



WATERLEA SCHOOL

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It's a doubly exciting day this Friday—Sausage Sizzle and Casual Clothes Day!



This Friday, our last day of Term 2, in association with AKL Cleaning, the PTA are hosting a Sausage Sizzle and Casual Clothes day!

Tomorrow (Thursday), please bring to teachers \$2 per sausage and a gold coin donation for casual clothes wearers.

To eliminate any possible mix ups, we do ask that you please use TWO SEPARATE ENVELOPES for your child.

Please state clearly on the envelope: your child's name, their classroom number, and what the contents are for (e.g., 2 x sausages or \$2 for casual clothes donation)

Vegetarian sausages are available so please also state if you want a vege one.

Take the opportunity to have a day off from making lunches and scrambling for uniforms.



7 July - DMIC Maths Info Zoom 7.30pm

8 July - Last Day of Term 2, PTA Casual Clothes Day and Sausage Sizzle

25 July - Term 3 Begins

As our second school term comes to an end we'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents who have helped on our school trips over the past ten weeks. As we said at the beginning of the term, the school has slowly reintroduced some activities that have supported the

learning programmes for our tamariki. Your support with this has made it possible for our oldest children to have weekly swimming lessons, have a softball team participate in an interschool event, visit Ambury Farm, the waterfront and the Maritime Museum. We thank you for your support and understanding when the organisation had to change quickly due to illness.

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We targeted our oldest children for these extracurricular activities whilst transition back to classroom learning was our priority for our youngest tamariki. We will look at planning some EOTC activities for our youngest students later in Term 3 & 4.

Check out some photos and recounts of some of the learning that has taken place this term.

The Maritime Museum by Ruby Johnson and Paige Taylor

On July the 1st, our class went to the Maritime Museum. We were on the bus for almost half an hour. We had to have a buddy on the bus so of course I chose my best friend. She was with me the whole time. Her name is Paige. I brought some paper and a pen so we wouldn't get bored. Me and Paige were so excited. When the bus stopped we got out of the bus and there was a man who was our instructor. Then we saw another bus that was a bit bigger but looked almost exactly the same and it was Room 6!

The man took us into the museum. We went through the cafe then into this big room with Room 6. He introduced himself then showed us some maps and things. We learned a lot. We made these little wakas. We went into this cool looking room and got some sticks and some rope. We had to tie the rope around the sticks we made this cross looking thing.

We explored the museum and went back into the cafe part and went into this dark room. It turned out it was a full on movie room! We watched the movie and it was pretty intense. The man said at exactly 12:00pm the cannon would be fired so we went and looked around a bit more. We went outside for the cannon and we were pretty scared, then all of a sudden BOOM! Ouch! I said it really hurt my ears.

We had a lunch break and got in some more exploring. We found this really cool place where you can go in a little boat and we walked a bit more and found a little ticket place and you can actually get the ticket. We got two! At that point we were starving so we finally got some food. Then we went to go and look at rafts.

Our favourite bit was the batch. It was an old house. We passed this old bedroom with bunk beds and then we ran to them. They were unstable and some people were even saying that the floor was moving, wow! We finally had the last lunch break and we got ready for our walk. We got to see the longest mural in Auckland, then we went on the lift bridge. We ran to the big playground and we got ten minutes to play. Then we walked back and got all of our stuff ready and packed and hopped on the bus. We were driving and we got to a traffic light and there was a bus beside us and guess what, WE SAW THE REAL ALL BLACKS AND THEY WERE WAVING AT US!



The Jelly Flow

By Beau (Rm 12)

On Monday afternoon, I went to the Moana fun pools with the class and we caught the bus.

When we got into the pool, the water looked like blue jelly and it was very cold. There was a coach called Coach Samantha. The coach taught us how to float on our back. After that, she gave us noodles for floating. When I got into the pool, it felt like I was going to turn into a fish.

When I got out of the pool, I felt sad because we had to go back to school. But luckily, we can come back next week.

Swimming

by Annabel (Rm 12)

My body moving like an octopus,

My legs kicking,

The water is like a wavy wonderland.

My arms were smacking like the raindrops and my ears can hear noises.

My eyes can see the tiles under the water and my heart is beating and pounding.

The water is rushing up my nose!

My Splash!

by George (Rm 12)

My legs are kicking like a snake and my arms are stroking like a turtle.

The warm water is cuddling me.

My ears can hear little waves in the pool, swishy! Swoshy!

My eyes can see the floor of the pool.

My nose can smell chlorine.

My heart is pumping like a drum!

No! my body is sinking like a boat!



Ambury Farm trip – Moana topic

Last Friday, 1 July, tamariki in the middle school went on a walking trip to Ambury Farm. We learned a lot about our local moana, such as the tide, ocean creatures and birds around our harbour. Some students launched their waka. It was a fun learning trip.

Ambury Farm by Amaliya

Amaliya and her team set off to Ambury farm.

Marvelous place under the warm sun.

Bubbling with excitement, carrying my boat in a long walking line.

Unbelievable sight me, Aria and Katelyn can see!

Right! This is a good place to launch our waka, I say.

Yay! Off it goes into the shiny blue misty water!

Fitness is high for us all. Such a long walk it was!

Amazing brown and white spotted cow following us across the fence.

Raining now! Under the bird hide we go, loud and crazy!

Ms Liu lets us sleep after the long walk.



COVID Health Measures in Term 3

This term we have done really well as a school managing staff absences due to the flu and COVID even when it's been quite a challenge to do so. On any given day, multiple teachers might be away due to illness and there are no relievers available to step in. As a school we need to manage this situation by reorganising classes and teacher release time to ensure every student has a teacher in front of them. I know many of you have missed coming onsite and doing all the normal things we have done in the past like school discos etc. Looking forward to Term 3 we will look at the possibility of opening up the school a little more- particularly for our parents of our youngest tamariki. We will make some decisions around this in the first week of Term 3 and communicate this in the newsletter in Week 2 so look out for that.

Reminder- News from the Board of Trustees

It's been a busy term for our Board of Trustees and here is an [end of term message](#) from Corinne Cameron our board chairperson.

Also check out the [board video](#) regarding joining the board and being a part of Waterlea's future. Information will be on our school website from 13 July.

Update-School Board Parent Election 2022

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for 7 School Board vacancies. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by Friday 15th July 2022.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instructions on how to place your nomination into our School's Unique Portal Election nomination portal. Our school portal will be live from Wednesday 13th July next week and you will be emailed specific instructions on how to access this. You will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon.

Election day is Wednesday 7th September.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

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Lost Property

Unclaimed lost property will be donated at the end of the term. Named uniform is returned to the student, unnamed uniformed will be donated to the PTA for their second hand uniform collection.

Please name all your child's belongings (uniform, lunchbox, shoes, hat etc).

Contact reception@waterlea.school.nz if you would like to have a look at the lost property which is located in the hall foyer.

School Dates for 2023

Term 1:

Start of Term: Wednesday 1 Feb (Waananga Day),

End of Term: Thursday 6 April

Term 2:

Start of Term Monday 24 April

End of Term Friday 30 June

Term 3:

Start of Term: Monday 17 July

End of Term Friday 22 September

Term 4:

Start of Term:, Monday 9 October

End of Term Friday 15 December