



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

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Important Dates

- 26 May - New Entrant Cohort Visit
- 26 May - MANA Assembly 9.15am-10am
- 29 May - New Entrant Cohort Starts
- 2 June - PTA Casual Clothes Day
- 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 - PTA Sausage Sizzle
- 30 June - Term 2 Ends
- 17 July - Term 3 Begins

As you will know Waterlea has a school waiata, Ākitai. Ākitai tells the story of our local area from the perspective of mana whenua. Last week Waterlea welcomed Mountain View School to our kura for a very special event-the gifting of our waiata to their kura. We would like to thank Matua Kimoro Taiepa for composing Ākitai and allowing us to share it with Mountain View School who share our local stories too. Mountain View's principal Ben Hutchings, their Kapa Haka and Kathleen Wilson came to accept the waiata. Waterlea sang Ākitai to them and in response their Kapa Haka performed for us. Mountain View School then presented Waterlea with a pounamu as a thank you and this will be displayed in the David Lange Memorial Hall's foyer. The words and translation to Ākitai are included below because it is the story for all who live in this place. We have also included photos of this special event.

Ākitai

Ko Kiwi Tāmaki te tangata

Kiwi Tāmaki is the paramount chief of Te Ākitai Waiohau

He uri nō Huakaiwaka

Kiwi Tāmaki is a direct descendant of Huakaiwaka

Ko Tainui te waka

Tainui is the waka

Ko Te Mānuka o Hoturoa te moana e

Te Manuka o Hoturoa is the moana (translates to the troublesome sandbanks of Hoturoa, because of the shifting tides and shallow sandbanks)

Ko Te Pane o Mataoho te maunga

Te Pane o Mataoho is the maunga. This translates to 'the



forehead of Mataoho' - Mataoho is the Maori guardian/ god of volcanoes. The full name for Ihumātao is Te Ihu o Mataoho - the nose of Mataoho.

Ka titiro ki te Motu o Hiaroa

Look to te Motu o Hiaroa (Puketutu Island)

Ko Kaiwhare me Taramainuku ngā taniwha tūpuna

Kaiwhare and Taramainuku are the taniwha ancestors

Nō roto Tāmaki e

Here in Tāmaki

Akitai tāngata, kei Tāmaki te rua o Te Waiōhua e!

O Te Waiohua e!

HAKA: Tāmaki Makaurau! Tāmaki Herehere i ngā waka o te motu

Hi! Hā! Hī! Aue hī!

Right: The beautiful pounamu being gifted by Mountain View to Waterlea



Thanks to the PTA!

Waterlea would like to acknowledge the wonderful PTA for the organisation of a great quiz night that raised over \$15,000. We really appreciate all the work that went into this event and the money raised will go towards the remediation of long standing water tightness issues in the David Lange Memorial Hall.

Teacher Led Conferences

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). TLCs 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 www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code 5cqum.

Please Remember:

- The strip of road from the office to the hall is a **FAST DROP OFF ZONE** in the morning - please do not park and take your children in, just kiss and drop!



- The mobility park outside the hall is for our Sir Keith Park Satellite School families and for those with an official mobility sticker in their car. Do not park in this space.

- Let's keep our tamariki safe by not parking on the yellow dotted lines outside the school - this causes visibility issues for our children using the crossing.

PTA News

It was a great show!

The annual Waterlea PTA Quiz Night, proudly sponsored by Jared Hards at Ray White in Māngere Bridge, was an absolute 5 star show.

Sixteen teams from around our parent community came together to battle it out for this year's coveted first place prize - the team who knows the most facts! This year's theme was Television Shows, which brought us dress-ups from many different genres. The Wiggles, Survivor, M*A*S*H, Country Calendar, Handmaids Tale, Peaky Blinders, Outrageous Fortune and The Block NZ to name a few.

On the night, we had several silent auction items up for grabs, and some pretty awesome live auctions; all of which were donated by local businesses who were willing to support our mammoth 2023 fundraising efforts - raising \$50,000 for our school hall. We want to seriously thank all of these businesses and individuals who donated. If you are able to support them in anyway, please do! We are always better when we work together.

Our quiz master and judges on the night were some top class citizens who kept things swimming along perfectly. We also had some amazing individuals from the community step in and assist with various tasks to make the night what it was - thank you all so much.

The PTA team were all first timers at organising this event, and dare we say, we were pretty smashing. Thank you all for all throwing in endless hours, doing A&E trips, your incredible cooking skills, and completing the terrible task of tasting all the wine selections. What a team of people. What a result.

Now for the total funds raised. This year, with everyone's help and our Waterlea community support, we raised just over \$15,000.

Here's to next year's Quiz Night - we hope you can all make the next one!



Thanks to our Amazing Quiz Night Sponsors!

Ray White Mangere Bridge	Chi Hair
Fresh Choice Mangere Bridge	Auckland Adventure Park
Pak'n'Save Mangere	Treasure Island Adventure Golf
AKL Cleaning	BFT Manukau
Loft Cricket	Vector Wero White Water Park
G&T Productions and The Amici Trust	SOPHIE
InnerBloom	Skids
Anzette Nannepaga Association	PrimeCare Dental
Auckland Ice Hockey Association	Subaru
Mia Belle	Nestle
Two Old Blooms	CLM Sport
TVNZ	Gravity
Foxy Fur	Paradise Ice Botany
Catch Fishing	Parakai Springs
Being Yoga	Bunnings
Augustine	TimeZone

PTA Cookie Dough Fundraising

Hello cookie monsters!

With the efforts of 40 epic families, we managed to sell more than 740 packets of cookie dough – which resulted in over \$3,000 profit for our school! We're absolutely blown away and proud of everyone's efforts in achieving this. You are all incredible sales people.

As a reminder, we have just received notice that the cookie dough is DELAYED BY ONE WEEK – so PICK UP DAY will now be Thursday 15th June. We'll remind you closer to the time and we will distribute clear instructions on when and how to pick them up.

As promised, we have awarded some spot prizes for those who signed up to help: 5 x \$20 Warehouse vouchers. Can the following people please visit Steph in the office to collect your voucher:

1. Mady Adams
2. Thea Robinson
3. Keryn Smith
4. Lottie Rausch
5. Hulita Whare Kata

All of our other fabulous fundraisers will also receive a thank you treat upon pick up of the cookie dough on Thursday 15th June.

Mā te wā

Waterlea PTA

