

## 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 7 September 2022

5-8 September - Tonga Language Week

8 September - Student Led Conferences (SLC) School Finishes early at 1pm

13 September - Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori -Māori Language Week

15 September - NZ Playhouse Theatre Visit: "Emperor's New Clothes"

23 September - PTA Sausage Sizzle

26 September - Tuvalu Language Week

26 September - Photolife Class and Individual Photos

26 September - Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm

30 September - PTA Casual Clothes Day

30 September - Term 3 Finishes



Mālō e lelei!

We are excited to tell you this week is Uike Kātoanga'i 'o e lea faka-Tonga, Tonga Language Week.

This year, the theme is Ke Tu'uloa 'a e lea faka-Tönga' 'i Aotearoa, Sustaining the Tonga Language in Aotearoa.

The Kingdom of Tonga has more than 170 islands! Some of the islands are the peaks of undersea volcanoes. Other Tongan islands are atolls, or islands in which coral reefs surround a shallow pool of water. Only 36 of the islands have people living on them.

The population in Tonga is around 100,000 people, 70% of whom reside on the main island, Tongatapu.

Don't forget SLC are tomorrow and **children go home at 1pm.** Go online to book your time
at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz code: 6epqa

The islands are divided into three main groups: Tongatapu in the south, Ha'apai in the center, and Vava'u in the north. There are also isolated islands in the far north (the Niuas island group) and in the far south ('Ata).

There are two official languages, Tongan and English.

The distance between New Zealand and Tonga is around 2,382km and it takes about three and a half hours to fly there.

At the 2018 census, 82,389 people living in Aotearoa NZ identified themselves as being part of the Tongan ethnic group. Here are some Basic Tongan Greetings

Mālō e lelei – Greetings / Hello

'Okú ke fēfē hake? – How are you (singular)?

'Oku ou sai pē, mālō – I am fine, thank you

There are some great learning activities happening in classrooms this week in celebration of Tongan Language Week giving our Tonagan tamariki a chance to share their culture and language. Look out for next week's newsletter where we'll feature some of these activities. On the previous page we can see Anamalia, Maddee, Sefanaia and Manny looking wonderful for Tongan language Week!

### <u>The new Mangere Bridge - Nga Hau Mangere.</u>

I see the bridge that's brand new. The curve can light up at night and you can see the background glows up like it's magic. Then you can imagine you see the blue light glow, as it reflects off the water with its light blue glows. It just looks like magic. The sky is black like being in a deep cave. I smell the damp sea wood and I can smell the sea. It smell's like salt and I can see the big fishing



boats. I can see and smell dead fish and the smell of rotting flesh. The water crashes against the rocks and wooden pillars. I can imagine the stars - the stars look like they are demons. I will imagine some Māori designs and rituals at the blessing of the opening of the bridge. This will bring good luck to the bridge. It is good for some family time. I can see the fish underneath the water. I can hear people chatting and I can also hear people walking back to their homes saying their goodbyes.

That is my story about the new bridge.

# By William Blucher

#### SchoolDocs - Waterlea's Policies

SchoolDocs is the online platform where you can find our school's policies. From time to time we invite parents to be part of the review process of our policies and this term we'd like feedback on our Sun Protection policy. To do this, go to our website www.waterlea.school.nz , click on SchoolDocs, Username: waterlea Password: waterleaway and look for the review icon on the homepage.





#### **PTA News:**

Lucky us!

For those of us who missed the first deadline, the Kids Artworks fundraiser has been extended to 9am, 12th September!

Follow these instructions if you wish to place an order online:

1. Visit www.kidsartworks.com

2. Use the entrance code: KZ1105

3. Enter your child's room and name when prompted.

Prices have slightly increased, as follows:

Calendars: \$14.00

Cards: \$14.50

Diaries: \$17.50

Mouse Mats: \$16

Sketch Pads: \$15





We are having a second-hand uniform sale on Thursday 8 September (tomorrow) from 1pm – 3pm outside the school hall during the Student Lead Conferences.

Please bring cash for payment to make it a little easier on us all. If you have any uniforms to donate, please bring them along to us at the sale. Thanks so much for your support.

Kia pai tō rā ki a koutou.

#### **Community News:**



# **Mangere Junior Touch**

# Williams Park - Manukau Rovers RFC

2022 - Term 4	25 October to 6 December 2022
2023 - Term 1	7 February to 21 March 2023
Day of Week	: Tuesdays
Time Slots	: 4:00pm; 4:30pm; 5:05pm & 5:40pm
Grades for	: Years 1 & 2; Years 3 & 4 (Open Grades)
	: Years 5 & 6 (Boys & Girls Grades)
	: Years 7 & 8 (Boys & Girls Grades)
Entry Fee	: \$220 per team (7-week competition)

Playing Rules: School Years 1-4 is 5 Aside with the Coach allowed on the Field, Years 1-4 play 1/2 a Touch Field. Dropped Ball counts as a Touch. Years 5-8 play Standard Touch Rules, 6 Aside. Years 1 - 4 open grades/ Years 5 - 8 separate boys & girls grades where possible.

TouchRugby.co.nz Web Portal: https://touchrugby.co.nz/junior-touch/

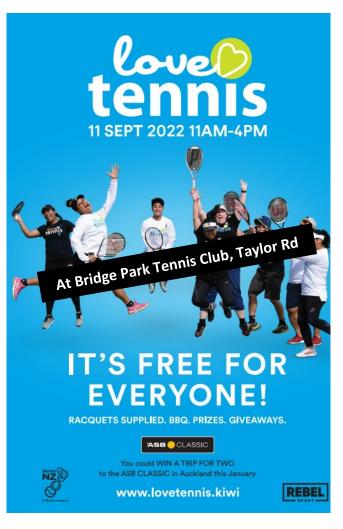
Link to Enter Online: https://touchrughy.spawtz.com/Registration/v/RegistrationFormaspx?FormId=28VenueId=118LeagueType=0

Link to Fixtures and Results: https://touchrugbyspawtz.com/Leagues/Default.aspx

Contact: Nicky Wallace | Mobile Number: 021 2893678 | Email: juniors@touchrugby.co.nz Bank Account: 12 3053 0608734 00 Reference: Team Name - Mangere 3nr - Payee Name

Park Name: Williams Park | Address: Viscount Street, Mangere, Auckland | Map Link: https://goo.gl/maps/Mtdl/4dCqP33dqsn6







softball games for all ages! Registrations on the day.

Ages 5 years - Adult

Onehunga Mangere United Softball Club Enquiries: onehungamangeresoftball@gmail.com

Call 027 666 1978

Free sausage sizzle for all participants!



