



*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

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## Newsletter 23 November 2022

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28 November - Board of Trustees Hui

30 November - Year 1 Whānau Games Day  
9-11am

1 December - Middle School Park Visit 9.15  
-10.15am

2 December - 2023 New Entrant Cohort  
Visit

2 December - Year 2 Whānau Games Day 9  
-11am

2 December - PTA School Disco

6 December - Year 6 Graduation Ceremony  
10am-12pm

7 December - Year 1 Whānau Waiata  
Wednesday 2pm

7 December - Year 6 Dine and Dance 5.30-  
7.30pm

8 December - End of Year Assembly 2-3pm

9 December - 2023 New Entrant Cohort  
Visit

9 December - Year 6 Pool Party

12 December - Meet Your Teacher 2023

13 December - Term 4 Finishes (1pm finish)

1 February - Wānanga Day (Meet the  
Teacher in a 15 min hui)

2 February - First full day of school for  
2023

2 February - Powhiri 9.15am

You may be aware that COVID-19 cases are currently increasing in the community. There have been public health warnings and stories in the media that this trend may potentially build, possibly surging to a new 'wave' over the summer.

This is no cause for alarm as our school health and safety measures have proven effective during peak COVID cases before, and we continue to take appropriate precautions in line with official health advice.

With this in mind, it is a good opportunity to remind ourselves of the measures we can take to reduce the possible spread within our school.

### How can you help:

Collective action has been key to the success of our response. As before, helping us to reduce transmission risk at school comes down to a few simple steps:

- Keep your child at home if they are feeling unwell
- Test to rule COVID in or out if they are sick
- Notify us of a positive case as soon as possible using the school absence form, or by ringing the office
- If your child is a household contact (someone else in their house has tested positive), they do not need to isolate, however it is recommended that they complete a RAT test daily for 5 days

### The Start of the 2023 School Year

We will be starting the new school year with our Waterlea Wānanga. This is when we make time for your child's teacher to meet with you and your child in a 15 minute hui. In this meeting we want to hear from you about your child so that we

understand a bit more about them before the year starts. Wānanga will be held on Wednesday 1 February starting at 8.30am until 4.30pm. SKIDs will be open that day for childcare. Contact 0800 900 754 for more information from them.

Information on how to book your wānanga will come out over the next few weeks. This can be booked once you know your child's class/teacher for next year - after they have met their teacher on 12 December.

Thursday 2 February, all children will be at school for their first full day, starting at our usual time of 8.50am. This will be followed by our Waterlea Powhiri at 9.15am. This is an opportunity for all whānau, tamariki and staff new to Waterlea to be formally welcomed.

### Updating the School with 2023 Plans

If you know that your child won't be returning to Waterlea next year, please contact [reception@waterlea.school.nz](mailto:reception@waterlea.school.nz) as this helps with our planning for next year. Thank you.

### Photolife Photos

Earlier this week, Photolife emailed parents the purchasing info and key codes for the class and individual photos. If you have not received an email please check your spam/junk folder. Failing that, please contact Photolife on (09) 262 1040, 0800 50 10 40, [enquiries@photolife.co.nz](mailto:enquiries@photolife.co.nz). Please liaise directly with Photolife to purchase them online as per the email or over the phone.

If you order before midnight of **Sunday 4 December** you will get free shipping to the school. Your photo order will be dispatched to the school after this date and your child will bring your order home. Orders placed after the above date will automatically incur a \$6.00 Postage & Packing charge and the order will be dispatched to the delivery address you typed in.

### Crockery and Cutlery Request!

Our Year 6 team are aiming for a sustainable, minimal waste Dine and Dance this year and in the future. There are still a few things they are trying to source... if anyone has any random forks and/or dinner plates and dessert bowls that are either plain white, cream or with minimal decoration, please drop them off to the office. Thanks!

**It's stocktake time!**  
**Please return all  
readers, journals and  
library books you  
may have at home.**  
**Thank you!**

## Ngā Hau Māngere

### Temporary bridge closure 28 November to 9 December



#### Permanent anti-slip deck surfacing

We didn't get good weather while working in winter, so we need to come back now to apply the permanent deck coating. The bridge will close temporarily so we can get this work done.

**Bridge closed from:**  
**10am Monday 28 November to 7pm on Friday 9 December**  
**(weather dependent)**

We'll be working as quickly as we can. If we get the work done sooner, we will open the bridge before this date.

During this time, you will be able to cross the Manukau Harbour via the SH20 underpass and security guards will be on duty.



For more information, contact  
email [omb@nzta.govt.nz](mailto:omb@nzta.govt.nz)  
phone **0508 623 266**

G.J. Gardner. HOMES

presents the Waterlea School  
2022 Disco

# LET'S GLOW CRAZY

**Friday 2 December**

**5.00pm – 7.00pm**

**David Lange Hall –  
Waterlea School**

**\$3**

entry fee

**Early-bird  
tickets**

**Doors open @ 4.50pm**

See Parent Information Flyer for more information

Parents must accompany their children to the event. This will be monitored and strictly adhered to.

29 November – 30 November – 1 December  
2.45pm – 3.15pm  
Outside David Lange Hall – Waterlea School



# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



## TICKETS

Early-bird tickets and DISCO DOLLAR sales will be outside the school hall on 29 November, 30 November and 1 December between 2.45pm and 3.15pm. The early-bird cost is \$3 per child. \$4 door sales will also be available on the night.

## DISCO DOLLARS

\$1 is equivalent to 1 DISCO DOLLAR. Official "DISCO DOLLARS" can only be used for purchasing items and activities inside. We advise that you pre-purchase "DISCO DOLLARS" prior to coming to the disco to avoid lengthy queues. Eftpos will be available on the night to purchase "DISCO DOLLARS" if required, however, we will only have one terminal operating.

## PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN

Pre-school children are able to attend the disco for free. Note the event will have loud music, be darkened to allow neon lights to glow and there may be strobe lighting used at times.

## HOW TO AVOID QUEUES ON THE NIGHT

If you have purchased an early bird ticket, please ensure your child is wearing their wristband. This will allow them and yourself to walk through the pre-sales line quickly and start dancing sooner. We also advise to purchase DISCO DOLLARS prior to avoid any queues too!

## WHAT CAN MY DISCO DOLLARS BUY INSIDE

On the night, we've got a range of things on offer inside. These include:

Face painting = 1 DISCO DOLLAR  
Glow sticks = 1 DISCO DOLLAR  
Potato Chips = 1 DISCO DOLLAR  
Drinks = 1 DISCO DOLLAR  
Water = Free  
Ice-blocks = 2 DISCO DOLLARS  
Pizza Slices = 2 DISCO DOLLARS  
Sausages = 2 DISCO DOLLARS  
Baking = 2 DISCO DOLLARS  
Lolly Bags = 2 DISCO DOLLARS  
1 Raffle Entry = 2 DISCO DOLLARS

## TIMING OF THE EVENT

Doors open at 4.50pm – including the pre-sales and door sales lines.  
Disco will run throughout the 5.00pm – 7.00pm time period.  
Raffles will be drawn and announced at 6.30pm  
Last song played at 7.00pm  
Everything inside will be available the whole two hours or until the items sell out.

## ACCOMPANY YOUR CHILD

A reminder to accompany your child to the disco and stay for the entirety. Please do not drop your child off. One parent may be responsible for more than one child, but please arrange this with fellow parents if your child is going to be accompanied by another Waterlea school parent/caregiver.