

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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26 May 2021

Calendar

May:

30th - 7th June Samoa Language
Week

June:

7th Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
(school closed)
8th New Entrant Cohort Starts
8th Year 3-6 Swimming Lessons
Tentative Start Date TBC (*this is a date
change*)
10th Student led Conferences (**school
closes at 1.15pm**)
17th Interschool Hockey
25th PTA Sausage Sizzle
29th Junior and Middle School Science
in a Van
29th **Paid Union Meeting - early pick
up 1pm**
30th Senior School Science in a Van

July:

1st & 2nd Junior School Bike Balance
2nd PTA Matariki Disco
5th Year 2 Museum Visit
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**

There has been a lot of educational news in the media over the past few weeks and right now there is a Public consultation process on proposed changes to the Education Training Act 2020. The changes include:

- how school board elections are run
- ensuring all education employees are Police vetted before they begin work
- strengthening and clarifying Teaching Council of Aotearoa processes dealing with teacher conduct
- enabling the Educational Review Office to review professional learning and development services, and
- possible changes to the priority categories for out of zone enrolments in state schools which run ballots for out of zone students.

“The proposed changes are designed to encourage greater and more diverse participation in the governing of our schools, to strengthen student voice in our schools, and to improve the safety and wellbeing

of all learners. They also support continuous improvement in education services,” says Andrea Schöllmann, Deputy Secretary Education System Policy. Public consultation closes Wednesday 16 June 2021. To find out more about the proposed changes go to the Kōrero Mātauranga website by clicking the following link: [Education and Training Amendment Bill \(No 2\)](#)

In other educational news, the teacher's collective agreement is up for renewal next year. A collective agreement is a written contract between the employer (the Ministry of Education) and a union (NZEI) that outlines the terms and conditions of employment for employees in a bargaining unit. The terms and conditions are reached through collective bargaining between the employer and the union. At the end of June our teachers will be attending paid union meetings in school time. Waterlea Board of Trustees has decided our teachers will all attend at the same time so there will be the least disruption to learning. The

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meeting will be held 1.30-3.30pm on Tuesday, 29th June. **We will be inviting you to pick your children up from school at 1pm** and sKids will be available if needed. More information will come home regarding the organisation of this closer to the time.

Student Led Conferences (SLC)

Coming up in June, on Thursday 10, we have Student led Conferences for the whole school between 2pm-7.10pm. This is the time that you come to school and spend time with your child as they share their learning with you. To book a time with your classroom teacher you'll need to go online to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code **esmhc**. For more information, please refer to the letter emailed home today. If you are new to Waterlea and are unsure how to do this please ask the classroom teacher or pop into the office so we can help you.

Please note that school finishes early on this day at 1.15pm so all children need to be picked up then or be booked into sKids afternoon care.

Winter Health Update

As we head into the Winter illness season we ask that you are mindful of the children/families at school with immune system issues which means that there can be serious consequences if they catch the same common childhood illnesses as everyone else. Therefore we kindly ask that you follow the Ministry of Health guidelines regarding illness and when to keep your child at home. This will help to stop the spread of illness and keep our community healthy.

- **Fever:** any temperature of 38 degrees or more is a fever - this means they are fighting an illness/infection. Keep children at home if they have a fever, please don't just give them pamol and send them in!

- **Gastro illness or tummy bug:** the Ministry of Health advises that children do not return to

school until well and for **48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting.**

- **Chicken Pox:** infected children can return to school when the spots are all scabbed over and dry. This can take around 5-7 days. Please advise the school if your child has been diagnosed with chicken pox.

Ministry guidelines around various illnesses can be viewed at www.healthed.govt.nz/resource/infectious-diseases.

Dental Services Update

We have been advised by the Auckland Regional Dental Service that there is a very large backlog of children to be seen due to the Covid lockdowns. Previously you would have been contacted with an appointment however they are now asking that parents contact them directly if you want them to be seen. As they are no longer directly engaging with families we ask that you give them a call and book an appointment so that your children do not miss out on this vital service.

The Viscount School Clinic is back open and can be contacted on 09 2754747 or you can try Buckland Rd on 09 4427208 ext 7208.



No Dogs

A friendly reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds at any time. The only exceptions are for guide dogs or specialised training dogs.

Recently staff had had to pick up dog poo on multiple occasions which is not acceptable and a health and safety risk to all.



BOOK AMNESTY (classroom readers)

Parents/caregivers please check your homes for any school readers you may find lurking under beds etc. Please return them to the classroom or school office no questions asked!

We are spending quite a bit of money on replacing lost/missing readers each year which could be spent on other items. Thank you in advance for your support getting our books back to school - by the end of this week please.

Year 1 Maunga Walk

Last Thursday our Year 1 tamariki enjoyed a walk to Te Pane O Mataoho (Mangere Mountain).

The purpose was for our tamariki to develop an awareness of the rich history and geographical significance of the mountain. This was certainly achieved with lots of thinking, discovery and rich discussion about the significance of this mighty volcano.

Thanks to parents for their assistance with happy and excited children on this big walk!



Head Lice

Head lice is doing the rounds of our classes again. Please check and treat your child's hair.

The tell-tale signs of your child having head lice are:

Lice and/or eggs living on the hair or scalp. Nits

are light brown or grey in colour and oval-shaped.

They are not easily removed from the hair because they are cemented to the hair shaft.

Itching. If your child has persistent itching generally on the scalp, behind the ears, or in the nape of the neck, the cause could be lice. Itching is caused by the skin's reaction to lice biting the scalp.

Treatment need not be expensive. 4 percent (4%) dimethicone lotion is a very effective head lice treatment that your family doctor can prescribe. You only need to put it on your child's head twice - with a week in between each use.

Wet combing with cheap conditioner and a fine-tooth head lice (nit) comb is also an effective way to find and remove head lice, if done properly. You don't need to buy -expensive products to get rid of head lice. You can buy a fine-tooth head lice comb from your pharmacy. It can take up to an hour to do a wet combing session. It depends how long and how thick your child's hair is.

We appreciate your assistance.

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PTA News

PTA Meeting 2 June

Our next PTA meeting is next Wednesday 2 June, 7.30 pm in the school staff room. This year we are looking to build solid communications and relationships across the school so members of the School Board and staff will be attending. So we warmly welcome any whanau who would like to attend - and volunteer, just listen in or have a say!

Uniform and Bake Sale Last Week

Our uniform/bake sale was a huge success, raising \$490.30! Next time we will have much more yummy baking on offer as we sold out very quickly! This year the PTA are dedicating any profits from bake sales and casual clothes days to fulfill requests from the school for additional support. We will keep you updated on what we achieve!

Entertainment Membership - Amazing Discounts!

Now is the perfect time to purchase your new Entertainment Membership! Not only will you be enjoying amazing discounts on a huge range of activities, cafes, restaurants and more in Auckland AND beyond - you will also be supporting Waterlea School! For more info and to order click [here](#)

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!



GET YOUR
Village Eats
COOKBOOK!

Village Eats is a beautiful hard cover cookbook containing over 200 delicious recipes, proudly produced by Waterlea School. 100% of proceeds will go towards a shade structure over our junior playground.

\$40 each

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WATERLEA SCHOOL
Wild Coasting We Grow

Nana Stella's Neenishes
Recipe by Joana and the Stowell family

Ingredients

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup cream
- 1/2 cup chocolate chips
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup nuts
- 1/2 cup dried fruit
- 1/2 cup chocolate sauce
- 1/2 cup vanilla ice cream
- 1/2 cup whipped cream
- 1/2 cup fresh fruit
- 1/2 cup fresh herbs
- 1/2 cup fresh flowers
- 1/2 cup fresh vegetables
- 1/2 cup fresh meats
- 1/2 cup fresh seafood
- 1/2 cup fresh dairy
- 1/2 cup fresh grains
- 1/2 cup fresh legumes
- 1/2 cup fresh nuts
- 1/2 cup fresh seeds
- 1/2 cup fresh oils
- 1/2 cup fresh vinegars
- 1/2 cup fresh condiments
- 1/2 cup fresh spices
- 1/2 cup fresh herbs
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- 1/2 cup fresh legumes
- 1/2 cup fresh nuts
- 1/2 cup fresh seeds
- 1/2 cup fresh oils
- 1/2 cup fresh vinegars
- 1/2 cup fresh condiments
- 1/2 cup fresh spices

Method

Preheat oven to 180C. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, butter, milk, cream, chocolate chips, raisins, nuts, dried fruit, chocolate sauce, vanilla ice cream, fresh fruit, fresh herbs, fresh flowers, fresh vegetables, fresh meats, fresh seafood, fresh dairy, fresh grains, fresh legumes, fresh nuts, fresh seeds, fresh oils, fresh vinegars, fresh condiments, fresh spices.

Roll out the dough and cut into circles. Bake for 10-15 minutes. Serve with fresh fruit, fresh herbs, fresh flowers, fresh vegetables, fresh meats, fresh seafood, fresh dairy, fresh grains, fresh legumes, fresh nuts, fresh seeds, fresh oils, fresh vinegars, fresh condiments, fresh spices.