



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 10 May 2023

Important Dates

- 12 May - New Entrant Cohort Visit 9-10.30am
- 12 May - MANA Assembly 9.15am-10am
- 15 & 16 May - Community Swim Starts (Senior and Middle School)
- 17 May - Board of Trustees Hui 5.30-7.30pm
- 19 May - New Entrant Cohort Visit 9-10.30am
- 26 May - New Entrant Cohort Visit 9-10.30am
- 26 May - MANA Assembly 9.15am-10am
- 29 May - New Entrant Cohort Starts
- 5 June - King's Birthday (School Closed)
- 7 June - Reports Going Home
- 8 June - Teacher Led Conferences (TLC). Early pick up 1pm
- 13 June - TLC Catch Up
- 26 June - Board of Trustees Hui 7pm
- 30 June - Term 2 Ends

We hope you all came through the heavy downpours yesterday without too much disruption. Eric, our caretaker, spent the day monitoring the water levels carefully to ensure we did not have a repeat of the floods we experienced in January. We did experience a lot of surface flooding on the playgrounds as our drains became overwhelmed with the sheer volume of water. We would like to thank our kaiako, Justin Barrett from the Board of Trustees and John Tapu who helped us yesterday, transporting sandbags so we were prepared for the further rain which was forecasted yesterday evening. As it turned out, the school survived the night without further incident and we are very grateful! You will be pleased to know we are meeting with the Ministry of Education tomorrow to explore a long term solution for our drainage issues.

What a fantastic night we had on Saturday at the Waterlea PTA Quiz Night! It was such a fun event and the costumes were amazing. The winning team was team Country Calendar! Many thanks to Sel Dixon and the PTA team for such a well organised and smoothly run event. Photos of the night and the final total of funds raised will be in next week's newsletter.



Sending Our Condolences

On behalf of the Waterlea Community we would like to send our sincere condolences to the Skinner family. Debbie Skinner passed away earlier this week after a short illness. Debbie was well known at Waterlea as a mum and long standing member of the Waterlea PTA who was involved in many fundraising events over the years. We are thinking of Murray, Ashley and Olivia at this very sad time.

Measles Update

You would have seen in the news that cases of measles are on the rise and schools have been asked to close by the Ministry of Health. Waterlea is being proactive by asking parents to check whether their children's vaccination status is up to date. We are also making parents aware that if we were to have a positive case at Waterlea, children without two doses of the MMR vaccine will be asked to learn from home for two weeks as per the Ministry of Health guidelines. We will email you if we need further information in relation to this.

PTA News

Waterlea Cookie Dough Fundraiser

You would have seen at the gate our PTA team handing out information flyers and cookie samples for our latest fundraising initiative.

We've had some questions about it, so thought we'd do a quick recap in the form of a step-by-step guide on how to get involved.

Reminder – this fundraiser is similar to the fundraising we used to do as children – knocking on neighbours doors and asking them to buy various items. However, this one is done online and relies on you as parents to get sharing your child's page link to family and friends to purchase from you.

1. Jump onto this website: <https://waterleaschoolcookies.raiseit.co.nz/>
2. Click "Set up a Fundraising page"
3. Enter your child and your details – this creates their page
4. Grab the newly created page for your child, and share this with family, friends and work mates.
5. Pick up day is scheduled for Thursday 8 June from the school hall after school.
A. What happens here is – YOU come and collect the cookies YOUR CHILD SOLD.

Then you distribute to those who purchased from your child. Or they pick up from you. Whatever works best for you.

For product information, cooking times, and costs, check out this link: <https://waterleaschoolcookies.raiseit.co.nz/productinfo>

You can't directly purchase from the PTA, but you can buy from anyone who has a page set up to sell cookies.

If you have any other questions, get in touch with the PTA on waterleapta@gmail.com



Ka rawe!