



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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Important Dates

14 June	Whole School Mana Assembly 9:30am
19 June	Maritime Museum Rooms 6 + 7
20 June	Maritime Museum Rooms 8 + 9
21 June	Maritime Museum Room 5
22 June	PTA Quiz Night
24 June	Mid Year School Reports go home
26 June	Teacher Led Conferences 1:30pm
27 June	Whole School Mana Assembly 9:30am
28 June	Matariki (school closed)
1 July	Board of Trustees Hui 3:30pm
5 July	Dawn hikoi up Te pane o Mataoho
5 July	Matariki Assembly 11am
5 July	Last day of Term 2
22 July	First day of Term 3
22 July	New Cohort starts school
25 July	Structured Literacy for Whaanau 3pm
31 July	Year 4 - 6 Swimming Starts

We've had a busy week at Waterlea School, kicking off on Friday with a Walking School Bus Celebration and ending with an inter school boys/girls Netball Tournament yesterday. A Walking School Bus is similar to a normal school bus except children walk to and from school along a designated route, under the supervision of parent volunteers who act as the Walking School Bus driver. Walking School Buses reduce the number of cars on the road, making our environment safer and cleaner. Children also learn about road safety as they walk and get some exercise in a fun and social way. There are so many benefits of a Walking School Bus particularly in regards to our tamariki's hauora and well being. But there are some other benefits too:



For our Tamariki

- Children enjoy meeting up and talking to their friends
- They gain a sense of independence
- Friendships develop across different age groups
- They learn about road safety from a pedestrian's perspective
- They develop a positive attitude towards walking
- Improve their overall health and decrease obesity levels
- Daily exercise can aid academic achievements, as it helps improve concentration, memory and learning
- Kids just love the fun, organised activities and resources

For our Whaanau

- Enjoy extra free time when you do not have to drop off or pick up your children every day
- Get to know the families in your neighbourhood
- Save on fuel costs
- Learn new skills from the optional workshops provided; All workshops have certificates suitable for a CV
- Have the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping the school, your child and other children
- Take advantage of the routine exercise walking to school provides
- Help make your school safer by reducing the congestion around the school gate

Waterlea has been involved in the Walking School Bus for approximately 15 years with a few gaps due to school closures etc. Currently, our supervisor is Kirsten Robinson and she leads a great team of parent volunteers. A big thank you to them and all the past supervisors and volunteers who have overseen this great initiative.



Teacher Led Conferences

Just a reminder regarding Teacher Led Conferences (TLC). Get in quickly and book your spot for **Wednesday 26th June from 1.30pm- 7.30pm**. We use an online booking system:

1. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
2. Use the code **hrnvk**
3. The event is called **Waterlea School Teacher Led Conferences 2024**
4. Children stay home for this conference and then come along for the Student Led Conference later this year
5. Any problems booking online, phone the school office 096364233 and we'd be happy to help

NETBALL TOURNAMENT DAY!

By Annabel, Eden, and Grace Rm 9

Tuesday morning was an exciting time because it was NETBALL TOURNAMENT DAY! First of all we got to Room 5 for roll call, we all lined up and went to the bus. Annabel, Eden, Hannah and Grace too sat together. Everyone played games on the bus ride there like eye spy and we sang some songs like 'Wheels on the bus'. We were very excited and the bus was quite noisy.

We finally arrived at St John's courts and we had a snack break to give us energy for the games ahead. We got assigned a coach and then we went to our court as a team for warm ups. We did heaps of warm ups with lots of running around the court-we got really warmed up quickly. The weather was quite unpredictable with some rain, wind and sun all mixed up together. Our first game was against a very good team and we tried our hardest to get some goals and hold on to the ball. Then we had another game to watch before our next game- it was two boys teams playing each other. Our last game of the day was against Jean Batten School. It was a tough game and by the end of the game we tied with them. The bus ride home was much quieter than on the way there. It was because everyone was really tired but happy. We actually got back to school after the 3:00` pm bell and some of our parents were beginning to get worried. But in the end everything worked out and we had one of the best tiring days of our lives. We'd like to thank the coaches, Mr Jones, Mr Matthews and Miss Edwards for all their hard work. We would also like the parent's for their support.

Walking to school with the Blues

Our kids on the Walking School Bus had a great surprise on Thursday, when they had the chance to walk to school with the Blues!

We won a competition where four members of the Blues women's rugby team joined the kids for their morning walk. Upon arriving at school, the kids were greeted by the Walking School Bus itself, Happy Feet, and were lucky enough to receive posters, Blues flags and a hot chocolate to kick off the day.

It was such a great reward for our busy walkers, and the buzz kids got out of the morning.

If you're interested in joining the Walking School Bus (or starting a route of your own!), more information can be found on our school website:

<https://www.waterlea.school.nz/information/walking-school-bus/>





ONEHUNGA PEOPLE'S GARDEN

A native habitat restoration
and community garden
project in Onehunga

Onehunga Peoples Garden Combined Schools Working Bee

Sun 16th June 1-3pm

Location: 64 Arthur St, Onehunga

www.onehungapeoplesgarden.org



Whaia Te Iti Kahurangi
Together, Success for All





**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!
Introducing Keyboard Lessons***

MusigHub are excited to offer private guitar and drum and keyboard tuition to students at Waterlea Primary School with experienced tutors JP Carroll and Joshua Nelson.

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!



- Community run organisation aiming to encourage children's love of swimming from ages 5 and up.
- Build swimming confidence and water safety skills.
- Learn to Swim through to Competitive Squad training.
- Regular Club Nights to develop competitive swimming skills in a supportive and fun environment.



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**Onehunga War Memorial Pools,
Jellicoe Park**



<https://uk.gomotionapp.com/team/ohsc/page/home>

WELCOME TO....



WATERLEA PTA 2024 QUIZ NIGHT

LET'S TAKE A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD!

6:30 PM SATURDAY • 22ND JUNE

Waterlea School Hall | 17 House Avenue

Proudly brought to you by Ray White Mangere Bridge.

Tickets for tables go on sale on Friday 24th May at 8pm. Tables are \$350, with a maximum of 10 people per table. Please find the link in our @waterleapta instagram bio to book in!

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.



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**New OSCAR
thresholds from
April 1st!**

**Get up to 50 Hours
of Free Holiday Care
at sKids***

Find out if you qualify

*Free 50 hours apply to eligible families receiving the highest OSCAR Subsidy threshold.

