

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

9 December 2020

Calendar

December:

9th Year 6 Dine and Dance 5.45-8.30pm
10th Last Day for EZ Lunch Orders
10th Year 1&2 Athletics Whanau Day 9-11am
10th Whole School Final Farewell Assembly 12-1pm (*note this is a time change*)
11th PTA Casual Clothes Day
11th Year 6 Celebration Event Pool Party
14th Last day of school for 2020
1.15pm finish

February 2021:

3rd Wānanga Day (Short meeting with child's teacher)
4th First full day of school
4th Waterlea Powhiri and Welcome 9.30am
4th First Day for EZ Lunch Orders

2021 Dates

Term 1—Wednesday 3 February to Friday 16 April
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

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: School finishes early
at 1.15pm next Monday 14**

As this is our last newsletter for 2020 I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful support you have given our staff and tamariki this year. Overall, I think we have navigated this very tricky year really well and have come out the other end with the Waterlea community even stronger.

As a learning community we have made great headways in achieving our Strategic Goal 2- 'Creating a community of digitally literate learners,' as we all learnt some new ways of learning and working—I'm not sure we even knew about Zoom this time last year! I personally would like to thank the members of the Board of Trustees under the leadership of Andrew Dunning for their thoughtfulness and commitment to the careful governance of our school. Additionally I would like to thank the members of Waterlea's PTA under the leadership of Gee Taylor for the huge contribution they have made over the year. Both of these groups of parents have demonstrated our MANA values throughout what has been a challenging year for us all.

We all appreciate the partnership we have with whanau at Waterlea and we look forward to strengthening this partnership next year. We will farewell some staff at our leaving assembly tomorrow at midday. We wish them every success in the future and thank them for their contribution to our school. We also acknowledge our Year 6 students who had their graduation assembly yesterday and feel secure in the knowledge that they leave us as confident and connected lifelong learners. On behalf of the team here at Waterlea we would like to wish you a very happy, safe festive time with your friends and

whanau and a restful holiday.

Andrea Jamieson
Principal

Wānanga 3 February - book now!

As mentioned earlier we will be starting the new school year in the same way as we always do with our Waterlea Wānanga. This is when we make time for your child's teacher to meet with you and your child in a 15 minute hui. These will be held on Wednesday 3 February

PTA Casual Clothes Day this Friday 11

For a gold coin donation, children can wear their casual clothes to school on their last full day - no theme, they can wear what they like!

starting at 8.30am until 3.30pm. Today your child would have found out their classroom number and teacher for next year. This means you can now go online and book your meeting. Please refer to the letter later in the newsletter which outlines how to book your wānanga. If you are unsure of your child's class/teacher please contact the office.

Powhiri/First Full Day

On Thursday 4 February all children will be at school for their first full day, starting at our usual time of 8.50am. This will be followed by our Waterlea Powhiri at 9.30am. This is an opportunity for all whanau, tamariki and staff new to Waterlea to be formally welcomed. We will send home an invitation to new families providing more information regarding the powhiri. All Waterlea whanau (new and old!) are welcome to attend.

End of Year Pick up Time

On Monday 14 December, our last day of school for the year, we are inviting our families to pick up children at 1.15pm which is the start of lunchtime. We are inviting parents to do this so teachers can spend the afternoon packing up their classrooms without between 20-30 helpers. As you can imagine, it is a big job and usually can't be completed until all students have gone home. sKids will be open that afternoon and obviously we will look after all children not able to be picked up at this earlier time.

2021 Stationary

Stationary packs for next year can be purchased from Onehunga Books and Stationery, 251 Onehunga Mall. You can either purchase them from the store from 15 January or order online at www.obsonline.co.nz (best to go to the search function and search Waterlea). You can have it delivered to your home. Online orders can be preordered now for a mid January delivery. Just choose the pack for the year level and class that your child is in. Please note that for Year 1 if your child is new to school choose 'New Entrant Pack' or 'Year 1

Pack' if your child is returning to Year 1 in 2021.

Lost Property

Last chance to check the lost property is tomorrow - from Friday, all items will be disposed of.

Year 6 Chess Tournament

We would like to recognize Kevin Hagai as the 2020 Year 6 Chess Champion. Whaea Angelique hosted the final on Monday afternoon with Dominic Eaton (Rm 7) and Kevin Hagai (Rm 5). In 2020 fashion, the final game was also broadcast over a video call and many students and teachers across the school joined in. Once Kevin's name has been engraved, there will be sixty-two tiles remaining for sixty-two years of strong tradition. Will it be your name next? Join us in the 2021 lunchtime Chess Club.

This is a fairly new tradition that Whaea Angelique has started here at Waterlea. We would like to acknowledge her efforts in this mahi (work) these last two years. We will be down a chess coach next year as Whaea is leaving at the end of the year. So, if you're a keen player and have one lunchtime a week available to coach, please let us know.



sKids Holiday Programme

December 2020 and January 2021 Holiday Programme
Bookings are now OPEN at sKids Waterlea. Please visit www.sKids.co.nz/Waterlea to enrol or make a booking or call us on 0800 274 172.

PTA News

Christmas Raffle

Thanks to everyone who called past our stall at the Santa Parade last week. We've decided to keep selling raffle tickets for our huge Christmas basket, so if you haven't bought your ticket, call into the school office, check out the basket, and buy your \$5 ticket. The winner will be drawn next week. Thanks to One Agency Kerrigan & Co Realty for their support in putting this together.

Village Eats Cookbook

Pre-orders can still be made for the outstanding Village Eats Cookbook, which will hopefully make it's way through customs ready for Christmas! There is a copy in the office if you would like to take a look.

Yummy Apple Stickers and Bridge Fruit and Vege Receipts

Over the Christmas break, you can continue to do your bit for Waterlea School by collecting the Yummy Apple stickers and cutout labels from your Yummy Apple bags, and also collecting your receipts from our wonderful local fruit and vege shop on Coronation Rd. Bring these to school next year to help with our fundraising efforts.

Interested in music lessons for your student at Waterlea school? Musiqhub offers Drum and Guitar lessons, for beginners to rockstars. Get in touch to book for 2021.

Check out teacher, JP Carroll, in action:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/10-IR-KYSt9ZXs77pxdbaquy3Y2zSEQ-M/view?usp=sharing>

Learn Ballroom & Latin dancing in 2021

Kids - Tuesday 6pm

Adults/Teens - Sunday 4pm

Location: Waterlea school hall

For more info email thebeatak1@yahoo.com or text 020 4133 8961



Some current and past students of Waterlea winning NZ National Championship titles a few weeks back.

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09 December 2020

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The 2021 school year will start for your child with our Waterlea Wānanga - a personal 15 minute family conversation with their teacher on Wednesday 3 February.

Our wānanga is a great opportunity to start building positive relationships between the teacher and family/whanau so that our 2021 learning gets away to a great start. In this time we want to hear from you about your child so that we understand a bit more about them before the year starts. It will also provide an opportunity for children to share their culture, language, and personal interests with the teacher so they can plan learning programmes accordingly.

When: Wednesday 3 February - bookings can be made between 8.30am - 3.30pm

Venue: your child's classroom

Please make your booking as soon as possible by going online www.schoolinterviews.co.nz – the code is 43grx

We realise this may be an inconvenience to your workplace, so we are giving this advance warning to arrange time with your employer to attend the wānanga. Should you not be able to book a time in the allocated time slots please contact the office to arrange a more suitable time.

For those who do not have access to computers please feel free to contact the office to make a booking on 09 636 4233 or reception@waterlea.school.nz. The office will be open on Wednesday 27 January - Tuesday 2 February 9am-3pm.

It is important to note that the first full day of school is Monday 4 February at our usual time of 8.50am. Our Waterlea Welcome will follow at 9.15am in the David Lange Memorial Hall, and all are welcome to attend.

SKIDs, our after school and holiday childcare provider, are able to provide childcare for Friday 1 February. Please contact 0800 900 754 or 09 275 3458 or visit www.skids.co.nz (go to parent log in) for availability and fees.

If you have any queries regarding these wānanga, please contact your child's current class teacher, the DPs – Therese Bakker (Years 1-3) and Andy Jones (Years 4-6), or myself.

Andrea Jamieson

*** THANK YOU FROM THE PTA! ***

The Waterlea PTA wishes everyone a wonderful summer break and thanks you all for your support this year. It's been a year to remember, bringing many obstacles to our events, activities and fundraising.

Despite these challenges, we're proud of what we've achieved this year...

We planned an amazing festival that was canceled at the last minute, then put on a mini festival for the kids with only three days planning.

We ran our regular sausage sizzles and mufli days when we could.

We delivered the annual calendar art, with lots of help from the awesome teachers.

We hosted our best Quiz night yet, raising over **\$15,000** and having so much fun with our local community.

In between lockdowns we organised our VERY well attended Matariki Disco, plus some of the PTA were involved in the development of the beautiful Village Eats cookbook, with help from a group of other talented Waterlea parents.

The Yummy Apple sticker collection (thanks to all of our families' efforts) resulted in over \$600 worth of sports gear being donated to the school.

And we've helped Mr Jones with the planning of our new junior playground, which was the fundraising goal for the year. The old playground will be removed soon to make way for a flash new one!

Keep an eye on our Facebook page: Waterlea PTA for updates. Like away :)

Next year, we'd **love to welcome some new members to the group**, so if you've been thinking of getting involved.. send us an email on waterleapta@gmail.com. You can give as much time as you like, from planning events to cooking sausages - choose your level of involvement!

Some of our members will be moving on, so it would be great to get new parents involved to keep the Waterlea PTA momentum going!

From your PTA:

Gee Taylor (Chair) Jody Bennett (Secretary), Debbie Van Leeuwen (Treasurer), Celia Thompson Amy Gola, Sel Dixon, Kristelle Paterson, Karen Dunlop, Jonathon Bowie, Rebekah Hoeft, Marisa Jobst, and our teacher rep Therese Bakker



SEE YOU NEXT YEAR WHĀNAU AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER HOLIDAY!

Summer reading, sorted at Auckland Libraries

5 January – 5 February 2021

Read and relax this summer with fun and flexible reading challenges for the whole whānau or just for you!

From 14 December, register for your chance to be in to win great prizes from Specsavers, passes for Auckland's top attractions and more!

How it works

1. From 14 December, visit the Libraries website to register the readers who will be participating in the challenges
2. Join a challenge – 'Whānau' or 'Just for me'.
3. Log your reading, activities and reviews to earn badges and go in the draw to win great prizes!



Registrations open on 14 December 2020 and Summer reading, sorted challenges will be available from 5 January – 5 February 2021.

Whānau challenge

Read and play with the whole whānau this summer – at home, at the library or out and about.

Log your family's reading, complete fun activities and find recommended reads.



Each badge earned by a reader gives your whānau an entry into our grand prize draw!

For more information visit <https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/Pages/summer-reading-sorted.aspx>