



WATERLEA SCHOOL

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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 8 March 2023

Important Dates

10 March - Feet First Whaanau Day (walk to Ambury Farm)
10 March - PTA AGM 2.30pm
15 March - Tree Adventures Rooms 5 & 8
17 March - PTA Casual Clothes Day
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
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

This Friday, 10 March we are planning to walk to Ambury farm for our Feet First Whaanau Day. This is a great opportunity for us to explore our local environment as a community as part of our local curriculum. Simon Hafoka, who is our advisor with our Healthy Active learning initiative, will join us at the farm to organise some games and will talk about the partnership with the Waterlea promoting Healthy Active Learning. If you're interested in coming along, we will assemble on the court at 9:15am and aim to set off by 9:30am. The Year 1-3 tamariki will walk via Muir Ave and the Year 4-6 tamariki will walk along the foreshore pathway.

We will have morning tea there, play some games and then head back, aiming to arrive back at school around 11.00am.

All children **must wear shoes** and a hat and bring a water bottle. Please apply sunscreen to your tamariki before they come to school - we will also have some sunscreen available on the day.

We would LOVE to have parents or any whaanau members come along with us if you are available. Younger siblings are welcome to accompany their parents.

If the weather isn't looking good, we will make a call on Thursday evening and let you know via seesaw and email if we need to postpone.

Lockdown Drill

Today, before morning tea, we practised a lockdown drill. Having planned drills for lockdown and fires are part of our school Emergency Procedures. Before the drill, we talked to all classes

about what to expect so there were no surprises. To make the drill as child friendly as possible, the rationale we used was that we needed to know what to do if there was an unknown dog on the playground, in order to keep everyone safe. During the drill a message was given over the intercom system that we were going into lockdown, children went into their classrooms and sat on the mat, the roll was called by their teacher and

they waited there until the all clear signal was given over the intercom system. The whole school practised the drill for about 5 minutes and then they all went out for morning tea. We will do this again before the end of the term and we will also practise what we do for a fire drill.

Potential Strike Action Next Week

As many of you will have heard in the media, there is a possibility the primary teachers and principals might go on strike on Thursday March 16. This is due to minimal progress in collective agreement negotiations with the government. Most of the teachers at Waterlea are members of NZEI (the teacher's union) and if the strike goes ahead and they decide to join, the Board of Trustees may need to close the school for one day .

Last week, Paid Union Meetings (PUMS) were held and many schools closed for half a day so teachers could attend. At these meetings teachers across the country rejected the pay, staffing and resourcing offer put up by the Ministry of Education. Waterlea decided not to close the school due the disruptions we have already experienced this year. Following these meetings the teachers participated in a ballot regarding strike action and the results will be known in the next couple of days.

As soon as there is any confirmation of the strike we will inform our whaanau via text and email with the board's intention.

Girl's Interschool Cricket

The girl's cricket tournament last Thursday was amazing! We all had so much fun! We played 4 games against other schools that are part of MOSA.

The first match was with a different school. We fielded first and Piper, Emma, Alexi and Hawa all sat out. Our team captain Hannah played a game of rock paper scissors to see who went first. In the semi finals everyone played a great match, Piper and Hannah got a few good runs and Greta and Emma were great bowlers and everyone else was amazing at fielding. We won the semi final and just like that we were in the finals. It was a close match and the winning team won by four points and we got an amazing second place.

A big thank you to Mr Jones for taking us on the day and for all the parents who came to support us.

By Hawa, Piper and Paige



TWO REMINDERS FROM THE PTA:

1. We're having our **PTA AGM this Friday 10 March at 2:30pm** in the school hall. All are welcome to attend this event. We'll be discussing: our financials, our chair will give a report and we'll discuss positions within the PTA team itself.

2. **Next Friday, 17 March** is set for 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 the day, please bring a gold coin donation to your child's kaiako to support of our fundraising goal of \$50,000.

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Order eZlunch for delivery from **Monday 27 March to Thursday 6 April** and go in the draw to WIN a Lego Creator 3-in-1 White Rabbit. The winner will be drawn on Thursday 6 April 2023 and be notified by phone and/or email. Every lunch order gets another chance to win. Go to www.mykindo.co.nz to start ordering.

MANGERE BRIDGE KIDS MARKET

12th March 2023

9am-1pm

NAOMI AND BILL KIRK PARK

CORONATION ROAD,
MANGERE BRIDGE

FOR STALL ENQUIRES
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Mangere Bridge Vipers Netball Club

Registrations are now open for our Mini Vipers (year 1 to 4).

If you have a child interested in playing netball this season, please register online [here](#)

Or alternatively, contact Michelle on 0274 810 396 for more information.

BRIDGE BREAKERS

11 MARCH 3-8PM

ALL AGES

FREE EVENT

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BREAKDANCING BATTLES

LIVE MC PERFORMANCES

PUKAPUKA COMMUNITY HALL

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