:

2nd-8th Cook Island Language Week

4th-6th Senior School trip to Maritime Museum

4th PTA Meeting

11th Interschool Soccer

13th Student Led Conferences 2-7pm

(school finishes at 1.15pm)

14th Whole School Mana

18th PTA Sausage Sizzle

20th Playhouse Show 11.15pm

24th New Entrant Cohort Begins

24th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

28th **Teacher Only Day** (school closed)

September:

7th—11th Tongan Language Week

8th Interschool Rugby

9th Rugby Rain Date

10th Junior School Fun Run 9.15-10.15am

13th—19th Maori Language Week

16th Middle School Cross Country 9.15-10.30am

17th Art Exhibition 5-7pm

18th PTA Sausage Sizzle

20th-26th Chinese Language Week

22nd Senior School Cross Country 9.15-10.30am

24th Middle/Senior Cross Country Rain Date

25th Last day of Term 3

October:

12th Term 4 Begins

13th Class and Individual School Photos

15th Waterlea Welcome Assembly 9.15am

16th Junior School at Tim Bray Production

20th Interschool Cross Country

26th Labour Day - Public Holiday

27th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

November:

12th Wero Trip Rm 7

14th Diwali

**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 was lovely to meet so many of you last Friday at our Waterlea Welcome Assembly where we formally welcomed our new tamariki and whānau to Waterlea School. We'd like to thank our Kapa Haka who demonstrated their Manaakitanga to you all and their leaders Whaea Aroha and Hamish Bennett who support them every week to continually develop their te reo, tikanga and performance skills.

We are a culturally diverse community at Waterlea and the more we know about the different cultures we have the stronger our community will be. It is at this time that we acknowledge those celebrating Eid al-Fitr or Eid as it is better known. Eid is celebrated by Muslims around the world to mark the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting which happened a couple of months ago. It is a joyous holiday that follows four weeks of fasting between dawn and sunset. Eid al-Fitr means the festival of breaking the fast in Arabic. The occasion is one of two that Muslims celebrate, with Eid al-Adha being celebrated this week. This celebration signals the first day of Shawwal, a new month in the Islamic calendar. Some countries may celebrate Eid on different days due to the sighting of the moon in their country.

If you are new to Waterlea School you won't yet know about our Student Led Conferences (SLC). These are an important part of the teaching and learning programmes at Waterlea because they create an authentic way for students to celebrate, reflect upon and share their learning with their Whānau. Some of the learning they will share will be individual and some will be learning that has occurred through the collaboration with others. Today we are sending home some information regarding SLC on 13 August so you can book in a time

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
9th Year 6 Dine and Dance
14th Last day of school for 2020

to share their learning with you. If you are new and need some more support navigating this new system please don't hesitate in talking with your child's classroom teacher or contacting Stephanie or Christine in the office. A copy of the SLC Booking Letter is attached at the end of this newsletter.

A reminder that school finishes early at 1.15pm on SLC day. Skids are available for childcare in the afternoon if you require it. Please contact them at waterlea@skids.co.nz

Board of Trustees Introduce School Docs

Last year the board decided to transition to School Docs as our platform for all school policies and procedures. Every term the board reviews a number of policies and from time to time we invite our parent community to review specific policies too. Next week we will let you know more about this process. If you would like to visit the School Doc site in preparation, this can be accessed through our website <https://www.waterlea.school.nz/our-people/bot/>. Scroll down on the Board of Trustees page and you will find the following log in details-check it out.

Username: waterlea

Password: waterleaway

Cross Country

The Middle and Senior Teams have started their training this week in preparation for the School Cross Country and, for Years 4-6, the Interschool Cross Country. The Middles will have their training runs on Wednesday and Friday mornings and the Seniors on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. For training your child will need appropriate footwear, water bottle and they may bring a change of clothing.

- Middle Team School Cross Country Event:
Wednesday 16 September 9:15am – 10:30am approximately
- Senior Team School Cross Country Event:
Tuesday 22 September
9:15am – 10:30am approximately

- We have set a rain date for both the senior and middle school on Thursday 24 September - timings will be advised if we need to use this date.

Senior School Maritime Museum Trip - Next Week

A reminder to parents of Seniors that the trips to the Maritime Museum are taking place next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

If you have not yet filled in the consent form, please do so asap by referring back to the email that was sent and filling in the electronic form.

Children will need to bring closed footwear, warm jacket and a packed morning tea, lunch and water bottle.

PTA News

Save the date... PTA Quiz Night, Nov 21st!

We are looking for sponsors and amazing donations from our friends/families/companies for the ballot Auction please.

A great way to get your products into the community as well as supporting your school!

Contact waterleapta@gmail.com, we'd be keen for any and all ideas

PTA Meeting: Tuesday Aug 4th

All welcome. Come along and see what we get up to, make some friends and support your school. If you are keen for a small role or have a think about being a bit more.... we are so keen to meet you! Email waterleapta@gmail.com for meeting address, Gee's house :)

Please LIKE the WaterleaPTA Facebook page to keep up to date with events and information!



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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

On Thursday 13 August we be holding our Student Led Conferences (SLC). Please note that school finishes and **all children are to go home at 1.15pm on that day**. For those families that require childcare from 1.15pm that day, our before and after school care provider, sKids, are available. Please contact them directly on 027 240 0024 or admin@skids.co.nz.

SLC are an opportunity for students to lead a conversation about their learning at Waterlea. Each SLC lasts for 25 minutes and the teacher will also be available to answer questions during this time. The SLC start at 2.00pm and finish at 7.10pm and there will be 3-4 conferences happening at the same time within each classroom.

If English is not the language used in your home we invite you to conduct your child's conference in the language with which you feel most comfortable.

Booking a Time

Please visit the school interviews website to select a time that suits your family www.schoolinterviews.co.nz code: **ppfc3**. If you do not have access to a computer, our office staff will be able to help you.

Please complete by Monday 10 August. After this date conference times cannot be changed electronically. To change conference times after this date please contact your classroom teacher.

As this is a time to focus on your child and their learning, we ask that if you are bringing other siblings along, that you make use of the child minding service in the library. If you intend to do this, please complete the google form by clicking on this link: <https://forms.gle/CEggCs4o2vqvrypm9>

Yours sincerely

Andrea Jamieson
Principal