



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

Newsletter 15 March 2023

Important Dates

17 March - PTA Casual Clothes Day
17 March - MANA Assembly 9.15am-10am
24 March - MANA Assembly 9.15am-10am
28 March - Tree Adventures Rooms 6 & 9
3 April - Board of Trustees Hui 7-9pm
4 April - Tree Adventures Rooms 7
5 April - Feet First Whaanau walk to Ambury Farm
6 April - PTA Sausage Sizzle
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
9 October - Term 4 Begins
15 December - Last Day of School 2023

Since the beginning of the year we have been tracking and monitoring our overall attendance rates at Waterlea School. Looking closely at attendance is one of the factors we explore when we are looking at improving overall student achievement. In regards to school attendance it is useful to understand some important data information. Regular school attendance is when children are attending school more than 90% of the time. If children are attending about 89-90% of the time it means that on average they are absent from school one day every fortnight. This in itself might not sound like it would have much impact on learning. It is when we look at this rate over time that it paints quite a different picture. One day a fortnight over a whole year adds up to missing about 1 month of learning. Over 6 years of primary school adds up to about half a year of learning!

Last week our overall attendance rate was 91% which is great as 90% or more is considered ideal. This is positive news because being at school everyday gives our tamariki the best chance of making progress in their learning and developing good routines which will set them up for lifelong learning. Even though our overall attendance rate is good we are keen to work closely with families who might be struggling to get their children to school regularly. If you

School is closed tomorrow due to the nationwide teachers' strike.

School is open again as usual on Friday

would like to chat with us regarding how we might support you in this please contact your child's teacher or email principal@waterlea.school.nz so we can explore solutions together.

Important Library Notice

Hi all! Just a reminder to you all that Library books are due back to our school library each week.


In the past, the Waterlea has never said no to a child wanting to borrow a book from the library. Unfortunately we now have a situation where there are many children with overdue books that need to be returned to school.

Next week I will be sending overdue slips home. These will be in your child's bag but for the junior school, parents will most likely find these in their book bags. Thanks for your support!

Lucky Book Club

Orders from the latest issue of the Lucky Book Club will close this coming Monday 20 March. Orders can only be accepted from Scholastic's online LOOP system.

Casual Clothes Day this Friday!!



THIS FRIDAY, 17 March, is our first **casual clothes day** of Term One. Your children are able to wear anything they feel comfortable in for a day at school. **We're theming this one around Saint Patricks Day – so if you're keen, think green!** On Friday, please send in a gold coin donation to your child's kaiako to support of our fundraising goal of \$50,000.

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SATURDAY 6 MAY | 7.00PM

TABLES COST \$350 – MAX 10 PEOPLE PER TABLE

START PLANNING YOUR TEAM AND BEST TV SHOW THEMED COSTUMES NOW

LIMITED TABLES RELEASED FOR SALE AT THE END OF MARCH VIA OUR SOCIAL CHANNELS. FOLLOW US TO ENSURE YOU CAN SECURE A TABLE – THEY GO SUPER FAST!

PAYMENT REQUIRED TO SECURE YOUR TABLE

PLATTERS FOR TABLE INCLUDED IN COST. SLIDERS, BEER, WINE AND OTHER DRINKS COST EXTRA

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