

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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SCHOOL

With Learning We Grow

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

12 May 2021

Calendar

May:

13th Te Pane o Mataoho/Māngere
Mountain Visit Rm 12 & 13
13th PTA Meeting 7.30pm
14th Te Pane o Mataoho/Māngere
Mountain Visit Rm 14 & 15
17th-23rd Road Safety Week
17th Year 1 Auckland Museum
Volcano Presentation
18th Interschool Netball
20th Interschool Netball Rain date
21st PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale
24th Year 3-6 Swimming Lessons Start
30th - 7th June Samoa Language
Week

June:

1st Interschool Rugby League
3rd Interschool Rugby League Rain
Date
7th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
(school closed)
8th New Entrant Cohort Starts
10th Student led Conferences **(school
closes at 1.15pm)**
17th Interschool Hockey
25th PTA Sausage Sizzle
30th Science in a Van

July:

2nd PTA Matariki Disco
8th PTA Casual Clothes Day
9th Last Day of Term 2
11th-17th Kiribati Language Week
26th Term 3 Begins

**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 2 of the term and as you know we have a busy term of learning planned for our tamariki. We've talked a lot about our Local Curriculum and exploring our local area, learning the stories of the whenua and the stories of those who have lived here in the past. Our local history is rich and really engaging for our tamariki and later in this newsletter we'll hear from one of our senior students recounting the senior school's visit to Te Pane o Mataoho, Māngere Mountain.



Designing an engaging local curriculum where students have opportunities to learn and further discover aspects of their identity requires all students to be on time and at school everyday. The Government doesn't set specific country wide attendance targets, but schools are expected to set their own. An attendance rate of 95-97% is generally considered as good. This allows for children to miss 9.5 days across the school year. Persistent absence (PA) is defined as an attendance rate of 90% or below. The chart below unpacks absenteeism some more:

<u>Number of days off school a year</u>	<u>Percentage attendance</u>	<u>Level of concern</u>
2 days	99%	Excellent
5 days	97%	Good
10 days	95%	Slight concern
20 days	90%	Concern

Usually, if we were to achieve at a rate of 90% it would be seen as a really positive thing but when it comes to attendance, 90% can be misleading. As a school, this term we are taking a close look at our attendance data and adopting a really proactive approach to increase the attendance of tamariki who are attending below 90%. There have been many studies in New Zealand that have concluded that children who attend school regularly have better educational and lifelong outcomes.

We absolutely encourage and support children being away when they are sick, particularly in these times of managing Covid-19, but if children are well, we would like them to be at school before the bell goes at 8.50am.

Nationwide, the proportion of students attending school regularly is about 60% which means that 40% of all school students in New Zealand are not going to school regularly. Waterlea's overall attendance rate today is 90% and our target for Term 2 would be between 90-95%.

Thank you for all your hard work getting children to school on time everyday. If you would like some further support regarding this, do not hesitate to contact us - we would be very happy to help - please email us at reception@waterlea.school.nz or phone 09 636 4233.

Road Safety Week - Next Week

As a Travelwise school, Waterlea will be marking Road Safety Week with a number of activities to promote road safety and sustainable travel.

These will be run with the help of our very willing and able 2021 Travelwise Team of Ruby, Ada, Ben, Asher, Molly, Rafe, Mila, Alex, Clodagh and Ashton. Watch for a notice coming home later this week.

Thank you for your support.

Judy Edwards

Travelwise Co-ordinator

Our wonderful Travelwise Team!



No Riding/Scooting in School

A friendly reminder that for the safety of all, no child or adult should be riding in the school grounds at pick up/drop off. In particular we have had a few children come off their scooter as they have come through the gate and down the ramp by the bike bay - children must walk their scooter down this path.

Lucky Book Club - Orders Close Tomorrow

Issue 3 of Lucky Book Club is now open, orders to be in online via LOOP Thursday 13 May

PTA News

PTA Meeting Tonight - All Welcome

Please join us at our meeting tonight - 7.30pm in the school staffroom.

Second Hand Uniform Sale - Friday 21

Next Friday will be another great uniform sale - a fabulous chance to stock up on some cheap items. This will be held outside the Junior Block around pick up time 2.30/3pm. If you have any uniform items to donate they would be gratefully received - please drop them at the office before next Friday.

Yummy Sticker Collection

Don't forget to start collecting your Yummy stickers from any Yummy brand fruit you buy... every sticker collected helps the school get new sports gear! Children can bring their sheet filled in with Yummy stickers into the office in exchange for a lucky dip prize!

OUR MAUNGA TRIP



On Friday 7th of May Rooms 7 and 10 went on a big walk to the Mangere Mountain Education Center to visit Te pane o Mataoho. When we got up to the Maunga we found out that when the Polynesian voyagers were going through the pacific ocean, they took vegetables and other sorts of foods from all different kinds of islands and brought them here to New Zealand. We learned how they planted the Kumara plant in special scoria beds to trap in the heat because it is quite cold here in New Zealand compared to the Pacific Islands. Mangere Mountain is one of the biggest scoria cones in Auckland and erupted around 70,000 years ago, and the mountain is 106 meters above sea level. I had so much fun and I think everyone else had loads of fun too!

By Erana



Royal Oak Intermediate School



ROYAL OAK INTERMEDIATE

KA RERE - TO FLY

Gliding from the past, rising in the present and soaring to the future
Rere hau i nga wa o mua, piki atu inaianei, tere kite wa e heke mai nei

Date: 26 May 2021

Venue: Royal Oak Intermediate School

Time: Session 1 - 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Session 2 – 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Open Evening for incoming Year 7 students

Parents/Caregivers and prospective students are warmly invited to attend an Open Evening and learn about the opportunities on offer at our school.

A presentation will be held in our school hall and you can hear about the enrolment process. You can ask questions and find out more about Royal Oak Intermediate School. This will be followed by an opportunity to mix and mingle with our staff and student leaders/prefects. Whanau and tamariki will be given the opportunity to participate in Specialisation activities. Supper will be served during the evening.

We look forward to seeing you at our kura!

Albra Stoltenkamp (Deputy Principal)

Together empowering, confident, motivated learners to achieve success in all walks of life

Te kotahitanga, te whakamana, te maia, te whakaara mo nga taurua e tupeke ana ki nga hikoi oranga



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HOCKEY CLUB

Hockey season has started! Calling all year 1 and year 2 students who would like to play hockey this season. No prior hockey experience needed. Mixed team of boys and girls. The majority of the team are from Mangere Bridge.

Training is on Wednesday nights 6-7pm at Mt Roskill Grammar School turf; and games are 8-8.45am Saturdays at St Kent's in Remuera. For more information contact juniors@mtedenhockey.org.nz or Michaela on marcusandmichaela@gmail.com or 022 399 0352.