

## *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 29 November 2023

#### Important Dates

30 November	Year 1 Games Day 9:15am -11:15am
1 December	Visit 1 Cohort starting 2024
1 December	Y3 - 4 School Talent Show 9:30am
6 December	Y3 - 4 visit to Waterlea Park 9:15am
6 December	Year 1 Kihirimete Concert 2pm
7 December	Mangere Bridge Santa Parade
7 December	Y2 Whaanau Picnic & Games 9:30am
8 December	Visit 2 Cohort starting 2024
8 December	PTA Sausage Sizzle
11 December	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm
12 December	Year 6 Graduation
12 December	Year 6 Dine & Dance
14 December	Y2 Art Exhibition 3 - 5pm in School Hall
14 December	Year 6 Pool Party
15 December	Last day of school, 1pm finish



This week Waterlea took a team of approximately 40 Year 4-6 tamariki to Massey Park in Papakura to compete in the Interschool Athletics. Our students had a great day participating in the various athletic activities and overall performed very well. The weather was kind to all the schools participating and a great day was had by all involved. A big thanks to Andy Jones, Emma Dutton, Justine Burgess and all the whaanau who came along to support our tamariki. Check out the photos below - well done to all who participated.





## **Reminder of School Dates for 2024**

### **Term 1:**

Start of Term: Thursday 1 Feb (Waananga Day)

End of Term: Friday 12 April

### **Term 2:**

Start of Term Monday 29 April

End of Term Friday 5 July

*(Teacher Only Day- Friday 31st May, King's Birthday long weekend)*

### **Term 3:**

Start of Term: Monday 22 July

End of Term Friday 27 September

### **Term 4:**

Start of Term: Monday 14 October

End of Term Tuesday 17 December

*(Teacher Only Day - Friday 25th October, Labour Day long weekend)*

From the office...

Please remember to contact the office should any of your contact details change.

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## Property Update

You might remember that Rooms 7 & 8 moved out of their classrooms this term so they could be refurbished and we are pleased to report things are progressing nicely on that front. Earlier this week the painters began on the outside of the rooms and it's amazing what a transformation has been made. The builders have reported that they are on target to finish the 2 rooms by the end of the term and then will begin on Room 5 & 6 over the school holidays.



## Waterlea School has opted into the School Donation scheme for 2024

Waterlea has opted into the School Donation scheme for next year. This means that the government gives the school additional funding to cover expenses for all class trips. The only exception to this is overnight school camps.

## Auckland City Council - Sustainable Schools Donation

We were kindly awarded \$1,500 towards sustainable schools initiatives. Our proposal was to receive funding towards two recyclable water tanks and a greenhouse. Providing rainwater tanks will make our school gardens more resilient to drought and demonstrate how school families could use rainwater within their own homes. Last week we received two water tanks that were previously used to hold fish liquid blood and bone. Fortunately there was some left over in the tanks to feed our plants. They were grateful but the garden club crew who were in charge of watering had a hard time getting used to the smell - Phew!! Matua Eric is working to get these tanks connected so we have a good sustainable water supply over the hot summer months.

We are expecting our greenhouse to arrive before the end of the term. We are looking for a crew of whānau volunteers to help erect this over the summer break. Let Anita in the office know if you might be interested in this project.



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## **SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

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### **IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!**

On **Friday 8 December**, the PTA alongside Chief Electrical – a Māngere Bridge owned and operated electrician company – are putting on our final sausage sizzle for the year. We're hoping it's going to be the best yet. So, scramble for your coins and get those reminders set in your phones!

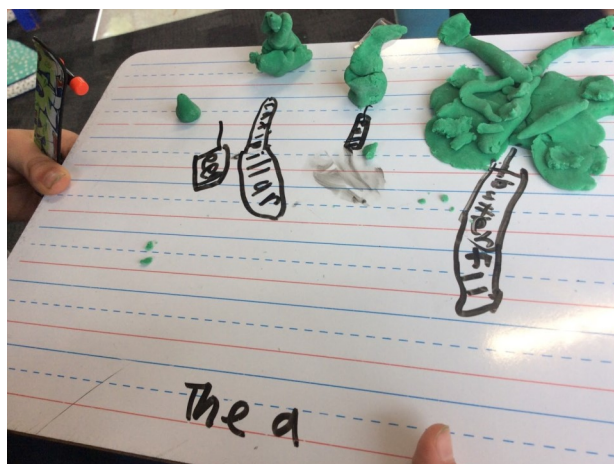
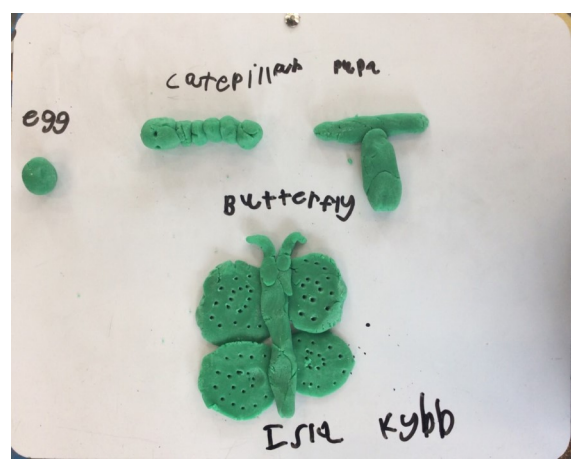
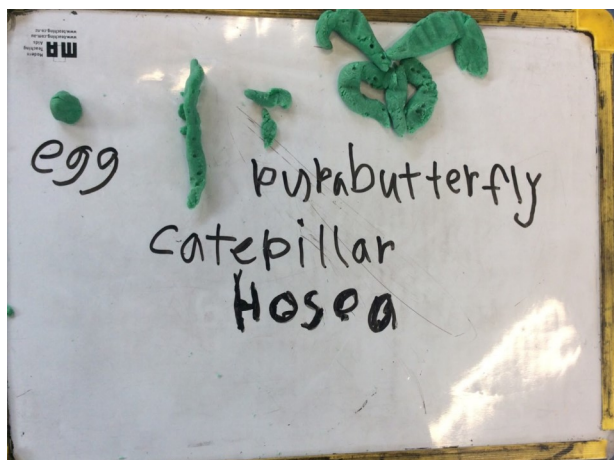
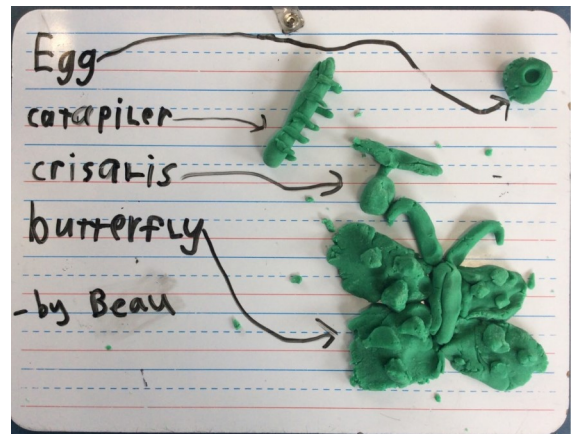
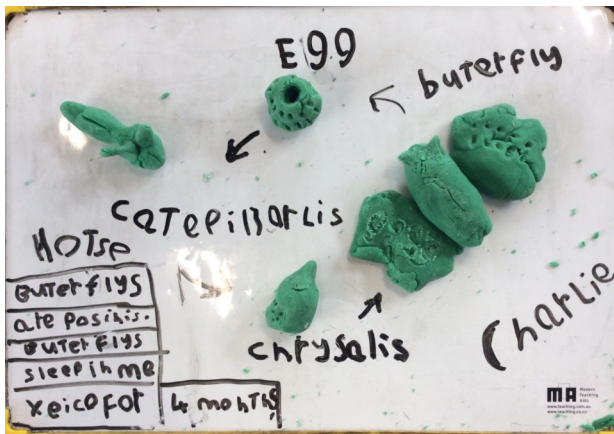
If you need anything electrical sorted in your home or business, get in touch. Support the businesses who support our tamariki! [www.chiefelectrical.co.nz](http://www.chiefelectrical.co.nz)

Reminders/important bits: \$2 per sausage, vegetarian ones are available, please bring money on Thursday 7 December to your child's kaiako in a named envelope.

The children in Room 18 have been learning about insects. We made playdough sculptures and wrote explanations to share our knowledge about the life cycle of a butterfly. Here are some examples of our mahi.

*Do you know how an egg turns into a beautiful butterfly? Read along and find out! It all starts with a white shining egg. Then after 3-7 days it hatches into a caterpillar and eats a juicy green leaf. Then after 2-5 weeks the caterpillar finds a branch and swoosh! It turns into a pupa and stays in it for a long time. Then 1-2 weeks later it bursts out of its shell and transforms into a beautiful butterfly.*

By Lucia, with editing assistance from Amberlyn, Room 18.



'Resident entomologists, Charlie and Arthur'

If you happened to get to the Farmers Santa Parade last weekend you may have spotted some familiar Waterlea faces in the parade.

Auckland Transport asked the Waterlea Walking School Bus if they could represent the South & East buses as part of an Auckland wide group in the Santa Parade and of course, it was a big Yes”!

Eight of our regular walkers joined the parade to walk in front of an estimated 100,000 people! It was a very big day for the tamariki, who did a spectacular job.





## SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

If you are after any secondhand uniform items, such as tee-shirts, polo shirts, skorts, shorts, or sweatshirts, please get in touch with the Waterlea PTA and we will do our best to help you find what you need.

All items are \$2, except the fleece sweatshirts which are \$10.



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