



# 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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## Newsletter 3 May 2023

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### Important Dates

4 May - Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch Play - Year 1 & 2  
6 May - PTA Quiz Night  
12 May - New Entrant Cohort Visit  
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  
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  
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

Welcome to Week 2 of the second school term and what a great term we have planned! Tomorrow our junior tamariki will attend a Tim Bray performance of the Light House Keeper's Lunch at the Maangere Arts Centre. They are all looking forward to this so please send back your permission slips if you haven't yet done so.

Swimming for Years 3-6 at Moana Nui-a-Kiwa pools starts the week after next and you will have received the timetable of days and times from your child's classroom teacher. Each class will go swimming approximately seven times and parents helpers are needed - if you are available to assist with swimming please let the classroom teacher know. Permission slips for swimming will need to be returned to school as soon as possible as well.

In about a month's time, Waterlea will be holding our Teacher/ Kaiako Led Conferences (TLC). This will take place on Thursday 8 June and children go home at 1pm. The first time slot for meetings starts at 1.30pm, the last for the evening will be 7.30pm and meetings are 15 minutes long. Next week we will send out our instructions as to how you book a time slot with your child's teacher. In the same week as the Teacher Led Conferences we will be sending home your child's first school report and the TLC is an opportunity for you and the teacher to look at your child's progress, wellbeing and learning. Later in the year we will be holding a Student Led Conference where your child will share their learning with you and a final report will go home in Term 4.

Finally we are looking forward to seeing many of you this Saturday night at 7pm with the welcome return of the great Waterlea PTA Quiz Night. Thanks to the PTA team for this wonderful fundraising event - have fun everyone!

## Health Update - Keeping our Learning Community Healthy

This Autumn/Winter we need everyone's help to stop the spread of illness and keep our community healthy. COVID 19 is still around and we have noticed an increase in cases of children with vomiting or diarrhea.

- Ministry of Health guidelines are that children remain at home for 48 hours after their last vomit or diarrhea. Please do not send them to school if they are unwell.
- Fever: any temperature of 38 degrees or more is a fever - this means they are fighting an illness/infection. Keep children at home if they have a fever.
- We will continue to ask parents to come and collect children from school who are displaying cold and flu symptoms like runny noses, coughing, sneezing and fever.

## Wet Weather - Spare Clothes

As we have had some very rainy weather recently, we ask that you provide a spare change of clothes in your child's bag. We have had many children request spare clothes from the school when they have got wet at lunchtime or played in puddles and we do not have the resources to provide a change, nor do we wish for them to sit in wet clothing in the cold weather.

## Lucky Book Club

The latest issue of the book club is out and has gone home with your child. Orders can only be made through the Loop System with online payments by this Sunday 7 May. We do not accept cash orders. If you have any queries please contact [library@waterlea.school.nz](mailto:library@waterlea.school.nz).

Waterlea gains points from these orders to spend on books and equipment so we really appreciate your support!



## 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](mailto:waterleapta@gmail.com)

Ka rawe!



# Term 2

## After School Care

24 April – 30 June 2023

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**Week 01**

**Bikini Bottom Bash**

Take a dive down to Bikini Bottom and learn all about friendship and kindness from SpongeBob and his friends! We'll play Squidward tag and make cardboard plankton!

**Week 02**

**Save our Seas!**

In celebration of World Tuna Day, learn all about sustainable practices and how to protect our seas. Create a rod and reel, learn about seabed mining, bottom trawling and get crafty with paper fish!

**Week 03**

**Hands Up for NZSL**

Together we can make NZSL thrive! This week is about inclusion and learning a new language – one spoken with our hands! Learn basic signs and use them to play snakes and ladders. We'll also get crafty and more!

**Week 04**

**Bee-lieve in yourself**

Bee-lieve in yourself this week as you create your own beehive, play stuck in the honey with your skids mates, create LEGO Bees and have more Bee fun! We'll also make some delicious honey cookies...yum!

**Week 05**

**Jam to your own tune**

Wrap up NZ Music Month with splatter painting, DIY instruments, water experiments and body percussion! Compete in a dance off where you move and grove without the tissue falling from your head!

**Week 06**

**Dynamic Disasters**

This week we learn from Tawhirimatea, Ruamoko, and Tangaroa, the gods of weather, earthquakes, volcanoes and the sea as we learn all about natural disasters and how the weather affects us.

**Week 07**

**A Rawr-some Week**

Did you know there were more than 700 dino species? Learn rawr-some facts this week and play games like dino stomp and dino dino wheres your egg? Create origami, pop up eggs and more!

**Week 08**

**Knight to E4**

Compete in week long competition and work together to create a new game! Learn how to play Watermelon Chess and let your imagination run wild with our two drawing games.

**Week 09**

**5+ a day**

Play our fruit salad game and then enjoy a tasty rainbow salad all before creating a patch to plate art project, handprint carrot patches and learning all about important vitamins and minerals.

**Week 10**

**Cosmic Collisions**

Create moon rocks and constellations made from pipe cleaners this week as we celebrate International Asteroids Day! Learn all about the moon phases and compete in a game of asteroid toss!



# Come and play Hockey



Where: Bridge Park Tennis Club

When: Wednesdays  
4.30pm - 5.15pm

## MORE INFO:

IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN PLAYING HOCKEY AND YOU ARE AGED BETWEEN 5-11 THEN COME AND JOIN US AT OUR WEEKLY FUN HOCKEY SESSIONS. **STARTS 10TH OF MAY** YOU DON'T NEED EXPERIENCE. JUST COME ALONG. (HOCKEY STICKS WILL BE PROVIDED IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE)

COST: \$25 PER CHILD  
FOR ALL SESSIONS

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL:  
[KEN@MAPLESDEN.CO.NZ](mailto:KEN@MAPLESDEN.CO.NZ)



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Adapted by Tim Bray, with song by Christine White

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**1 April - 6 May**  
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