



*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, Здравствуй

## Newsletter 22 March 2023

### Important Dates

24 March - MANA Assembly 9.15am-10am  
24 March - Cohort School Visit 9-10.30am  
28 March - Tree Adventures Rooms 6 & 9  
28 March - Interschool Softball  
31 April - Cohort School Visit 9-10.30am  
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 - Cohort School Visit 9-10.30am  
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  
6 May - PTA Quiz Night  
12 May - MANA Assembly 9.15am-10am  
22 May - Board of Trustees Hui 7-9pm  
26 May - MANA Assembly 9.15am-10am  
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

At Waterlea School, we have been working as a staff to develop a curriculum that represents our local context of Mangere Bridge and the rich histories that influence the past, present and future. We have created four key contexts that each team will use as a base for our learning each term - Moana (water), Whenua (land), Maunga (mountain) and Hau (air). This term the Senior School are using the context of Whenua to revisit the story of Hape and in particular the importance of trees in everyday life, culture and in discovering our local places.

Focusing on Science, they have been investigating Native NZ trees that are found at Waterlea School, exploring how to date using rings, life cycle of a tree and the importance of native trees to our environment. This is being followed up with a trip to tree adventures where the tamariki have the chance to climb through the trees and experience nature from a different perspective. Looking deeper into the Aotearoa NZ Histories document and the Social Sciences curriculum, the children are retelling aspects of Hape's arrival in New Zealand and how he and others settled in to our local whenua.

We are continuing this journey of developing our local curriculum with the help of some external professional development providers and are aiming to create a clearer pathway of what our children will understand, know and do as they progress through their learning at Waterlea.

### Reminder: Term 2 starts on Wednesday 26 April

- Monday 24 - Teacher only Day (School Closed)
- Tuesday 25 - ANZAC Day Public Holiday (School Closed)

### 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 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.

This week overdue library book slips will be sent 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!

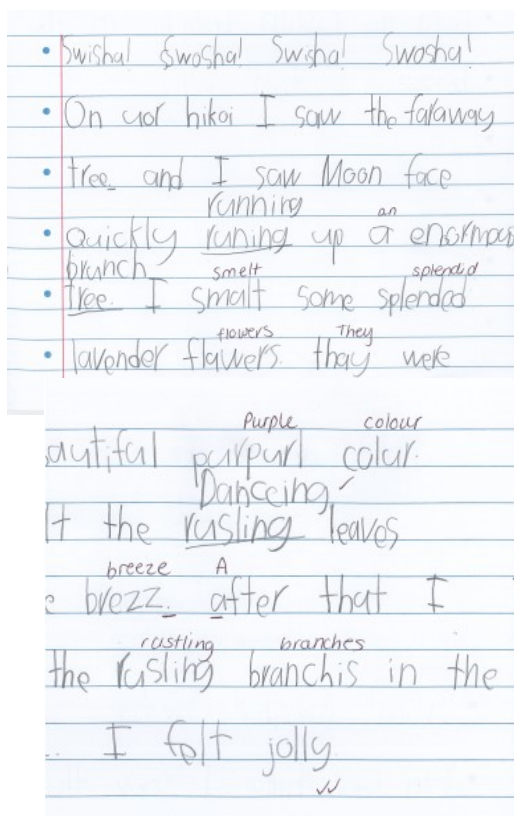
### Meet Waterlea's Moth Plant Busting team

We are the 'Moth Plant Busters'! We have enrolled in a competition hosted by Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board and Pest Free South Auckland to wipe out moth plants. We can win prizes for our school for the most pods and plants collected. Moth plants are bad for both biodiversity and human health. It climbs over and smothers shrubs and small trees and also spreads over the ground, smothering small native plants and seedlings.

Would you like to help us? If you have a moth plant in your garden or know of one in our local community, please get in touch and we will organise a team to help remove it. Please contact our team kaiako:

megan.lundberg@waterlea.school.nz

Thank you for being kaitaikitanga!



**Maia and Tamaki  
from Room 19, share  
their experiences of  
their weekly hiki  
around the block**





# THE AWESOME TRIP TO TREE ADVENTURES!

It was a relaxing trip on the bus to Tree Adventures! When we got there, we had to put a harness on and got shown how to clip on and clip off the courses. I felt so excited. It was really hard when the levels went higher and higher. Roco was my climbing buddy and he was doing all of the levels with me. We did course 1, then skipped to 5, then went to 2, then 3 but couldn't do 4. I had my dad there so he was helping me and Roco. Roco's mum was there too.

We had so much fun, avoiding the obstacles and hanging on tight to the wires. My dad gave me some chips and I let Roco have some, then we were off again on another tree adventure.

When we went back on the bus you weren't allowed to eat, but I was really hungry. I was obviously tired, so I really wanted to sit down in the bus and rest. Me and Roco played eye-spy all the way back to school.

It was so amazing at Tree Adventures! We were laughing gratefully.

THE END

By Sebastian Thomas.

## TREE ADVENTURES!!!

At 8:45am, rooms 8 and 5 were going to take the bus to tree adventures . It was a long and crowded bus drive but when we arrived , no one thought it would look like this!! When we got there we had to put this heavy harness on. There were 10 courses but because of our height, we could only do 6 of them. There were wobbly bridges and some really cool swings. There were long ziplines at the end of each course and they were really exhilarating. For my first time going on the zipline, it looked scary but I went anyway, overcoming my fear.

In the forest, I could smell the bark on the trees and the long grass, that was about the height of me. I could feel the wire hurting my hands, high up in the trees. I could taste victory when I was finally finished. While I was up there, I looked down. It was scary for the first time, but I kept on going to the end of every course.

At the end of the day, we came back to school, tired from all the climbing and the long bus ride back.

THE END

By Alexi



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