



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 14 February 2024

Important Dates

15	February	Moana Ocean Programme Y4
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22	February	BSLA Whaanau BSLA Workshop
23	February	PTA Second hand Uniform Sale
27	February	Boys Cricket Mangere Centre Park
29	February	Boys Cricket Rain Day
5	March	Girls Cricket Mangere Centre Park
7	March	Girls Cricket Rain Day
8	March	Senior School Kayak Rm 5, 6, 9
15	March	Senior School Snorkeling Rm 5, 6, 9
15	March	PTA St Patricks Day Casual Clothes Day
15	March	Senior School Snorkeling Rm 7, 8, 9
21	March	Goat Island Trip Rm 5, 6, 9
22	March	Goat Island Trip Rm 7, 8, 9
25	March	Softball, Otahuhu College Sports Field
27	March	Softball Rain Day
27	March	PTA AGM in Staffroom 2:30pm-3:30pm
28	March	Senior School Kayak Rm 7, 8, 9
5	April	PTA Sausage Sizzle
6	April	PTA Paint & Sip Evening

In 2024 and 2025 every school has to review their strategy and to inform this mahi, the Board of Trustees (BOT) would like your input. While all schools have many similarities in what they are trying to achieve, the way in which they do this needs to be unique to their environment and context. As a BOT we believe it is critical that we understand what is unique about our place, Mangere Bridge, and our school so we can use this to deliver the best outcomes for our students. As such we have two questions that we would like you to answer for us;

What is unique and special about Mangere Bridge as a place to live

What is unique and special about Waterlea School as a school

Click the link [Whaanau Feedback](#) to write all the ideas you have about what makes this place (community and school) unique. All input will be invaluable to ensuring that the school is best placed to support all those that come through the gate. It's important that you have your say, if you haven't already done so, you have until Monday next week. Once completed, please either leave with your child's teacher or return to the office. If you would like further information or have a conversation with the board regarding this work, please email ken.maplesden@waterleaschool.nz



Waterlea School Strategic Plan Whaanau Consultation 2024

Every school in New Zealand needs to have a strategic plan. This plan guides how the school will deliver on the outcomes set by the Ministry of Education (MOE) for our tamariki.

Our current strategy is:

Vision - Titiro whakamua

Great Learning Happens at Waterlea by connecting with and influencing our community, culture, world and future

Mā te tūhono ki to tātou hapori, ahurea, me te Ao e puta ai te akoranga pai ki Waterlea

Waterlea MANA Values

Manaakitanga

We are kind, caring and supportive

Aumangea

We are persistent, resilient and brave

Ngākau Pono

We are respectful, honest and have integrity

Ako

We learn, teach and seek new knowledge

Aims – Whāinga

- Deliver success for all students by creating an engaging and integrated local curriculum to improve student outcomes which supports:
 - Culturally responsive teaching and learning practices which uphold the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi
 - Our community of digitally literate learners
 - The wellbeing/hauora for all learners
- Nurture productive community partnerships to enhance learning
- Create a vibrant environment where great learning happens





The Senior School have already started their learning journey about both marine and freshwater environments, and how their actions can impact the health of these precious resources. Please note that the kayaking dates have changed, due to a provider issue. This date change will not impact the final outcomes for the action planning part of the project in Term 2. None of this would have been possible without the support provided by CLM Community Sport, who have generously funded this experience for every Senior School tamariki. To fund this ourselves would cost well over \$20,000, so we are immensely grateful.

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Thanks everyone for your support of our Library!

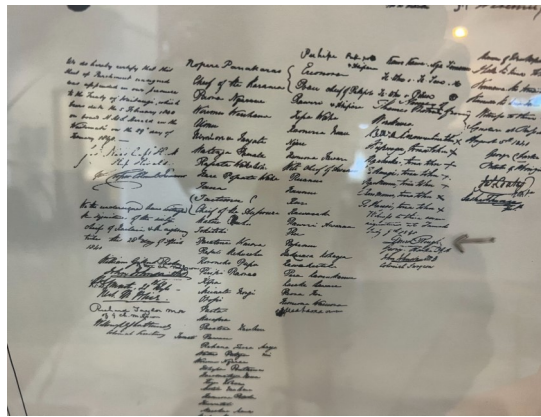
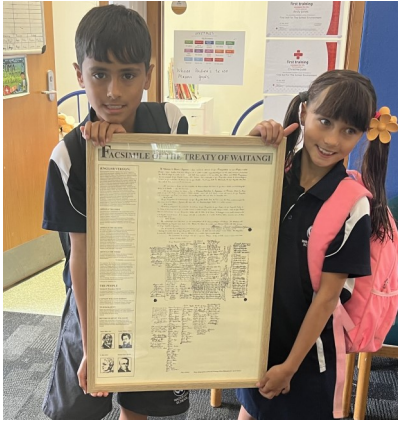
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Last day to order is this Friday 16 February



Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Last week we celebrated Waitangi Day and many of our tamariki have been learning about this historically significant day as part of their classroom programme. History really came alive for us when we learnt that one of our Waterlea families has an ancestor who was present in 1840 and signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi. John and Daisy Rough shared with their classmates their family story of Captain David Rough who was one of the first Harbourmasters in New Zealand. Here they are with a copy of Te Tiriti o Waitangi with Captain David Rough's signature.



Sunsmart-a picture speaks a thousand words..

A group of our Year 5 girls have a friendly reminder about wearing hats. Below is a before and after message.

Before we had put on our hats...



After we put on our hats...



From the desk of the PTA team

Kia ora koutou

Thank you all for your amazing support during 2023. Your involvement in the sausage sizzles, casual clothes days, quiz night, cookie dough sales and everything else we put on, was incredible. It took all of us all to successfully achieve our massive fundraising target for the year: \$50,000. We can thankfully pass onto the school this money to ensure the school hall can become watertight. Look out for the hall being wrapped at some point during this year.

We have a different goal for this year, 2024. Waterlea School has asked that we donate \$20,000 to create an amazing, colourful and interactive space for our Tamariki. They would like to use this money to paint the concrete spaces around the school with games, artwork and interactive games for the children to play while they are at the school. We hope to make this a fun and inclusive experience for all, so keep your eyes out for more information on this.

Our 2024 Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 27 March 2:30pm—3:30pm. Please come along to listen in, give feedback and select our PTA members. We would love for you all to be there.

We have also just published all of our dates for the year in the calendar in the newsletter. Check it out on the left hand side of the first page. First up is our second hand uniform sale. Get in there quick! Unless otherwise stated, items are \$2 each or \$10 for fleece sweatshirts.

PTA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

When: Friday 23 February

Time: 2:30pm – 3:30pm

Where: Outside the school hall

Things to note:

- Cash is preferred to make things speedy for everyone but bank transfer is available
- Please BYO bags as we don't have many



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**Do you want to give your child the opportunity to enjoy fun experiences and learn new skills at school?
Do you want to share the gift of music with your kids?**

***Music lessons held on site
at Waterlea Primary School!***

MusigHub are excited to offer private guitar tuition to students at Waterlea Primary School with experienced tutor JP Carroll. Drum Lessons will also be available again soon,

Students have fun, while learning a range of traditional and contemporary styled songs and techniques where they play together as a group, and as individuals.

Three Easy Steps to Sign Up:

1. Email

jp.carroll@musiqhub.co.nz

Expressing your interest, and any questions you might have



2. Find the right lesson time for your student

JP will help you choose from the options that are available



3. Confirm enrollment

Provide the details requested and get ready to rock and roll!



If you're ready to connect with your children over the excitement, fun and joy of music, get in touch now so we can help you begin this journey!