

# 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 9 November 2022

10 November - November New Entrant Cohort Visit

10 November - Middles Athletics 9-11am

10 November - Seniors Athletics - 11am

11 November: Seniors 800m Race 9.15am

16 November - DMIC Maths Parent Workshop 7.30pm

17 November - November 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

6 December - Police Dog Visit for Winning Disco Class

7 December - Reports Go Home

7 December - Year 6 Dine and Dance

8 December - End of Year Assembly

9 December - 2023 New Entrant Cohort Visit

9 December - Year 6 Pool Party

12 December - 'Meet Your Teacher for 2023'

12 December - PTA Colour Run

12 December - Board of Trustees Hui 5-7pm

13 December - Term 4 Finishes (1pm finish)

After this week, there are only four more full weeks of school left and we have lots of end of year celebrations to pack into the end of the 2022 school year!

Next year we will have a few changes in terms of our teaching staff and this will be communicated to you in the coming weeks after this is finalised. In addition to planning our end of year activities for our Year 6 students who are transitioning to intermediate, we are also beginning our 2023 processes regarding student class placements. Over the past couple of weeks teachers have been thinking about their classes this year and identifying supportive social groups who can transition together into their new classes. Yesterday we began the process of placing children into next year's classes and we will have multiple attempts at doing this so we get it as close to the right fit as we can. In addition to social groups, we also take into account children's learning pathways and interests when placing them with a particular teacher. By the end of November we'll come together as a staff to give everyone an opportunity to look over the class placements and finalise lists before children visit their new teacher and classroom in the last week of school.

If you have any queries regarding 2023 class placements it is best you email either myself or the deputy principals as soon as possible, as we are in the best position to discuss your concerns further.

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Today the Year 1 tamariki had a visit from Amy of Project Jonah. They learned about a variety of marine mammals , especially those we have in our waters around New Zealand. There was even some maths thinking involved, like measuring whales in centimetres and metres! Thank you for the wonderful visit Amy. We will remember your message of kaitiakitanaga for these precious creatures.

PROJECT JONAH AV

Given Mangere Bridge is surrounded by the sea, our tamariki love listening and responding to stories or legends where marine animals are respected and protected. Here are some examples of Room 1's whale art in response to the picture book version of 'The Whale Rider'.







#### **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

#### **Community News**



### **PTA News**

### 2022 School Disco

Kia ora koutou,

We are so excited to be able to bring you this year's Waterlea School Disco – "Let's Glow Crazy". You'll see all the details on the image over the page, plus look out for the 'Information for Parents' flyer that is coming home today. This flyer will explain everything you need to know to make the night awesome for our Waterlea tamariki and accompanying parents/caregivers.

Ticket and DISCO DOLLAR pre-sales will be held on Tuesday 29 November, Wednesday 30 November and Thursday 1 December from 2.45pm – 3.15pm outside the David Lange school hall. If you're unable to make those times but still want to buy tickets and DISCO DOLLARS before the night, get in touch with us on waterleapta@gmail.com and we can definitely arrange something for you. The class who has the most pre-sale tickets and pre-sale DISCO DOLLARS will win a NZ Police Dog Experience on the 6th December! What a cool way to end the year.

This isn't the last thing we're organising this year – so keep your eyes peeled on our social channels to keep up to date with the latest information and events.

Facebook: @Waterlea PTA

Instagram: @waterleapta

Gmail: waterleapta@gmail.com



Doors open @ 4.50pm

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

See Parent Information Flyer for more information

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