



WATERLEA SCHOOL

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 4 May 2022

9 May - NZ Sign Language Week
16 May - Community Swimming Lessons Start - Senior School
17 May - Community Swimming Lessons start - Middle School
23 May - Board of Trustees Hui 7-9pm
30 May - Samoan Language Week
6 June - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday - School Closed
7 June - New Entrant Cohort starts
14 June: Reports go home
16 June: Student Led Conferences 2pm-7pm (*School finishes early at 1pm*)
23 June - Room 7 & 8 Auckland Maritime Museum Trip
24 June - Matariki Public Holiday - School Closed
27 June - Board of Trustees Hui 7-9pm
30 June - Room 9 & 10 Auckland Maritime Museum Trip
1 July - Room 5 & 6 Auckland Maritime Museum Trip
8 July - Last Day of Term 2

A warm welcome back to school for tamariki and staff for Term 2- we hope you all had a good Easter break and were able to spend time with whānau and friends. You will remember that at the end of last term, Auckland shifted from the Red setting of the traffic light system to Orange. At the time we communicated to you that we would keep the existing health measures in place and review them upon our return this term to see what changes we would make.

Currently, all staff are taking a Health & Safety survey regarding these health measures at their place of work and when this process is completed we will make some decisions as a school. One of the issues under consideration is continued mask wearing for Year 4-6 students. Although no longer mandated under Orange, mask wearing is highly recommended. At Waterlea, we highly recommend wearing masks indoors because it has been so effective in slowing the spread of the virus and kept learning happening for our tamariki with very few disruptions last term. Student absenteeism due to COVID-19 is hard on all families but particularly challenging for ones already impacted by issues of inequality and hardship. We acknowledge that some families with children in Year 4-6 might choose to send their children to school without masks. If this is your preference please let us know so we can put some measures in place to support your decision in this. Other health measures such as good hand hygiene, restricting parents onsite unless on official business and good ventilation in classrooms are still in place for the time being. We will continue to communicate any additional changes we make and thanks in advance for your patience.

Over the coming term we are very pleased to announce we are planning to bring back some of our regular student activities. These include training sessions in peer mediation and patrols for our senior students. We are also planning to have onsite Student Led Conferences later this term, swimming starts for Years 3-6 in Week 3 and there are some trips planned. All activities need to be carefully considered and planned appropriately so we will take our time to ensure these processes are done well.

Village Eats Update from the PTA

And that's a wrap!! We are SOLD OUT of our Village Eats cookbooks, woo hoo! We achieved our goal of raising over \$27,000, which has ALL gone towards the Waterlea School Junior playground.

A huge thanks to all our sponsors who made it possible to print and fundraise from our book. Please support these awesome businesses that help community organisations like Waterlea School. And thanks to everyone who bought a copy. We hope you have many hours of enjoyment cooking the many delicious recipes that our school community submitted.

You can still view a copy at Paul's Fruit and Vege shop or at Māngere Bridge Library.

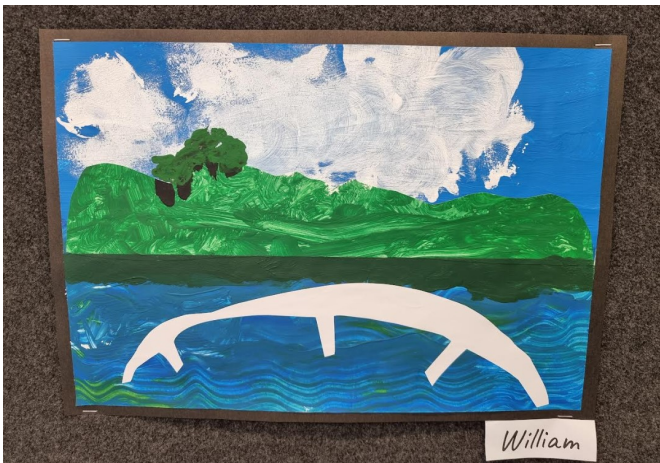
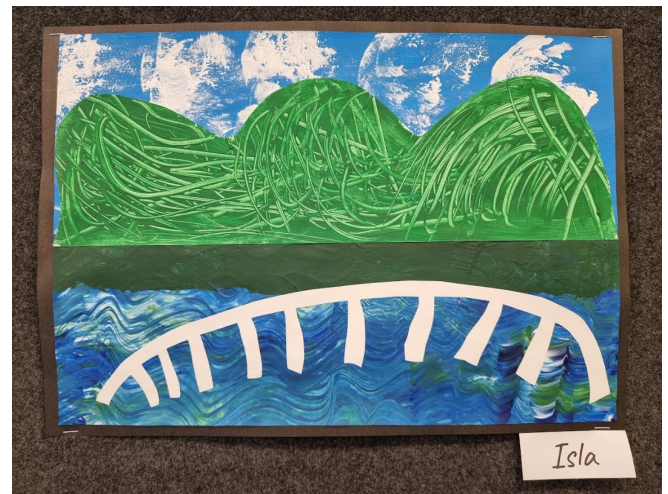
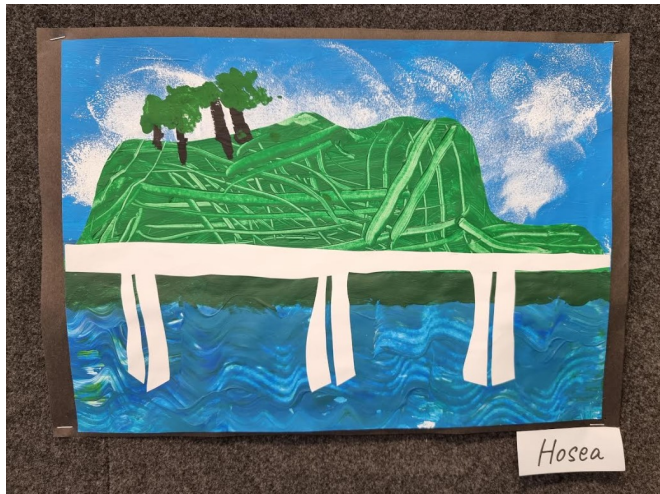
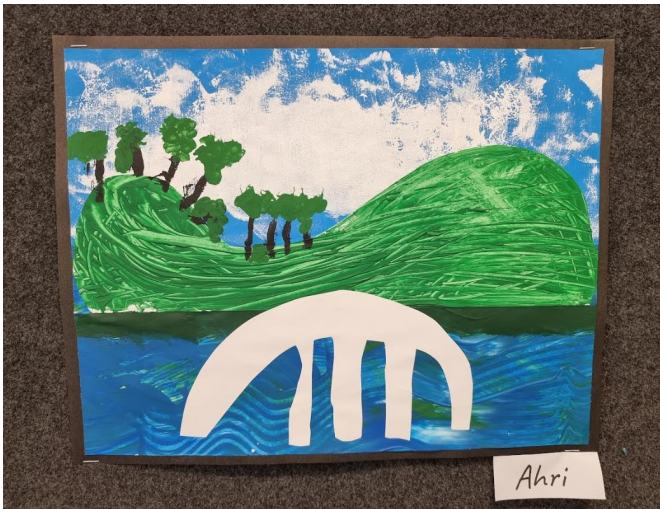
Fun fact! The last three copies were sent to a whānau in Dubai!



Below: Volcano prints by Eli and Florence Room 7



Some of Room 3's wonderful artworks of Te Pane o Mataoho and Mangere Bridge



Outside providers offering activities at Waterlea:

Both Speech and Drama and Music Lessons will be returning to Waterlea this term outside of school hours.

Shine Speech & Drama

Shine Speech & Drama classes inspire confidence and imagination, helping students communicate effectively and build self-belief that helps them succeed in life.

SHINE SPEECH & DRAMA covers:

- public speaking
- acting skills
- voice (projection and articulation)
- reading aloud skills
- positive body language
- storytelling
- relationship skills



This term lessons will be held on Wednesday after school

For more information or to enrol, please don't hesitate to call Nina on 021-160 9197

Musiqhub

MusiqHub are excited to offer private guitar and drum tuition to students at Waterlea Primary School with experienced tutor JP Carroll. Students learn a range of traditional and contemporary styled songs and techniques where they play together as a group and take turns to play to the group as individuals. This format creates a fun environment for students and is hugely popular in schools around the country.

You can read more about MusiqHub at www.musiqhub.co.nz

JP has been teaching the guitar and drums at a number of Auckland schools since 2014. His patience, easy going nature and ability as a teacher have seen hundreds of guitar and drum students enjoy his lessons since then. JP has a Diploma in Contemporary Music Performance, as well as extensive experience playing in bands, touring and recording music.

This term lessons will be held on Thursdays after school.

Email JP at jp.carroll@musiqhub.co.nz for more info!

