

He nui te akoranga ki Waterlea Great learning happens at Waterlea

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3 November - Nov New Entrant Cohort Visit

4 November - PTA Sausage Sizzle

8 November - Photolife Class and Individual Photos

10 November - Nov New Entrant Cohort Visit

16 November - DMIC Maths Parent Workshop 7.30pm

17 November - Nov New Entrant Cohort Visit

21 November - New Entrant Cohort begins

28 November - Board of Trustees Hui

2 December - 2023 New Entrant Cohort Visit

2 December - PTA School Disco

6 December - Year 6 Graduation Ceremony 10am-12pm (note this is a date change)

7 December - Year 6 Dine and Dance (note this is a date change)

9 December - 2023 New Entrant Cohort Visit

9 December - Year 6 Pool Party

12 December - PTA Colour Run

13 December - Term 4 Finishes (1pm finish)

1 February - Wānanga Day

After a very wet weekend it looks like summer has arrived. It was disappointing for Ambury Farm and the PTA that the farm's annual event was cancelled but it certainly was the right call to make. Thanks to Sel and the PTA team for organising a group of willing parents and staff to volunteer as a fundraiser and we look forward to the opportunity of doing it next year.

The great weather we've experienced this week came just in time for our Mountain to Sea trip to Goat Island with our Year 5 & 6 students. This trip has been in the pipeline for a couple of years now but was cancelled last year due to the lockdown. It was wonderful to see the buses off at 7.30am and meet everyone at 5pm after a spectacular day - everyone loved it! A huge thank you to the parent helpers on the day, the folks who worked behind the scenes securing funding and the staff who oversaw all the organisation. Yesterday it was Rooms 5, 6 and 8 who attended and today it is Rooms 7, 9 and 10's turn. See the following stories and photos...



Catering By Stacy Ltd

Buffets - Platters - Grazing stacy@cateringbystacy.co.nz 02102207632 Delivery or On-Site

This Friday we have a great lunch option on offer thanks to the support of Catering by Stacy!

Get in touch with Stacy if you want to have her sort out your next event on stacy@cateringbystacy.co.nz.

Tomorrow (Thursday 3rd November) please send \$2 per sausage in a named envelope to your teacher.

Please specify if you want a vegetarian sausage – otherwise normal ones will be provided.

Facebook: @Waterlea PTA

Instagram: @waterleapta

Email us: waterleapta@gmail.com

Trip to Goat Island

The bus trip

On Tuesday 1st of November we went on a trip to Goat Island, it's a two hour trip on a bus full of loud people. I looked out the window to see a whole lot of trees down a big huge slope. The bus went further and I saw two cars smashed up with spray paint. It felt like five years.
By Ruby

Snorkelling

Goat Island is a marine reserve, a marine reserve is like a no fishing area where there are usually lots of plants and life. Marine reserves are great places for snorkelling, (I love snorkelling). We went snorkelling at Goat Island.

I saw lots of clown fish, snapper, triple eyed cod, sting ray and many other fish.

I also saw a lot of plant life like seaweed, sea snaps and lots of cool rocks and shells.

By Olivia, Room 5

We had to walk backwards into the water. The guy there told us to shuffle back into the water in case we stepped on a stingray. (Which I didn't)

The water was so fun! We went out really deep And saw lots of fish. Me and my buddy, Ella, mostly saw snapper. They were a pink colour with tiny spots. I saw one that was huge. The water was a bit muddy but I could see easily.

By Tegan, Room 5

Litter Study

Room 5 went snorkelling first and Room 6 went on the bush walk and then it came down to us Room 8. So what we did first was go on a beach clean up and some of us got wet. One of those people was me. After I got wet, we headed back to the shelter where we were talking about how much rubbish we picked up.

By Mia, Room 8

Stream Study

There was a huge eel in the stream in the forest. It was at least a metre long. It nipped at one of our fishing nets, it was a pretty cheeky eel if I may say so myself.

I took my shoes off and hopped in the stream because I just wanted to see how cold it was.

My friend Greta went a bit too deep and fell down a ditch in the bottom of the stream and the water went up to her shoulders.

By Neve, Room 5

We went for a walk in the bush and we had nets and Hayden caught a fish called a whitebait which is a tiny white fish. We also saw some fish called bullies because they are very territorial.

By Theo, Room 5



It is not only the senior school who have been out and about - the middle school have been too...

Last week Room 12 and Room 14 visited Ambury farm to learn about migrating birds. We enjoyed Whaea Caroline's Magical Migrants workshop and had a great time touring around the farm. Thanks to all the parents for supporting us.

These are Room 12's collaborative poems about the trip.



Trip at Ambury

Daisies happily swaying in the spring wind,
Birds chirping peacefully like a little song.
Wind gently blowing the trees,
Horses lazily moving around the paddocks
Room 12 people walking quietly along the path.

Charlotte and Katelyn

Magical Migrants trip

I heard birds chirping like a kid singing
in the rain.
I saw a horse as big as a rhino!
I felt sheep wool as fluffy as a peacock's
feathers ,
I smelt the farm smell.

Jaxon and Erica

Its a busy term with lots going on, so make sure you look at the dates in the sidebar and check them each week as new ones are added.

DMIC Parent Workshop

On Wednesday 16 November, Waterlea will be holding a workshop for parents. This will provide opportunities to understand and engage with the process we use for teaching maths at Waterlea school. It will be facilitated by one of our mentor teachers from Massey University.

Where: School Hall

When: Wednesday 16 November

Time: 7:30pm

Gardening Club

Gardening Club is up and running after a two year hiatus due to covid. It was so well promoted that we had a massive influx of kids ready to be kaitiakitanga of our school gardens!

Day 1 was all about making a plan for the rest of the term. The following week, we planted lots of cucumber, courgette and tomato plants as well as clearing extra garden beds in preparation for more summer planting.

We can't wait to taste the fruits of our labour.

Garden Club happens every Thursday lunchtime and all are welcome.



Next time you're coming through the office, be sure to have a look at all the fabulous new art created by Room 23 artists!