



WATERLEA SCHOOL

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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Important Dates

24 February - MANA Assembly 9.15am-10am
24 February - PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale 2.45-3.15pm (outside hall)
27 February - New Entrant Cohort Starts
28 February - Interschool Cricket (Boys)
2 March - Interschool Cricket (Girls)
7 March - Interschool Cricket (Boys) Rain Date
9 March - Interschool Cricket (Girls) Rain Date
10 March - Feet First Whaanau Day (walk to Ambury Farm)
15 March - Tree Adventures Rooms 5 & 8
24 March - MANA Assembly 9.15am-10am
28 March - Tree Adventures Rooms 9 & 9
4 April - Tree Adventures Rooms 7
6 April - Term 1 Ends
24 April - Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
25 April - ANZAC Day (School Closed)
26 April - Term 2 Begins
26 April New Entrant Cohort Starts
29 May - New Entrant Cohort Starts
5 June - King's Birthday (School Closed)
30 June - Term 2 Ends
17 July - Term 3 Begins
22 September - Term 3 Ends

We hope you are enjoying the sunshine and warm temperatures that we experienced last week. It feels like summer is finally here so long may it last.

Last week we discussed our four MANA values and how they are used and acknowledged in the playground and in the classroom. We also use our MANA values more specifically with our tamariki when we are teaching them to use devices in the classroom and when learning online. Over the coming weeks, teachers will be supporting our tamariki to develop a sense of what being a good digital citizen looks like. Unlike most of the adults in our community, our tamariki are digital natives, that is they have been born into a world where technology use and the internet are part of our everyday life.

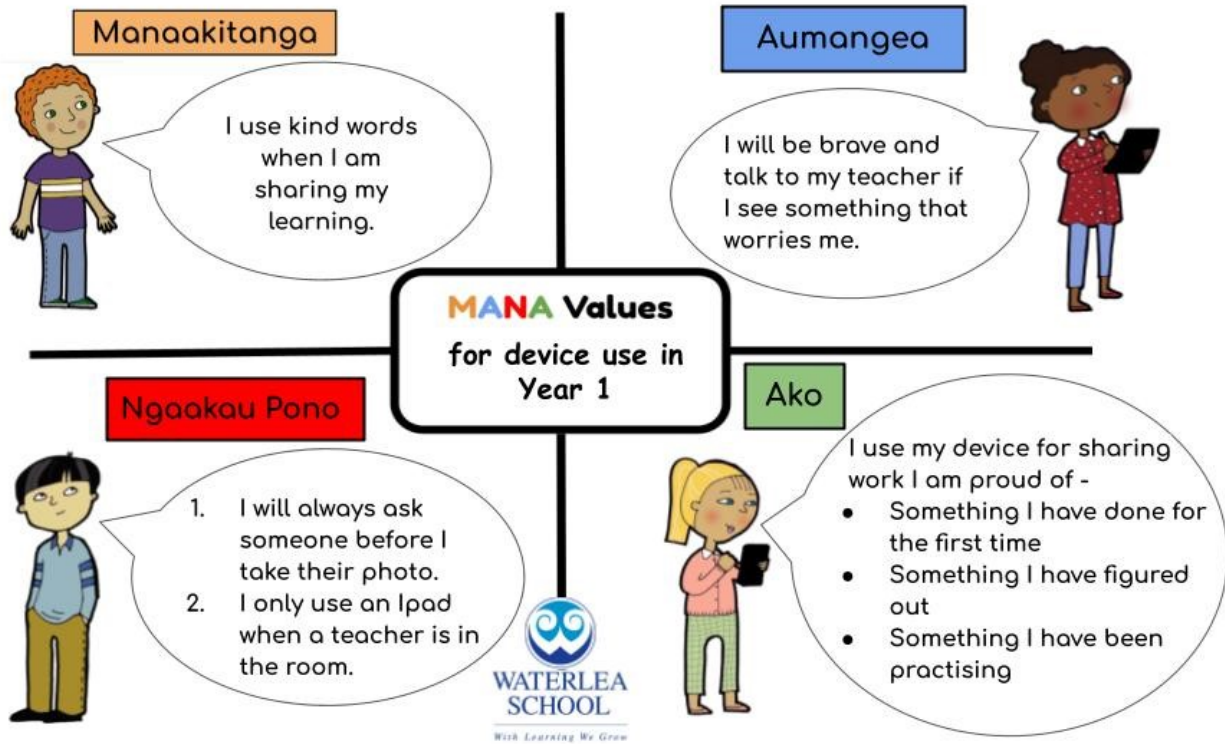
Every school has a responsibility to teach the Digital Technologies Curriculum and Waterlea has developed a shared understanding amongst our teachers as to how we do this.

In the senior part of the school, the students have access to chromebooks. We don't adhere to the 1 device per student ratio but have put in place a ratio of devices which promotes student online/offline collaboration. The senior school children have a signed agreement with their parents regarding device use.

The Year 4 students have a shared set of chromebooks that they can access for particular learning activities. The younger students have ipads in the classrooms that they can use to capture learning and use online learning tools.

Being a responsible user of technology looks different according to the age and stage of our tamariki. Examples of the visuals teachers have created are displayed in classrooms and can be shared with you through Seesaw, because you might like to talk about it at home.

This is what it looks like in Year 1 & 2:



While tamariki are at school, teachers spend a lot of time managing device use, modelling what good digital citizenship looks like and monitoring what happens in the online learning space for our tamariki. As parents it will be important for you to consider ways in which you can support your children by engaging in these things too - managing your child's device use, modelling good device use practices and monitoring what your child is doing online. At times the online world can be challenging for parents to navigate and Netsafe is an organisation that provides support for parents. Later this year we will invite Netsafe to run a workshop for parents and we've put a link to their parent toolkit below so check it out.

[Netsafe's Online Safety Parent Toolkit](#)

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches at School

At Waterlea we have particular rules regarding children having mobile phones at school. Generally we hold the view that if children have their own phone, it is best that these stay at home. If we have a prearranged agreement that a phone does come to school, it is dropped off at the office before school and picked up at the end of the day. We find this is the best way of keeping everyone safe. The same applies to smart watches.

FREE ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES!

ONEHUNGA FESTIVAL 2023

SATURDAY 4 MARCH
10:30am - 3:00pm
Onehunga Bay Reserve

This Friday!!



PTA Second-hand Uniform Sale

When: Friday 24 February

Time: 2:45pm – 3:15pm

Where: Outside the Waterlea School Hall

How to pay: Cash preferred but can do Eftpos
or bank transfers – details supplied at sale.

*If you have any uniforms you would like to
donate to this sale – please contact us on any
of our channels below.*

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