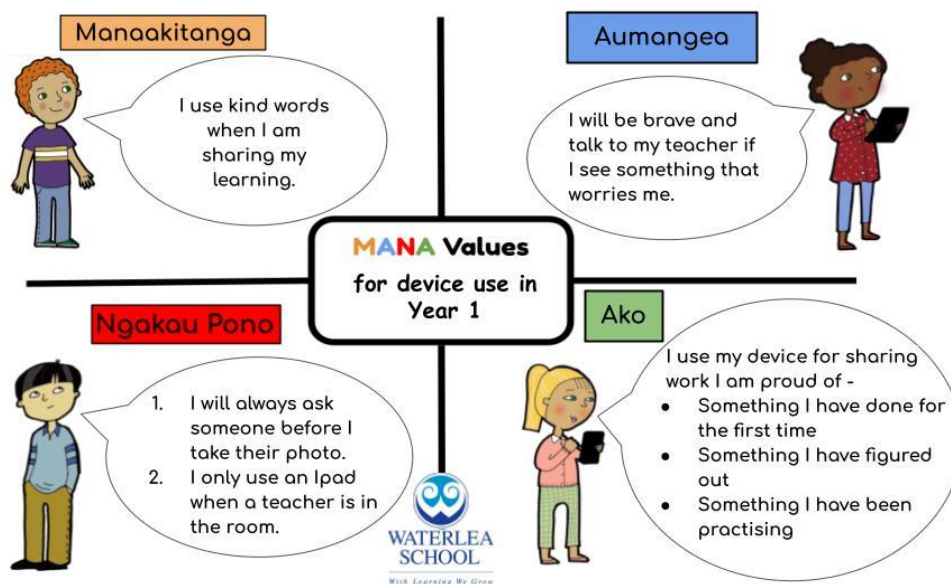


*He nui te akoranga ki Waterlea Great learning happens at Waterlea*

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

## Newsletter 9 March 2022

Happy Wednesday of Week 6 and I hope you keep enjoying this summer weather which keeps on giving us sunshine and warm temperatures. Yesterday afternoon the staff unpacked how our MANA values promote what it is to be a good digital citizen at Waterlea School. Being a responsible user of technology looks different according to the age and stage of our tamariki. Examples of the visuals teachers have created are displayed in classrooms and can be shared with you through Seesaw, because you might like to talk about it at home. This is what it looks like in Year 1:



Thanks for keeping us updated on when children are staying home to isolate due to being close contacts with a positive case at home. Please let us know if you are unsure, we are happy to talk it through with you. Yesterday we were at approximately 65% onsite attendance; just a reminder you can order a hardpack of learning here [Home Learning Resources](#). Enjoy the rest of this week's newsletter which has been created by the wonderful Room 7.

## Why are there board games in the Senior School??

Room Seven and the Senior School are known for their board game collection, but why do we have them? Do they help us learn in any way?

Board games help with numeracy, literacy and cooperative teamwork.

They let us show all of the MANA Values, they are entertaining and have been around for over 5,000 years, even played by Ancient Egyptians! They help teach kids to be mature, intelligent adults.

There are many types of board games, Classical board games are divided into four categories of game; Race Games where you race to win, Space Games where you move around a board into spaces, Chase Games, where you chase other players' pieces and Games of Displacement (Such as Chess). In Senior School. There are also games that involve strategic thinking, or sometimes just luck. Room Sevens' favourite games are Dragonwood, Exploding Kittens and 5 Second Rule. We personally like games that involve mystery, and guessing, like Cluedo or Dixit.

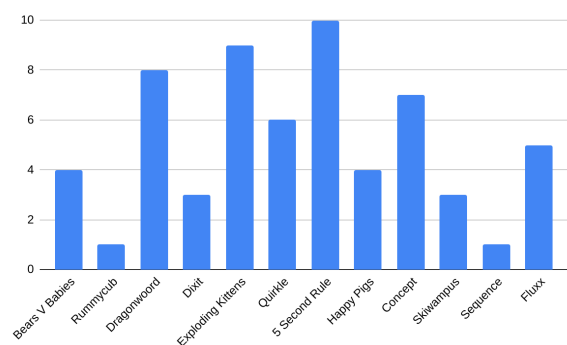
We play board games frequently throughout the term, or when we have finished all of our work. It's a lot of fun and helps us learn many things; they help us with maths, literacy, cooperative teamwork and loads of other things too.

By Ayva, Harriet and Reeya.

## Board game frenzy!

We did a survey and these are the questions we asked - which games have you played? which are you keen to learn next?

Here is a graph that shows the most played board games in the class. Everyone voted for all the games they had played, so you could vote more than once.



The most popular game that people wanted to learn next was Skull.

By Lily Maddox and Jeivy

**WATERLEA STUDENTS SHOW**

<b>M</b> ANAAKITANGA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We are kind</li><li>• We are caring</li><li>• We are Supportive</li></ul>
<b>A</b> UMANGEA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We are persistent</li><li>• We are reSilient</li><li>• We are brave</li></ul>
<b>N</b> GĀKAU PONO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We are reSpectful</li><li>• We are honest</li><li>• We have integrity</li></ul>
<b>A</b> KO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We learn</li><li>• We teach</li><li>• We Seek new knowledge</li></ul>

## DragonWood Review

Dragonwood is a 2-4 player game for 8+. It's a strategy, luck, dice and card game. It is a little difficult with monsters and dragons!

You can improve your performance in some parts of the game.

Although the dice rolling is luck, you can get better at the game with strategy.

The main object of the game is to get the most points with cards, and to get points you have to scream, stomp or strike, and, for example, to strike you have to get 123 cards in a row. The reason we like it is because it's a good game to play with friends and I like the animals in it.

Ollie, Eli and Ethan



Pictures by Ollie, Eli, Ethan, Jeevy, Leo and Elijah



## Qwirkle Review

2-4 people can play this game. It is mostly easy but sometimes it needs a little bit of explaining. If you practise you will get faster and better at the game. If you get six in a row then you win 12 points! To win you must have the most points at the end. It's fun and easy to play.

By Hannah, Peirangi and Ruby



Room 7 has been learning to write explanation texts. Here is one of our most interesting examples!

## Why Does Poo Stink?

*Have you been wondering why poo smells? Read on to find out why!*

*Pootologists Clementine Carter & Evie Dutton have been studying the interesting question and may have found some answers.*

*The putrid smell is actually caused by a bacteria, and don't worry it won't do any harm inside your intestine, but if consumed it could make you quite ill. The name of this bacteria is Giardiasis, and if you do get the disease, symptoms include diarrhoea and greasy poos that can float!*



*The second reason poo can smell bad is faeces are 75% water and 25% food waste and the food waste rots in your body, causing a stinky smell in the small facility.*

*The last reason poo smells is because a bathroom is a small room and once you poo the particles spread easily around the room and fill the air with the odour.*

*In conclusion the poo smell comes from bacteria and rotting food waste. So the moral of the story is WASH YOUR HANDS AND FLUSH THE TOILET YA NASTY!*

*By Clementine and Evie*

WASH YOUR HANDS





# 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 20th**

**Go Underground**

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



**Wednesday 27th**

**Rock Climbing**

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



**TRIP**

**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!



**Thursday 28th**

**Let's get Cooking!**

Flavour and protein are attacking the quesadilla towers and falafels! Who will save them?



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