

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

10 March 2021

Calendar

March:

15th New Entrant Cohort Entry
15th MusiqHub "Give it a Go Morning"
8.30-9am (*Rescheduled date*)
22nd Tree Adventures Trip Rm 5&6
22nd MB Library Trip Rm 11
23rd Tree Adventures Trip Rm 7&8
23rd MB Library Trip Rm 13
24th Tree Adventures Trip Rm 9&10
24th MB Library Trip Rm 12
26th MB Library Trip Rm 14
29th Interschool Softball
29th Board Meeting 7pm
30th MB Library Trip Rm 23
31st Interschool Softball Save Date
31st MB Library Trip Rm 15

April:

1st Whole School Assembly 11.30am
2nd Good Friday (School Closed)
5th Easter Monday (School Closed)
6th Easter Tuesday (School Closed)
7th Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
9th MANA Values Whole School
Assembly 9.30am
14th Interschool Swimming
16th Last Day of Term 1

**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, Bonjour,
Sagutom, Konichiwa, Guten Tag, Здравствуйте**

Welcome to Week 6 and here's hoping that we shift to Alert Level 1 soon and stay there for the rest of the term and beyond.

We've had a very sad couple of weeks at Waterlea. Firstly Ros Barriball passed away after a short illness. Ros had been a teacher aide at Waterlea School for 21 years and was well known to our tamariki for this time. Ros was not only a staff member but also a nana of former Waterlea students - several of her grandchildren attended over the years. Ros kept our teachers well stocked with photocopying, laminating and oversaw our staff morning teas for all that time. Nobody could make a cuppa quite as well as Ros! She was quite the character, had a sharp wit and always had an interesting story to tell.



Secondly, during Level 3 we learnt that Matua Pere passed away. Pere had a long standing relationship with Waterlea School which began when he was a student teacher maybe 10 or more years ago. After he got his teaching certification, Waterlea employed him as a Te Reo/Kapa Haka teacher and he was always a great help during our musicals.

Pere was musically gifted, he played by ear mainly & could harmonise any tune. He was a gentle soul with a gentle wairua- a real gentleman.

We are sending all our thoughts and prayers to their whānau and they will both be sadly missed. Okioki i te rangimarie- rest in peace Ros and Pere.

Easter Holidays and Teacher Only Day: School Closed 2-7 April

We have had some queries regarding the **Easter break coming up April 2-6**. In some years, the Easter break falls within the school holidays. This year the Easter break falls outside the holidays which means all NZ schools are closed for an additional day - the Tuesday following Easter - even though Tuesday 6 is not an official NZ public holiday.

Our Kahui Ako or cluster of schools have planned a **Teacher Only Day on Wednesday 7 April** and school will be closed on this day also. We have had this event planned since last year. All our cluster schools will come together at Makaurau Marae, Ihumatao, to learn the stories of the local whenua. It is important that we keep this date. Going forward we have decided to cancel the other two Teacher Only Days planned for later in the year due to the disruptions we have had in school closures this term.

We thank you for your understanding and look forward to seeing all our tamariki back in school on **Thursday 8 April**.

Pokémon Cards

There has been an increase in children wanting to bring Pokémon cards into school to play and trade with others. As a school, we appreciate that this is an enjoyable and often problem-free activity, however from time to time these things can interfere with learning. For Years 1-4, we are asking that all cards stay at home. We are working on creating an opportunity for these children to bring cards/toys in on a specific day during the term; keep your eye out for this.

The senior school (Year 5/6) have decided to continue having an option for children to bring these cards in, as they have a specific system in place to

manage and monitor their use. As there is always a risk of cards being damaged or going missing, we ask that you discuss this risk with your children and if they are not comfortable, they do not bring their cards into school.

Incredible Years Parenting Programme - Places Available and Starts Next Week!

Waterlea is hosting a wonderful, free parenting programme 'The Incredible Years' in the David Lange Hall - every Wednesday 9.30am-12pm for the next 14 weeks. If you are interested in attending, please come along and register in the hall next **Wednesday 17 March at 9.30am**.

What is the Incredible Years Parent programme? Incredible Years Parent is a 14-session programme for parents of children aged 3–8, which provides parents with skills to better manage children by creating a home environment that is conducive to positive social and educational outcomes.

The programme looks at:

making time to play and spend quality time with children and letting children lead the play
encouraging the behaviours parents would like to see, through setting clear rules and boundaries and using praise and encouragement
selectively using consequences, such as ignoring, loss of privilege, and time out. Parents learn from each other and support each other.

Rescheduled MusiqHub "Give it a Go" Morning 15 March

This coming Monday morning 8.30-9am, students are invited to go to the hall foyer before school and try out the instruments that are available for lessons through MusiqHub.. For more information about the lessons please contact the teacher JP Carroll at johnpaulcarrollmusic@gmail.com .

Seek the **Best** Rapu i Te Pai



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Y7 – Y9 OPEN EVENING

18th March 2021
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