



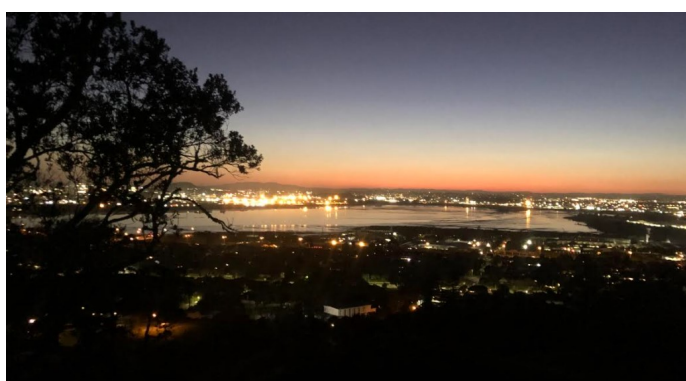
30 June 2021

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

| Week | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| 9 | | | 30 Senior School Science in a Van | JULY 1 Matariki Maunga Hikoi Junior School Bike Balance | 2 Junior School Bike Balance PTA Matariki Disco |
| 10 | 5 Swimming Rms 5, 7, 11, 12, 13, 15,23 | 6 Swimming Rms 6,8,9,10 | 7 | 8 PTA Casual Clothes Day Matariki Assembly 12-1pm (<i>This is a date change</i>) | 9 Last Day of Term 2, 3pm |
| Holidays | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Holidays | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| T3 1 | 26 Term 3 Begins Board Meeting 7pm | 27 Royal Oak Intermediate Visiting Seniors Netsafe Parent Info Evening 7.30 | 28 | 29 Waterlea Welcome Assembly 9.15am | 30 |

This week marks Waterlea School's celebration of Matariki -the Māori name for the cluster of stars also known as the Pleiades. This is a marker of the beginning of the Māori new year. Matariki is all about celebration, and spending time with family. Matariki was also important for agriculture. The coming of Matariki symbolized the harvest festival where Māori feasted on the crops they had prepared. Many iwi speak of the seven matariki stars as a mother and her daughters. The mother is Matariki, and her daughters are Tupu-ā-nuku, Tupu-ā-rangi, Waipunarangi, Waitī, Waitā, and Ururangi. Matariki can be found at different points of the ecliptic at different times in the year. This is because of Earth's yearly orbit around the Sun. There is one time every year it is not visible at all, after which the festival of Matariki is celebrated, when we can just see it rising at dawn. When seen from Earth, the stars appear to be close together in a pattern, but they might actually be far from each other. There are about 500 stars in the matariki cluster, but only six or seven are visible without a telescope. We celebrate Matariki at Waterlea in a number of ways- next week we will come together for a Matariki Assembly so we can share in the learning. We also look forward to seeing many of you at the Matariki Sparkle Disco on Friday. Join some of our staff tomorrow morning for a hīkoi up our Maunga to view the Matariki stars. Bring a torch, a good pair of shoes and a warm jacket. We will be leaving from the War Memorial Hall on Domain Road at 6am so please arrive just before then.

17 House Ave, Mangere Bridge, 09 636 4233, www.waterlea.school.nz



Children must be accompanied by an adult. Breakfast and milos for our walkers will be provided in the school staffroom from 8am for those who would like to join us. The weather forecast is looking good and we'll text you in the morning if we decide to call it off if it is overcast. A few staff went up the maunga this morning to check out some good viewing vantage points for tomorrow and met Channing and Asher up there looking for the Matariki stars with their dad - the view was so beautiful! Check out the links below for some more information regarding Matariki.



<https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/watch-how-find-matariki-star-cluster>
<https://www.twoa.ac.nz/hononga-stay-connected/te-iwa-o-matariki#when-to->

[observe-matariki](#)

<https://www.inmotion.org.nz/the-night-sky>

Proposed changes to the Royal Oak Intermediate (ROI) School Zone

There are some proposed changes to the Royal Oak Intermediate School Zone which could potentially impact some of our families who are thinking of enrolling their children in the future. I have emailed all families with information regarding the proposed changes and suggest all families engage in the consultation process which closes on July 16, 2021. Waterlea Board of Trustees are making a submission to support our families impacted by these proposed changes and we encourage as many families as possible to engage in this process. Click the link provided to make a submission

<https://consultation.education.govt.nz/education/royal-oak-sir-douglas-bader-proposals/consultation/intro/?fbclid=IwAR3ts5Y6MTsiLwYrvyeYDHbMqB3uN2nvM89XZbm3BaR0SWkLkHc0NHRPDuc>

If you haven't already done so please fill out the google form regarding our recent SLC and mid year reports- your feedback is important. <https://forms.gle/QFaW5TE65xyomj5C8>

Teacher's Paid Union Meeting (PUM)

Waterlea teachers attended a paid union meeting yesterday. Thanks to all families who supported staff by picking their children up early-we all really appreciated it.

Lost Property - Disposed of Next Week

Please take a moment to have a look at our overflowing lost property which is located in the hall foyer. There are some quality shoes, jackets, drink bottles, uniform, plus much more that some of our whānau are surely missing. Please note that at the end of next week all uniform items will be donated to the PTA's uniform collection and all other items will be donated/disposed of. So please check now.

Board of Trustees News

Check out the Board's Video Update!

Click on the following link...[Waterlea Board of Trustees Message](#)

Travelwise News at Waterlea

All classes are currently undertaking a 4 week challenge to promote Sustainable Travel with the following aims:

- There are many ways to travel to school other than in a car.
- Every form of transport has a positive and negative impact.
- When we choose an active/sustainable form of transport it benefits people, places and the environment.
- The way we travel in the future will change as communities develop.

We have such a great local community with so many children living within a kilometre or two of our

school. So we encourage children to walk, bike or scooter to school. If there is no choice but to come in the car, you can drop them off around 400 metres away which would have the benefits of exercise for your tamariki and less congestion around the school gates. Good drop off points are Sullivan Ave by Waterlea Park so they can walk through the park, or further up Muir Ave, or on Seaforth Ave so they can walk down Nadine Place and in the back gate.

So we are into the 3rd week of our 4 week challenge and there will be lucky prize draws in each class for the most sustainable travel days. The end of Week 1 was celebrated with a Milo Morning put on by our Travelwise Co-ordinators, Alele and Kurt and ably assisted by our Year 5 Travelwise team. They served 273 cups of Milo which is over half the school roll which was an AWESOME effort. So well done Waterlea - keep it up!



PTA News

Matariki Disco this Friday

Come along to our disco this Friday. In addition to the great fun, music, food and drink there will also be some raffles (see pics at the bottom of this page) - each drawn individually. You can purchase tickets on the night at the front entrance. Cash is preferred but eftpos is available.

Payment for extras at the disco is made with 'loot' - when you arrive at the disco you can buy the tickets and as much loot as you like. The loot will then be redeemed for food, drinks, face painting and glow sticks.



Waterlea PTA

**MATARIKI
SPARKLE
DISCO**

**\$3 PER TICKET
Per Child
Children must be supervised
by an adult**

Food, drinks & raffle. Eftpos available. Cash preferred.

**5-7 PM
FRIDAY 2nd JULY
David Lange Memorial Hall**

**DOOR SALES ONLY!
(cash preferred)**



Community News

Hīkoi and Hāngi

Come learn the histories of Onehunga as we tune back into our taiao (Environment) and kick start our inner kaitiaki with a 2 hour Hīkoi & Hāngi guided tour experience.

Led by The People Weaver and rangatahi of Onehunga with the support of Auckland Council, we will be swapping the waewae express (by foot) for bicycles as we serve you up a very unique 'On Bikes Special' that reconnects us back to the ancient histories of Te Manukanukatanga ō Hoturoa (Manukau Harbour), our plethora of Maunga Tupuna and the many hidden histories of Onehunga. Ending with kai & kōrero with a delicious shared kai hākari of Hāngi and refreshing beverages to quench the thirst.

Hīkoi & Hāngi will also include karakia (Prayer), photo opportunities for your best poses and of course a kai & kōrero at The 312 Hub. Bikes provided if needed* - you will need to bring your own water bottle, good footwear, wet weather gear maybe needed.

*We can provide bikes FREE OF CHARGE for those who haven't got their own. A virtual hīkoi onsite featured at The 312 Hub will be on display for anyone who may have mobility issues.

Hīkoi & Hāngi
COME LEARN THE HISTORIES OF ONEHUNGA
ON BIKES SPECIAL

**JULY 11, 18, 25
& AUG 1 2021**

FREE HIKOI (ON BIKES) BY REGISTRATION ONLY
EACH HIKOI BEGINS AT 11AM & ENDS 1PM
FREE BIKE HIRE* & KAI HĀKARI INCLUDED

TO REGISTER PLEASE
SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT:
bit.ly/HikoilandHangi

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JULY 12 - 17TH 2021

HANSEL AND GRETEL

Join Hansel and Gretel these school holidays as they make their way home through the foreboding forest.

An original retelling of a beloved classic this innovative theatre adventure features live music, physical theatre and puppetry.

Hansel and Gretel is a magical school holiday activity that will charm children and adults alike.

We look forward to seeing you there!

July 12 - 17th 2021

Two shows daily: 10.30am and 1pm

Onehunga Community House
85 Selwyn St,
Onehunga

\$12 per ticket or \$40 for 4/ \$60 for 6

iTICKET

Book at www.iticket.co.nz / ph (09) 361 1000
(service fee applies)
or pay cash at the door.

For further enquiries email:
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