

# 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 17 May 2023

#### **Important Dates**

17 May - Board of Trustees Hui 5.30-7.30pm

19 May - New Entrant Cohort Visit

19 May - Waterlea Welcoming Mountain View School

22 & 23 May - Community Swim Starts (Senior and Middle School)

26 May - New Entrant Cohort Visit

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

23 June - Maths @ Waterlea Whaanau Morning 9-10.30am

26 June - Board of Trustees Hui 7pm

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

We are looking forward to inviting you all to school on Thursday 8th June from 1.30pm- 7.30pm for our Teacher/Kaiako Led Conferences (TLC). TLC are a great opportunity for our teachers to discuss with you how your child is going in terms of their learning/hauora and what plans are in place to support this in an ongoing manner.

To book a time with the teacher we use an online booking system and this is now open so please go to <a href="https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz">www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</a> and use the code **5cqum**.

In order to start the conferences promptly at 1.30pm, tamariki go home at 1pm. Conferences run for 15 minutes and we will need to keep to this timeframe so every family gets their turn. This is a conversation between parents and kaiako so please make arrangements to keep your children at home.

Strong partnerships with whaanau have never been more important and we encourage you to get in quickly and book up a time. We are also offering a catch up TLC session on Tuesday 3.30pm and this will be offered next week after the Thursday sessions have been booked up.

In keeping with the strong partnerships with whaanau theme, we are also offering a whaanau morning at the end of the term. The session will be a glimpse into how maths looks like at Waterlea because it is probably quite different to when you were at school. This whaanau morning will be Friday 23rd June 9-10.30am. Come along and have some hands-on maths fun.

#### Measles

You would've seen in the news that cases of measles are on the rise and schools have had to shut. 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 had a positive case at Waterlea, children without 2 doses of the MMR vaccine will be asked to learn from home for 2 weeks as per the Ministry of Health guidelines. If we need further information in relation to this you would have received an email so look out for it.

### Mountains to Sea Prize

Greta Rm 7 and Serene, who was in Year 6 last year, were fortunate to have won a snorkeling trip to the Poor Knights for their projects they did as part of the Mountains to Sea programme. Greta writes...

On Friday, I was lucky enough to go with Serene to the poor knights. We went with EMR experiencing marine reserves on their annual trip. It was a long day getting up at 5am catching a mini van up north, taking three hours to drive. When we got there, we caught a ferry which took a further hour to get to the Poor Knights. When we got there we put on our wetsuits and went snorkeling. Lots of colourful fish and stingrays. It was cold, but it was fun. We swam in caves, amazing clear, blue water. At the end the big ferry took us into a massive sea cave and the echo was cool from the boats horn. The best part was coming home It was really choppy, we stood on the front of the boat and got smashed by the waves. It was cold, but fun. We got home after 9pm.







<u>Pink Shirt Day</u> is an antibullying campaign that celebrates diversity and creates environments where all people can feel safe, valued and respected. Each year, workplaces, schools, organisations and

individuals join the movement to make a stand against bullying.

Bullying is a serious issue in New Zealand. Every year, one in 10 workers report they have been bullied at work, and Aotearoa has the third-highest rate of school bullying out of 36 OECD countries. People who identify as part of the rainbow community experience higher rates of bullying, and studies show people who are bullied are more likely to experience mental health issues, such as depression, anxiety and even suicidal thoughts.



Help Waterlea become a sea of pink on Friday to support this very important cause by wearing something pink. It could be an item of clothing or just a hat or socks or a hair tie.

# COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

April 28 - May 21

We have **ONE WEEK LEFT** to sell as many frozen cookie dough packets as we can!

We've currently got 41 people helping us fundraise, and they have sold over \$7,000 worth. Waterlea School will get about 30% of this. So the more we sell, the more our tamariki benefit.



If you haven't already, sign up to help us fundraise here: https://waterleaschoolcookies.raiseit.co.nz/hub

To find out more details, send us an email on waterleapta@gmail.com

## 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: <a href="https://waterleaschoolcookies.raiseit.co.nz/productinfo">https://waterleaschoolcookies.raiseit.co.nz/productinfo</a>

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

