

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

2 September 2020

Calendar

September:

7th—11th Tongan Language Week
9th Ambury Farm Visit Rms 1&2
13th—19th Maori Language Week
16th Ambury Farm Visit Rms 19&20
17th Ambury Farm Visit Rms 4&21
17th Student Led Conferences (School finishes at 1.15pm)
18th PTA Sausage Sizzle
20th-26th Chinese Language Week
21st Junior School Fun Run 9.05-10.15am
22nd Middle School Cross Country 9.15-10.30am
22nd Senior School Cross Country 11.30am-12.30pm
23rd Whole School Vision Testing
24th Ambury Farm Visit Rms 22&18
24th Middle/Senior Cross Country Rain Date
24th PTA Casual Clothes Day
25th Last day of Term 3

October:

10th & 11th Advance Election Voting 9am-7pm
12th Term 4 Begins
13th Class and Individual School Photos
15th Waterlea Welcome Assembly 9.15am
16th Junior School at Tim Bray Production
17th NZ Election Voting in Hall 9am-7pm
20th Interschool Cross Country
26th Labour Day - Public Holiday
27th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

November:

10th PTA Funded Playhouse Show
"Chilled" 2pm (*this is a new date*)
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

**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**

Welcome back to school everyone-we have missed you all. What an unusual year this has turned out to be and I would like to acknowledge the Waterlea Community - tamariki, whānau and staff, for the way you have all quickly adapted to this new way of being.

Once again we have needed to reschedule some of the events we had planned this term. The first event we are prioritising is Student Led Conferences. You will remember SLC were scheduled to happen the day after we shifted to Alert Level 3. Our tamariki were all set and raring to go in terms of welcoming you to their classrooms to share with you their learning. We are really keen to try again before the end of the term, so the new date for SLC is **Thursday 17th September, 2 - 7.40 pm**. We are putting in place some additional measures to make SLC as safe as possible. We will be keeping within the Level 2 restrictions of no more than 10 in a gathering, observing physical distancing, cleaning/hygiene protocols and contact tracing. Thank you for booking online last time - we had a really good uptake and we are keen to see as many of you as possible in a couple of weeks. To book online please go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the new code of **6dfjn**. Once again school will be finishing early at the start of lunchtime so please make arrangements to pick up your child at 1.15pm that day. Skids is available for childcare if this early time does not suit you - please contact them at admin@skids.co.nz. In order to keep numbers down during the SLC appointments please make use of our childcare for siblings - this can be booked online at <https://forms.gle/EUKsBfCNFmcwW3gj7>. Both SLC and childcare bookings can also be made by our office staff - please phone on 636 4233.

Thank you for following the restrictions we have reintroduced under Alert Level 2 in terms of entering and exiting the school grounds. The most important thing to remember is to stay at home if you or your children are unwell, stay at home if you have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19 and if possible, get tested if you have any cold/flu symptoms.

December:

7th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
8th Graduation Ceremony 11.30am-1pm
9th Year 6 Dine and Dance 6.30-8.30pm
14th Last day of school for 2020

We have had some questions regarding masks. Although children and adults who attend school daily are not required to wear masks, if you are a parent visiting, you may wish to wear a mask for additional protection.

You may have noticed that the new date for SLC - 17th September, was the date our Waterlea School Art Exhibition was due to happen. Under Alert Level 2, this event can not take place in its usual form so we are exploring ways we might be able to do this differently so watch this space.

Don't forget our breakfast and lunch club running everyday and everyone is welcome. I've joined the breakfast club a couple of days this week and my day has gone so much better with a full tummy! We have so much kai that we will keep this going until the end of the year.

Andrea Jamieson - Principal

Board of Trustees Policies- School docs

You may remember that last year the board decided to transition to School docs as our platform for all school policies and procedures. From time to time, our parent community will have an opportunity to have input into the review of our policies. You can access School docs either from 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. Or you can follow the directions on the right:



Junior School Ambury Farm Visits

Our Junior School Ambury Farm visits recommenced this term prior to Lockdown 2. Rooms 1 and 3 enjoyed exploring the farm as you can see in the photo above. These visits provide a great opportunity to develop kaitiakitanga (guardianship and protection) of our unique local environment. Visits will recommence next week.

For parents and caregivers ▲

If parents/caregivers are involved in this review, send them the following instructions:

1. Visit the website
<https://waterlea.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (waterlea) and password (waterleaway).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

2021 Dates

Term 1—Wednesday 3 February to Friday 16 April (3 February Wananga Day Meetings, 4 February first full day of school)

Term 2—Monday 3 May to Friday 9 July

Term 3—Monday 26 July to Friday 1 October

Term— 4 Monday 18 October to Wednesday 15 December