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Newsletter 27 March 2024

Important Dates

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 6pm
12 April	Last Day of Term 1
29 April	First Day of Term 2
3 May	Feet First Whaanau Walk - New date
31 May	Teacher Only Day (school closed)
3 June	King's Birthday (school closed)

At this time we would like to acknowledge all of our kaiako and whānau who are celebrating Ramadan which this year began in the evening on Sunday, March 10, 2024 and ends on Tuesday, April 9, 2024. Ramadan Mubarak - we wish you and your family a happy and blessed Ramadan. As this is such an important celebration for our Muslim families, this article might be useful if you'd like to learn more about this significant time.

Ramadan Explained

Last week our Year 5-6 students enjoyed a fantastic day snorkelling at Goat Island. We'd like to thank the senior school team for organising this event, CLM for funding it and all our whaanau who supported our tamariki both in and out of the water. In the same week we also took a girls and boys team to participate in the MOSA inter school softball tournament. Again, thanks to all involved in this organisation, coaching and whaanau support. Photos of these events to follow.

Just a reminder we close for the Easter break at the end of this week. All schools are closed from Friday 29 March - Tuesday 2 April.

We return to school on Wednesday 3 April.

News from the Board of Trustees

The board has an update for you, so click the link provided.

[Message from the Board of Trustees](#)





Goat Island Trip Thursday 21 March



Goat Island Trip Friday 22 March

Goat Island Trip

On the 21st of March, Rm 5, Rm 6, and half of Rm 9 went to Goat Island to learn about different Marine Reserves, and to snorkel in the ocean.

Fun fact: Did you know that Goat Island was the first ever marine reserve in New Zealand?

We had to get to school by 7:00, so I woke up at 6:30 and it was super dark outside! When I got to school all of the teachers going to Goat Island were outside checking off every kid that came that morning. Once we had done the roll and everybody had gone to the toilet, we walked down to two big buses outside of our school and loaded everyone's bags in the lower compartment of the bus. We hopped on the bus and started our 2 hour and 30 minute drive to Goat Island! Some people started to doze off considering that it was still very early in the morning, but some people started to sing our school Karakia and it woke everybody up.

Finally, we had made it to Goat Island and everybody was so stiff from sitting down all morning so we stretched our legs by walking down to a gazebo where we had a snack and drink of water. Then we started our briefing with Sophie (our instructor). She stated some standard housekeeping rules like where the bathroom is, and when the groups will be doing their activities. After the briefing with Sophie, group 1 went off to do their snorkelling, group 2 (my group) walked down to the stream for the "stream study" and group 3 went down to the rock pools. We looked in the stream to see what we could find and we saw a fresh-water crayfish. It was so cool! We looked around in the water and also saw some mosquito fish as well! Afterwards we went to clarify the water and it was a bit muddy but mostly clear and had a number of six for its cleanliness.

Before long it was time to get ready for.... snorkelling! We headed up to the main area to get our snorkelling gear: wetsuits, snorkels, and flippers. I was buddies with my close friend Samara and my mum, Louise. With all of gear, everybody walked down to the shore where we got our body boards and walked along the rocks plus sitting down to put our flippers and snorkels on before walking in salty seawater and starting to swim out into depths of the water around about 5 minutes in the snorkel session we saw a real life stingray! It looked so calm, and I was surprised it wasn't scared of all of the excited kids around. My group saw a lot of Snapper and Red moki! The snapper was so beautiful! With its blue, grey, and purple colour! We snorkelled some more and saw lots of kina and kelp. When the snorkel session was over and we walked exhaustedly to the gazebos before getting into our dry clothes and having some lunch ☐

Our last activity, investigation of the rock pools! We walked our some large rocks before arriving at the small rock pools. We saw some blow holes spraying water! It was so magical as I watched the sun glisten through the water as it sprayed high into the sky. We made a note of the different types of freshwater fish we could see! And the water was so clear that I thought it was glass.

We all came back together to share what we saw. I saw some tiny fish, oyster shells, and mussels. Then we started to head back up to home base where the gazebos were.

Group 1 and 3 came back and we had a debrief with Sophie, to share what our favourite thing was.

Sadly, it was time we said goodbye to Goat island so we said goodbye to Sophie, Callum, and Becky before loading our bags onto the bus and getting on and starting another 2 hour and 30 minute drive to Mangere Bridge. I felt sad because we were leaving but I knew that I would definitely come back to Goat island to swim in the water. The bus ride back was very quiet because everybody was so drained from the day's events, and I fell asleep for about 30 minutes before waking up to the sound of my friends laughing.

We got back to school around 4:30-5:00 and were greeted by the sun beaming into everybody's eyes and we were also greeted by the smiling faces of all the kids' parents, As the kids hugged their parents before driving home.

And that was the end of our spectacular adventure at Goat Island!

By Star Lam

Goat Island trip.

Last Thursday on the 21 of March room 5,6 and half of room 9 went to Goat island by bus. We are learning about the Marine Reserve and environment, and we also did some snorkelling in the Marine Reserve, plus there were other interesting activities for us to do!

We had to wake up really early and get to school between 7 – 7.15am. Due to bad traffic the bus had to leave at 7.30. I woke up at around 6am and managed to get to school before the bus left for Goat island. We lined up while the teacher said some safety stuff, and then we hopped on the bus. It was quite a long drive, the bus ride was around 2 hours. The bus was really comfy, there were curtains, seatbelts, and reclining chairs.

Once we arrived at Goat island, we sat down under the gazebo. One of the instructors (her name is Sophie) gave us a safety briefing and other important information. We had a little snack, and then we got ready for our first activity. Group 1 was snorkelling first, group 2 had the stream study first, and group 3 was exploring the rock pools. We got changed into our togs, and put wetsuits on. We got a snorkel, mask, and flippers, then we lined up and walked to the shore. We had to have a buddy and an adult to share the bodyboard with. My buddy was Emily. Sophie taught us how to use the snorkel and mask, and then told us some important information on snorkelling and safety stuff for when we are in the sea. Then we went into the water. We had to walk backwards when we were wearing flippers because if we walked casually in flippers, then we might fall over, or the flippers might break. Once we got into the water we started snorkelling. We saw a lot of fish like: snapper, crayfish, kina (sea urchin), kelp, seaweed, red moki etc. We even saw a stingray. Snorkelling was really fun and I hope I get to do it again. After snorkelling, we got ready for our next activity.

We walked down to the rock pools and started exploring. We found things like: crabs, shrimp, sea snails, mussels, oyster, small fish, kina, and starfish. We were exploring the rock pools, and trying to find a lot of interesting stuff. There were a lot of rocks and slippery green stuff, so we had to be careful. I walked around the rock pools and the beach, and I also found a small waterfall. Then when we finished we walked back to the gazebo and had some lunch.

The last thing we did was the stream study. We walked through the bush and reached the stream where our last activity took place. We sat down by the stream and listened to one of the instructors, Callum. He told us to listen to the noises surrounding us, and then tell him what we heard. We heard birds chirping, cicadas, other insects, and the leaves rustling in the wind. Then we got out some big tubes, which was for testing the water clarity. After that, Callum scooped some water from the streams into the buckets and we looked at the tiny fish living in them. We found small sea worms, shrimp, and a baby crayfish. Once we finished we walked back and packed our things, and went into the bus.

I had an amazing time at Goat Island, snorkelling with the fish, looking at the rock pools, and spending time with my friends!

By Scarlett Haddad





SOFTBALL

On Monday the 25th, the inter school girls and boys went to the softball tournament at Otahuhu college. Both teams played 3 matches in their pools. The boy won one, lost one and drew one, the girls lost two and drew one. The boys progressed to the top side of the finals draw but sadly the girls played at the bottom after some close games. The boys semi-final was a draw so we had to play again and the boys won, finishing 5th overall. The girls won their first game of the playoffs, but finished in 10th place overall. It was a great day with fantastic support from all the families cheering us on. A huge thanks to Mr Matthews, Corinne Cameron and Rhys Lake for helping us to have a successful day out representing Waterlea School.

By Logan Van Leeuwen and Sam Gola.

On Monday the 25th March, we caught the bus to Otahuhu for the MOSA inter-school softball tournament. When we got there, we warmed up before played our first games. After a showery morning, it turned into a stunning day.

My favourite part of the day was playing against all the other teams and representing my school. The girls played 5 games of softball and the boys played 6. It was exciting because we got into the semi- finals. Art's favourite match was the last one, where we finished a creditable 5th place. Anamalia's favourite match was the first one. We played really well during the day and we finished 10th.

Thanks to Mr Matthews for training us in all his breaks and to Ezra's Dad Rhys for helping the boys on the day. And a huge thank you to all the families for supporting us on this brilliant day.

By Anamalia and ART



Moth Plant Update

The Waterlea School Moth spent a busy afternoon out and about in the community on Saturday collecting pods and managed to gather 780. Thanks to The MPB Team and a LOT of community donations we have a running total of... **4,118 pods!!!!**

Keep them coming whaanau



the competition is running till early May.



Order eZlunch for delivery dates 25 March - 12 April 2024 to enter the draw!

Every order goes in the draw for a chance to win. Four chances per order. Winner will be drawn on Friday 14 April 2024 and will be notified by phone or email. No correspondence will be entered into. T&C's apply.

Login to mykindo.co.nz to order.

T&C's apply. Every order goes in the draw. Four chances to win per order. Competition open to all New Zealand myKindo account holders. Competition closes and winners will be drawn at 11am on Friday 12 April 2024. No adult only gift vouchers permitted. No correspondence will be entered into.



PTA SAUSAGE SIZZLE | FRIDAY 5 APRIL

This term, our sausage sizzle is brought to us by Hellers.

They are committed to supporting schools across New Zealand and this is one way they can help—by providing their trusty pre-cooked sausages to assist in raising much needed funds for local kura.

So thanks Hellers! We appreciate you.

Remember: we have vegetarian sausages available on request too. These are cooked and served separately.

What you need to know:

Next Wednesday/Thursday (3/4 April), please send \$2 per sausage in a named envelope to your child's Kaiako. Please indicate how many sausages in total your child wants and be clear if they would like vegetarian ones too.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the PTA on:

Facebook: @Waterlea PTA

Instagram: @waterleapta

Gmail: waterleapta@gmail.com



SIP AND PAINT EVENING:



Only four tickets left for our first ever Sip and Paint evening on Saturday 6 April. Get in touch with the PTA on waterleapta@gmail.com if you would like to know more or secure these tickets.

Rest assured, you do not need to be an artist to attend, we're just wanting to deliver a fun evening for you and your friends, while raising funds for our school.

Date: 6 April

Time: 6:00pm—9:00pm

Where: Waterlea School Hall

Tickets: \$45 per person.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

If you are after any second-hand 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

We also, accept donations of uniform, so please get in touch if you would like to donate.



Gmail: waterleapta@gmail.com | Facebook: @Waterlea PTA | Instagram: @waterleapta

COLLECT YUMMY STICKERS AND GET SPORTS GEAR FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for Waterlea School's share of the \$200,000 free Sport sports gear prize pool.

Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. The more you collect, the more sports gear we can get so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now!

All stickers/cut-outs along with your school's Total Tally Sheet must received by us by Tuesday 24 September.

[Download your sticker collection sheet here or pick one up at the office.](#)





NETBALL

Do you have a child in year 1 to 4 who is interested in playing netball this year? Mangere Bridge Vipers Netball Club has a few spots left in our junior teams. Hurry, they're filling up fast!

Season dates: 11th May to 10th August

No games: King's Birthday, Matariki or during the school holidays.

Games: Saturday 9am (yr1/2) and 10am (yr3/4) at MONC, David Lange Park, Mangere

Cost: \$20 club fees & \$25 uniform fee

If you would like to know more please visit:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/mangerebridgevipersnetballclub>

and/or contact Corinne on 021 0799 024.

**AUCTION
ITEMS FOR
QUIZ NIGHT
NEEDED**

**WE
NEED
YOU!**

Waterlea PTA are getting ready for this years Quiz and Auction night on 22 June but we need your help!!

This year we are raising funds to paint the netball courts, four square games and giant chess for our tamariki to enjoy during break times.

As well as reaching out to local businesses in our community, we are interested in hearing from you if you/or your employer is happy to donate a gift, products, vouchers, experiences, or services!

We will be promoting all companies who donate at the event and in school newsletters.

Contact us at waterleapta@gmail.com if you can help or to find out more!!



PUT 22 JUNE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!! MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

Upcoming Community Events



MANGERE BRIDGE VILLAGE PRESENTS

FAMILY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY APRIL 7TH 10AM - 4.00PM
CORONATION ROAD IN THE VILLAGE.
FOOD, MUSIC, stalls & loads of
free ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN
PLUS.....
THE BRIDGE BREAKERS CLASSIC
BREAK DANCING BATTLE 12-3PM

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The BRIDGE BREAKERS Classic

SUNDAY, 7TH APRIL 2024 12-3PM
Māngere Bridge Village



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10 AM - 12 PM



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RĀTŪ / TUESDAY 28 MAY 2024, 11.45AM



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Nau mai, haere mai!

