



WATERLEA SCHOOL

24 November 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



Welcome back to school for the majority of our students - it has been wonderful to walk around the grounds and see so many smiling faces. Waterlea is full of happy kaiako and happy tamariki - it isn't quite school life as we knew it before lockdown but it is certainly a step in the right direction. Our tamariki and kaiako are doing well implementing the new health & safety measures that we have in place so well done to everyone for their efforts. If you have

any questions about your children while they are at school it is best that you contact their classroom or bubble teacher directly through email or seesaw as they are the best person to answer your queries quickly. The Waterlea Weekly newsletter replaces the Waterlea Weekly video but the weekly challenge continues for all those who are learning at home.

In addition to running our school at Alert Level 3, we are working behind the scenes to plan and prepare for 2022. Next week we will let you know what the teaching organisation will be as there will be a few changes. We are beginning the process of placing students into classes for next year so, although we don't take requests for class placement, if you have any information you think will help us in this process please let the classroom teacher know. It would be very helpful if you could let the office know if your child will not be returning to Waterlea in the new year.

Just like we have in previous years, we are hoping to start the 2022 school year with our **Waterlea Wānanga (Wednesday 2 February)** - covid restrictions permitting. If you are new to Waterlea, this is when we make time for your child's teacher to meet with you and your child in a personal 15 minute interview. We believe our wānanga is a great opportunity to start building positive relationships between the teacher and whānau so that learning gets away to a great start. Once children have been informed of their classes for next year, information will be emailed out as to how you book online for your wānanga time. If we still have restrictions to adhere to we will plan this day in a different way. Just a reminder that **school finishes this year on Wednesday 15 December.**

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Property News

We have some exciting developments in the property portfolio. We have started our whole school exterior and interior painting which is also addressing much of our building maintenance work. It is starting to look great and should be completed by the end of the summer holidays. We also have two brand new classrooms arriving towards the end Term 1 next year which help our lack of classroom space issue. To oversee some of this work we have hired a new caretaker, Toby Harrison, and he will start with us in early December. A big thanks to the Board of Trustees for their mahi and leadership with regards to property.

Staff News

At the end of the year we say farewell to Tulsī Ram who is leaving us to spend more time with his grandchildren, in addition to playing golf! Tulsī has been a member of the Waterlea staff for over 20 years and has been a very important part of our team. He has overseen sport for much of his time here and over the years has been a Year 5 & 6 teacher to approximately 600 students. We thank you for your service to the Waterlea Community Tulsī, and we will miss your calm approach, work ethic and your sense of humour. He has promised me he will be available for some relieving next year so we look forward to that!

Hamish Bennett has also let us know he is leaving at the end of the year as the Bennett whānau are leaving NZ to live in Rarotonga- how exciting is that! We would like to say a big thank you to Hamish who has been a wonderful kaiako, leader of Kapa Haka



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and Te Reo teacher for our tamariki and our staff. We wish the Bennetts all the very best and hope they get a big enough house to fit all their Waterlea visitors!

From the Junior School, Stacey Zoutenbier and Jo Davison are leaving us at the end of the year. Although they have been with us a short time they have both been great teachers and team members. Jo and Stacy both live quite a distance from Waterlea and have decided that commuting isn't much fun- I know what they mean!

Finally Lyn Tocher is off to the South Island at the end of the year. Lyn has been part of the Waterlea team for about 5 years and has looked after the IT side of the school. She helped Waterlea further develop our digital fluency and achieve our goals

2022 Dates

Term 1—Wednesday 2 February to Thursday 14 April (2 February Wānanga Day Meetings, 3 February first full day of school)

Term 2—Monday 2 May to Friday 8 July

Term 3—Monday 25 July to Friday 30 September

Term— 4 Monday 17 October to Tuesday 13 December

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outlined in the Strategic Plan. We wish you all the very best in your new endeavours.

Waterlea Weekly Challenge

We have had many fantastic challenges and lots of engagement in these over the past months and we decided that this would be good to continue until the end of the year. This week's challenge comes from the Senior School - to find out more click the link here <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NDeq-K4ZiC0qUYe1OKmxPwPy7U-mbMBJ/view?usp=sharing>

Reading Books and Library Books

We would like to have two Waterlea Weekly challenges this week with the second being to get any reading books and library books back to school! We were really happy to lend out lots of our reading books over lockdown but our stocks are looking very low. Have a look under beds, in cupboards, in the car and other places where books like to hide and send them back to school with your child. This would be much appreciated. Thank you!

