



*He nui te akoranga ki Waterlea Great learning happens at Waterlea*

Hello, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Bonjour, Talofa Lava, Taloha Ni, Bula Vinaka, Ni Hau, Namaste, Malo e Lelei, Deea awit, Sagutom, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Dia daoibh, Sillaw, Huan Ying, Hola, Konichiwa, Guten Tag, Здравствуйте

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## Newsletter 16 March 2022

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Welcome to week 7! Today's newsletter is brought to you by the wonderful learners in Room 8. Before I hand over to them, I'd like to welcome our newest tamariki and their whaanau who started school on Monday. We look forward to building a strong partnership to ensure their learning journey at Waterlea is a positive one.

I'd also like to signal to the Waterlea Community that Auckland Transport are interested in your views regarding their Safe Speeds Programme. They are running a consultation process which is open now and will remain so until 3rd April. If you are interested in finding out more please click the link below:

[Proposed Speed Limit Changes](#)

**30** **Safe speeds around schools**

We're looking at permanently changing speed limits on selected roads near some schools around Auckland.

For more information or to give feedback visit:

**[AT.govt.nz/Haveyoursay](https://at.govt.nz/haveyoursay)**

Once again here is the link to where you can sign up for hardpack resources if you are isolating at home: [Home Learning Resources](#).

If you're down in Māngere Bridge Village, have a look in Paul's fruit and veg shop window. You'll see a beautiful Pepe Whale Tail designed and painted by Waterlea Tamariki. More information will come in next week's newsletter.

Enjoy the rest of this week's newsletter which comes to you courtesy of Room 8.



## Softball

Did you know in 1887 softball was an indoor game until 1900? Did you know that softball is played in over 140 countries including New Zealand? New Zealand has won 7 gold medals at world championships. That's amazing!!

We learnt that softballs are larger than baseballs and that pitching the softball is an underarm swing to the batter and backstop.

At school we practised throwing the ball and catching with a mit. We have been practising to hit the ball and get home runs.

We battled with Mrs Jackson's class Room 7 at softball. Room 8 scored 2 home runs and Rm 7 scored 1 home run. We really enjoyed fielding and batting. We said "Good Game" at the end of the game.

Do you think we should do sports at school? If you do, then we think Waterlea Primary School should play against other schools. That would be so much fun.

By Carmel, Claudine and Mikayla -Rose



## Global Warming

2014, 2015 and 2021 were some of the hottest years ever recorded. When we burn fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas it heats up the atmosphere.

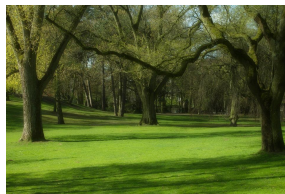


Global warming temperatures have been increasing on Earth since 1950.

Humans are polluting the air and it is getting worse because we are using too many natural resources.

We think we should plant millions of trees to produce more oxygen in the world.

At school we can help the environment by planting more trees to make it look more beautiful and it gives us shelter under the sweltering sunshine.



By Jayden, William, Rory and Sam

Room 8 has been learning about volcanoes. We recently found explored Mount Tarawera, which is a volcano 24 kilometres southeast of Rotorua. Did you know that the eruption lasted six hours? Mount Tarawera erupted on the 10th of June 1886. This eruption was one of New Zealand's largest historical eruptions and killed an estimated 120 people. We think it would be interesting to go to the museum in Rotorua, to learn more about the Mount Tarawera Volcano.

*By Annabelle and Alexi*



# Life in the Manukau Harbour.

## *Facts for kids.*

*Sharks that visit the Manukau Harbour include small school sharks and dogfish. In summer, hammerheads can be seen basking on the surface. Great White Sharks are known to visit the waters and Mako sharks have been seen swimming inside the harbour mouth. Dolphins and stingrays are also regularly seen in the Manukau Harbour.*



*Godwits make the remarkable journey from its Alaskan breeding grounds to the Manukau Harbour in one continuous 11,000km flight across the Pacific, a journey of eight to ten days without sleep or feeding. Absolutely remarkable!!*

*In the Manukau Harbour there are scallops, oysters, giant horse mussels, cockles and pipi.*

*The Manukau Harbour is 394 square kilometres, which is about half the size of New York City.*



*By Hayden and Flynn.*



# Mask



**Having to wear a mask is not cool, but it will save you from getting sick from Covid-19.**

**And this is why we wear masks in the classroom and on school grounds.**

**Even though little kids don't have to wear a mask, it is still a good idea to wear one to keep you safe. It is important to wear a mask so we won't spread or catch the virus.**

**But the bad thing about having to wear a mask is that you get very, very hot when you have to wear it for about 5 hours!**

**Thank goodness we have mask breaks and playtime outside.**

**Wearing a mask can sometimes be annoying but it is something you just have to do.**

**Wear a mask to protect yourself and your community from Covid-19.**

**BY LUCY AND  
SAVANNAH**





# Holiday Programme

19th – 29th April 2022

**sKids Waterlea**

Waterlea School

15/17 House Avenue, Mangere Bridge



Learn to thrive



Learn through play



Wellness



Express yourself



Learn through movement

**Monday 18th**

**CLOSED**

**Easter Monday**

We'll see you tomorrow.

**Tuesday 19th**

**Fall into Autumn**

Discover how clouds make rain, transform fallen leaves into works of art and become little ants on a log.



**Monday 25th**

**CLOSED**

**ANZAC Day**

We'll see you tomorrow.

**Tuesday 26th**

**Creative Creatures**

Jnr's make monsters disappear, Snr's make claws to attack, we'll munch on paws and turn imaginary friends into dough.



**Wednesday 27th**

**Rock Climbing**

Explore colourful climbing walls and challenge your friends to the top and reach for the stars!



**TRIP**

**Wednesday 20th**

**Go Underground**

Look at what lives underground, make bats fly, test sticky ice, and make hedgehogs prickly with leaves



**Thursday 21st**

**Kites in the Sky**

Decorate your own designer kite, learn about how wind works, and fly kites in the Autumn wind!



**PREMIUM**

**Friday 22nd**

**Earth Day**

Honour mother nature and make our own beeswax wraps, learn about ocean water, make trees for a snack.



**Friday 29th**

**Fire, Water, Earth and Air**

Plant edible flowers in oreos, fly planes through targets, make jarred fireworks and marvels with water!



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