



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,
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Newsletter 3 July 2024

Important Dates

5	July	Dawn hikoi up Te pane o Mataoho 6am
5	July	PTA Sausage Sizzle
5	July	Matariki Assembly 12pm
5	July	Last day of Term 2
22	July	First day of Term 3
22	July	New Cohort starts school
31	July	Year 4 - 6 Swimming Starts
1	August	Structured Literacy Workshop for whaanau 3:00pm

We hope you all enjoyed the long weekend celebrating Matariki. Matariki is a special occasion in the New Zealand calendar which marks the start of the Maaori New Year. It is signified by the Matariki cluster of stars reappearing in our night sky. This is a time to reflect on the past year, celebrate the present, and plan for the year ahead.

The three key principles for Matariki are:

Matariki Hunga Nui - Remembrance, honouring those we have lost since the last rising of Matariki.

Matariki Ahunga Nui - Celebrating the present, gathering together to give thanks for what we have

Matariki Manako Nui - Looking to the future, looking forward to the promise of a new year.

On Friday, join us for our hikoi at dawn to walk up Te Pane o Mataoho and you are welcome to come back to school for breakfast. We also have our Matariki Assembly in the David Lange Hall at 12pm and it would be great to see you there. Thanks for a great term of learning at Waterlea. A special thanks to our whanau, you have supported all our trips and came along to the Teacher Led Conferences held last week. We had 92 % of families attend last week and have more booked this week and after the holidays. Just a reminder that **school is closed for 2 weeks for holidays** at the end of this week and **reopens on Monday 22 July at 9am**. We wish all our staff, whaanau and tamariki a happy, safe and restful break. We look forward to seeing you all back for Term 3.



HAPPY
Holidays

MATARIKI HIKOI



**JOIN US FOR A HIKOI UP TE PANE O MATAOHO
TO SEE THE WONDERFUL MATARIKI STARS**

DATE: FRIDAY 5 JULY

TIME: 6:00AM!!

MEET AT MANGERE MEMORIAL HALL, DOMAIN ROAD.

WE WILL NEED TO START WALKING PROMPTLY, SO PLEASE DON'T BE LATE.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A WHAANAU EVENT. ALL CHILDREN MUST COME WITH AN ADULT

Attendance Procedures

We have a whole school system if your child is going to be late or staying home because they are sick. The system is to let the school know through email or phone by 9am. If we haven't heard from you we will send a text. If your child is sick for more than 3 days in a row, you will need to provide a medical certificate from your doctor. During Term 1 this year, our school had 75% of all our students with regular attendance or coming to school more than 90% of the time. That means we have a quarter of our tamariki who have irregular, moderate and chronic absences (see the breakdown below). A couple of ways we can increase our regular attendance rate at Waterlea would be to take family trips during the holidays and make appointments after 3pm when possible. When children are well, coming to school everyday helps their learning, builds confidence and social skills, and supports their overall hauora or wellbeing. We understand that sometimes it can be a real challenge getting children to school. If you would like support in this area let us know because we'd be very happy to help.

 **Regular Attendance**

75%

 **Irregular Absence 16%**

Compared to 14% in Term 1, 2023

 **Moderate Absence 4%**

Compared to 6% in Term 1, 2023

 **Chronic Absence 5%**

Compared to 4% in Term 1, 2023

From the PTA.....

A few weeks ago on Saturday 22 June, with the help of some incredible sponsors, the PTA hosted the annual Waterlea Quiz Night. It was an awesome night, celebrating all things from Around the World. We had postal services, pilots and planes, hot air balloons, tourists and even Daft Punk made an appearance. We really loved seeing the effort you all went to in making your costumes really shine on the night.

Our live auction and silent auction items this year were fantastic. An example of some things we had available were: Rocket Lab tours, a year's supply of cereal from Hubbards, a 'Stay-Cation' package for Sky City, 'School Holiday' packs with vouchers from all over Auckland, Audi NZ x Huffer men's jacket, CHI Haircare packages. There were a whopping 39 items or packages all together. One of our amazing parents helped rustle up so many of these goodies and sponsorships this year and we are so unbelievably grateful for you and your time that you dedicated to this. So let's give a huge thumbs up and thank you to Sharnie Warren. Also, if you were one of the sponsors who donated items or services to our extensive list this year, we sincerely thank you.

Our final numbers are still being calculated, however, we have managed to raise approximately \$14,000 for Waterlea School. Thankfully with this kind of money plus the amount we have raised in other activities this year, we will be able to fully fund the 'beautification' project the school has requested at the start of the year. We can't wait to see what amazing things happen to our school grounds.

We still have a few more things lined up for the remainder of the year, such as the Disco, Cookie Dough selling and a surprise fundraising activity which will be sure to dazzle. Keep your eyes peeled as these opportunities are not to be missed.



The waka trip

Oh hello there. On Monday we went...waka sailing! You may not know what a waka is? A waka is a canoe and it is also known as an old boat that Maaori people used to use! This is how you can make a waka that you can sail.

You will need:

- 2 small bottles
- Waterproof fabric
- 2 popsicle sticks
- A round piece of wood with a hole in the middle of it
- Scissors
- A wooden stick that doesn't have a hole inside of it
- A hot glue gun or if you have it you can use super glue

First you will get the 2 small bottles and the 2 popsicle sticks and glue the popsicle sticks onto the 2 bottles. After that, get the stick and the wood and put the stick inside the hole in the wood and glue it. Now you need to cut the fabric into a sail shape. Glue the fabric on the stick. Now glue the wood on the popsicle sticks. Once it has dried, put a long piece of string around the waka so you don't lose it in the water!

Now you can sail your waka too! I will tell you about my sailing story. On Monday me, my class, rm 24 and rm 13 went down to the playground at the waterfront. We sailed our wakas, some broke and some survived. Mine survived! I went on the playground and played tag. Then we walked back to class. I had a blast in the past!

By Elle

FRIDAY 5 JULY | TERM TWO | SAUSAGE SIZZLE

What a way to end the term! The PTA are signing off Term Two with a sausage sizzle on Friday 5 July.

Remember: Vegetarian sausages are available too – cooked and served separately.

What you need to know:

You still have time if you missed sending in money today. **Please bring in tomorrow (Thursday 4 July) \$2 per sausage wanted in a named envelope to your teacher.** Please clearly indicate how many sausages in total your child wants.



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The maritime museum

On Thursday 20th June, Room 8 and 9 went to the Maritime Museum because we wanted to learn about how early explorers got to NZ .

First, we went on the bus. It was exciting in the tunnel because it was long. I sat with my mum.

When we got to the museum, we learned about how the Maori came here and then we learned all about how they knew north, south, east and west. And how they came here from hawaiki on waka from island to island.

Lastly, me and my team, Brianna and James and Atticus and my mum we looked around and saw ships, old houses and all kinds of things and even an old room that was supposed to be a ship that shook with beds. It was so cool.

It was very loud on the bus on the way back because everyone was singing Super loud I couldn't hear myself think but it was still so much fun.

By Grace

PTA COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER

2 August – 25 August

Know any cookie monsters? Sign up to sell cookies and fundraise for our school next term.

There'll be spot prizes for those who sign up and get selling.



More information on how to sign-up to come next term – watch this space.



Menu Changes Term 3, 2024

DailyLunch & Catering are adding the following to their menu for term 3

Beef Rice Bowl

Pan -Fried Dumplings

Fried rice

Teriyaki Tofu on Rice

Bento Box –Teriyaki/Katsu Chicken on rice ,two piece of sushi , two pieces of seasonal fruit, salad.

Swimming - Term 3 Years 4 - 6

Community Swim will happen in Term 3 for our Year 4, 5 and 6 tamariki. This is a fully funded opportunity for the children to learn water confidence and safety, and have some fun at Moana nui a Kiwa pools in Mangere.

Weekly Lessons will start Wednesday 31 July.

Times as follows:

Room 10	9:00 - 10:15am
Room 24	9:30 - 10:45am
Room 25	10:00 - 11:15am
Room 5	10:30 - 11:45am
Room 6	11:00 - 12:15pm
Room 7	12:00 - 1:15pm
Room 8	12:30 - 1:45pm
Room 9	1:00 - 2:15pm



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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MĀNGERE BRIDGE NEURODIVERSE WHĀNAU SUPPORT GROUP



MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a safe space for whānau of neurodiverse mokopuna to find connection (whanaungatanga), compassion (manaakitanga) and support (āwhina) to help them grow and develop their whānau.

MEETING:

Tuesday Evenings 7.30pm - 9.30pm
during term time at
Māngere Bridge Baptist Church,
28 Woodward Avenue

Please contact Georgi – georgi.deS@gmail.com for further information or to register your interest to attend.

HOLIDAY HQ GAMES!

skids Waterlea
17 House Avenue, Mangere
Mon 8 Jul to Fri 19 Jul 2024

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Site Ph: 027 240 0024

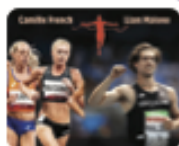
HOURS: 7AM TO 5.30PM
SHORT DAYS: 8AM TO 3PM

Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines.
Contact your programme for detailed information.

**MON
8
JUL**

OPENING CEREMONY

Join us for an exciting virtual hangout with 2 x Paralympic gold medalist Liam Malone and Paris 2024 Olympian Camille French. Hear all about their incredible journeys, from childhood adventures to competing for gold medals! Plus, unleash your creativity as we craft our own team banners.



SHORT DAY \$56.75
LONG DAY \$63.75
AS LOW AS* \$0-\$43.85

**MON
15
JUL**

READY SET FUN MAKE & TAKE: TABLETOP FINGER HOCKEY

Gear up for an adrenaline-fuelled day of hands - on fun! Construct and personalise your very own Tabletop Finger Hockey game with custom features and take it home to play with friends and family.



SHORT DAY \$56.75
LONG DAY \$63.75
EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00
AS LOW AS* \$0-\$53.85

**TUE
9
JUL**

PASSPORT TO PARIS

Get ready to unleash your competitive spirit in an exhilarating capture the flag challenge! You'll also receive your very own global passport and keepsake lanyard, collecting stamps each day as you explore different countries as well as craft Stained Glass Windows like the ones from Notre Dame.



SHORT DAY \$56.75
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**TUE
16
JUL**

YUM-GAMES

Ready, set, cook! Don your chef's hat for a tasty adventure as we whip up yummy French crepes. Then, get ready to indulge in some delicious fun with our cookie face race challenge. It's a culinary delight guaranteed to create sweet memories!



SHORT DAY \$56.75
LONG DAY \$63.75
AS LOW AS* \$0-\$43.85

**WED
10
JUL**

ART-LETIC GAMES MAKE & TAKE: DESIGN YOUR OWN T-SHIRT

Showcase your team spirit by designing your own team T-shirt. You'll also get to shape and create your own masterpiece in our clay medal making activity. It's a day filled to the brim with crafty celebrations!



SHORT DAY \$56.75
LONG DAY \$63.75
EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00
AS LOW AS* \$0-\$53.85

**WED
17
JUL**

SKIDS SPORTS CARNIVAL PREMIUM INCURSION: SKIDS SPORTS CARNIVAL

Join us for a day of teamwork and fun challenges with an athletic twist! Compete in relay races and see if your team can come out on top. It will be a fun day for all!



LONG DAY \$63.75
EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00
DAILY TOTAL \$73.75
AS LOW AS* \$0-\$53.85

**THU
11
JUL**

STEM RELAY GAMES EXCURSION: MOVIES - DESPICABLE ME 4

Today we are off to the cinemas to watch Gru and his inventive Minions in a whirlwind of STEM adventures! From building moon rockets to crafting shrink rays, Gru tackles daring heists and outsmarts rivals using science and technology.



LONG DAY \$63.75
EXPERIENCE FEE \$15.00
DAILY TOTAL \$78.75
AS LOW AS* \$0-\$56.86

**THU
18
JUL**

KEEP THE FLAME BURNING

Keep the flame burning for the final days of Holiday Games. Today we will be exploring indigenous games from around the world and making New Zealand native animals to take home.



SHORT DAY \$56.75
LONG DAY \$63.75
AS LOW AS* \$0-\$43.85

**FRI
12
JUL**

BUILDING BRICKS GAMES MAKE & TAKE: LEGO TEAM MASCOTS

Build your way to victory in the thrilling Building Brick Games! Create your own LEGO team mascot to take home, and reach new heights with our Eiffel Tower construction activity. It's a day filled with creativity and fun, as you unleash your inner engineer!



SHORT DAY \$56.75
LONG DAY \$63.75
EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00
AS LOW AS* \$0-\$53.85

**FRI
19
JUL**

CLOSING CEREMONY

Join us for the grand finale of the Holiday HQ Games with a virtual medal ceremony presented by 3 x Olympian Dean Kent! Experience the excitement as we celebrate online with other children from across New Zealand, celebrating our achievements and friendships made along the way.



SHORT DAY \$56.75
LONG DAY \$63.75
AS LOW AS* \$0-\$43.85

*Based on one child full day at rate 0-3, OSCAR subsidy eligibility criteria will apply. More families now qualify for OSCAR Subsidy, please visit www.skids.co.nz/oscar-subsidy for eligibility and entitlement.

Please note that programmes and surcharges may be subject to change. Visit our website for the most up-to-date information. Special Experiences such as Excursions, Incursions, Premium Incursions, and Make & Take activities are an additional cost to the daily fee and are charged for each child that attends whether they choose to participate or not.



Scan for further information and to secure a spot in one of our holiday programs today!

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GLOBAL PASSPORT
★ CREATION ★
OPENING CEREMONY



- 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**



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