



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 21 February 2024

Important Dates

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| 22 | February | BSLA Whaanau BSLA Workshop 3:15pm |
| 23 | February | PTA Second hand Uniform Sale 2:30pm |
| 26 | February | Board of Trustees Hui 7pm -10pm |
| 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 |
| 14 | March | Senior School Snorkeling Rms 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 Rms 5, 6, 9 |
| 22 | March | Goat Island Trip Rms 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 Rms 7, 8, 9 |
| 29 | March | Good Friday (school closed) |
| 1 | April | Easter Monday (school closed) |
| 2 | April | Easter Tuesday (school closed) |
| 5 | April | PTA Sausage Sizzle |
| 6 | April | PTA Paint & Sip Evening |

Welcome to Week 4 of Term 1. I hope you are enjoying the sunshine and the lovely longer days while they last. Now that we have been back at school for a few weeks, we thought it would be a good time to discuss some educational issues that you would've heard about in the news and how they might impact what we do at Waterlea School.

One hour a day
of reading, writing and maths

The first issue you might have heard about is a requirement to ensure our tamariki have one hour a day each of reading, writing and maths. At Waterlea School, we've always known the value of allocating a good chunk of time every day to these three learning areas and our school/class timetable reflects this priority. We also understand the need to be flexible and practical when considering how children learn best. Alongside teaching reading, writing and maths, we ensure our tamariki have a rich, broad curriculum with learning activities and experiences which can lay the foundation for ongoing progress in numeracy and literacy. Rich learning activities include health and physical activities, art, dance and drama, science and technology, and learning about the history of our local whenua. Since returning to school this year our tamariki have already experienced some of these rich experiences.

Last week the Year 4 team visited the Maritime Museum where they learnt about early migration and Pacific exploration.



The younger children in Year 2 have a scheduled time each week where they visit Waterlea Park for their Forest School. Here they have an opportunity to collaboratively problem solve and develop oral language skills. The Year 1 tamariki will visit the park for their Manaakitanga Morning where they will be learning and developing social, communication and self management skills. These skills not only underpin our MANA values, promoting positive behaviour and hauora/wellbeing, but are essential for successful learning through play activities.

These planned activities that come from a rich curriculum are also important because they provide springboards for further learning in reading, writing and maths due to our tamariki's level of engagement, curiosity and ownership.



Phones away for the day



The second issue that has been in the news is that schools need to ensure students do not use or access a personal phone while they are at school. This includes during lunchtimes, breaks and after school while they are on the school grounds. Again, this is not such an issue for us at Waterlea because our policy regarding personal phones has reflected this already. If a student has a phone at school it is dropped off at the school office before school and picked up again at 3pm. The Year 5 and 6 team has a parent/child agreement regarding this which has been sent out so look out for it and ask your classroom teacher if you require further information.

Year 1 and 2 Whaanau Workshop

If you have children in Year 1 and 2 you would've had an invitation to a workshop after school tomorrow. The workshop is facilitated by the Junior School Team and will explore the Structured Literacy approach to teaching and learning literacy. The workshop will be held in the school hall at 3.15pm and your children will be supervised.

Road Patrol



We are very lucky to have so many responsible Year 6 students who have trained up for road patrol this year. What great MANA they show every day!

Please support them in their roles by following a few simple rules:

Only cross at the crossing places.

Wait for the words "Cross now" before you step onto the crossing.

Push scooters and bikes over the crossing and carry skateboards.

Maritime Museum Trip

Yesterday, I woke up excited for the trip. The sun was shining so brightly and I was sweating! So let's skip to the part in the museum. When we got there we had to walk to the learning centre to meet the staff who were teaching us for the day. We learnt how to build a waka and we even got to go onboard a waka! We explored the different parts of waka too. In Māori the sails are called Rā. I learnt how to tie a reef knot and that was fun! The staff set us up with a treasure hunt but we didn't get time to finish it all. My mum came on the trip. We went in groups when we got to explore the museum. I was with Mikaia, Hazel, Georgia, Mel and my mum! We took a lot of photos. I can't wait to go back again!

By Eden Turner Room 25



Pedal Power

This week both the Year 3 and 4 children took part in pedal power, a programme run by Counties Manukau. This programme gives our tamariki opportunities to learn bike safety, becoming more confident riding bikes and in some cases learning to ride a bike for the first time.



Building at Waterlea School

Having the diggers in for the day was very noisy, but also the opportunity for some creative writing.



The Discovery

Intense scorching rays burned beat upon the concrete outside the renovated classroom. The digger had been scratching at the surface for hours like a dog trying to find a long lost buried bone.

Amongst the dust and rubble the construction worker caught sight of something. "Stop!" he shouted. As they peered into the gap of concrete, newly cracked like an egg shell, what they saw took their breath away.....

By Room 7 Authors

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



Upcoming Community Events

02 March 2024

🍷 Māngere Bridge Pump Track Opening Fun Day 🍷

📅 **When:** 10am-1pm Saturday 2 March.

📍 **Where:** Waterfront Reserve, Māngere Bridge

Join us to celebrate the opening of the new pop-up pump track at the Waterfront Reserve!

There will be FREE activities for the whole whānau - from delicious food and games to music, balloon making, and face painting!

Need a bike or helmet? No worries! We've got some spares available for you to borrow on the day.

03 March 2024

🚲 Bike to Māngere Bridge Village Market 🏪

Sunday is Market Day at Māngere Bridge Village, and this week it's bike day too!

Travel by bike to Māngere Bridge Village Market on the 3rd of March and receive a voucher to spend at some of the local stalls and shops. We've got VIP bike valet parking ready to look after your bike at Naomi and Bill Kirk Park while you enjoy browsing the market.

04 March — 25 March 2024

🚲 Weekly Monday Ride 🚲

📅 **When:** 6pm-8pm Monday 4, 11, 18 & 25 March

📍 **Where:** Meet at Waterfront Reserve

Join us for a pedal-powered cruise through Māngere Bridge! Explore the shared paths, Ngā Hau Māngere Bridge and the brand-new trial bike path to Māngere Bridge Village.

Starting at Waterfront Road Reserve, our friendly guides from Triple Teez will lead the way and make sure everyone has a great time, no matter your biking experience. After the ride, we'll have a picnic at Waterfront Road Reserve (we'll bring the food!), unwind and meet our fellow riders.

But wait, there's more – every time you ride with us on Mondays, you'll have a chance to WIN a brand-new bike!

Need a bike? No worries! We've got some extras, plus all the safety gear you need. Just let us know on the registration form so we can organise it for you! And if your bike's been sitting around, Triple Teez can check it out to make sure it's good to go before we hit the road.

More events to come in the next newsletter!



Crocs at Waterlea

We have a large number of tamariki choosing to wear crocs to school. While we don't have an issue with this footwear choice in this warmer weather, the accessories (jibitz) worn on the crocs are presenting us with a challenge. Unfortunately the temptation to swap with others or remove these from unattended crocs can mean that we end up with some very upset children.

We are asking that jibitz are treated like toys and therefore should remain at home.



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MUSIQHUB

PLAY SMART



**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!