



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 28 May 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

2	June	King's Birthday School closed
2	June	Samoa Language Week
4	June	Y 4 - 6 Swimming Day
6	June	Samoa Language and MANA Assembly 9:45am
11	June	Y 4 - 6 Swimming Day
16	June	Mid Year reports home
18	June	Teacher Led Conferences School closes at 1:00pm
20	June	Matariki - school closed
27	June	Hikoi & Breakfast
27	June	Matariki Assembly 9:45am
27	June	Last day of term 2

At Waterlea School, the MANA Values Korowai is a significant award presented to a student each term who consistently and outstandingly demonstrates the school's four core values:

Manaakitanga: Being kind, caring, and supportive.

Aumangea: Being persistent, resilient, and brave.

Ngaakau Pono: Being respectful, honest, and having integrity.

Ako: Learning, teaching, and seeking new knowledge.

The korowai itself is a beautiful taonga made by Whaea Angelique, and it tells the story of the local area. Its presentation is a highlight of the regular MANA Values assemblies held by the school. Students are nominated by their teachers for showing these values across all aspects of school life, serving as role models for their peers. This tradition reinforces the school's commitment to its values, which were developed through community consultation and form the foundation of Waterlea's school-wide culture. Last term we chose Jiya Pillay from the Senior School to receive this significant award and please read on to see why Jiya was chosen. We acknowledge Jiya and her whaanau for her outstanding contribution of leadership to Waterlea School.

As part of our school wide concept of Kaitiakitanga or guardianship and protection of a local environment, some of our Middle School students had an opportunity to go tree planting in Ambury Farm. Read London's account of this experience below.

MANAAKITANGA

- We are kind
- We are caring
- We are Supportive

AUMANGEA

- We are persistent
- We are resilient
- We are brave

NGĀKAU PONO

- We are respectful
- We are honest
- We have integrity

Ako

- We learn
- We teach
- We Seek new knowledge

Jiya Pillay - Korowai Recipient

People who make a difference in the world are not always the loudest and the most outgoing individuals. There are some who are quiet and unassuming and still make their presence felt through the positive things they bring to the classroom and the lives of those around them.

*Jiya is a quiet, hardworking, creative student who shows aumangea, determination and commitment, in everything she does. She always strives to do her best and is a fabulous role model to her classmates. One of the things that truly sets her apart is her **manaakitanga**, her ability to show kindness and support to others. Jiya always has a smile, a helping hand, or a kind word ready for her classmates. Whether it's offering encouragement to someone struggling with their work or just being a supportive friend, Jiya shows what it means to lift others up. She treats everyone with respect, courtesy, and consideration, whether they are her peers or adults. Her kindness is a reminder that being a good person is about the small things we do every day.*

Jiya has a deep respect for the environment, always thinking about how she can make a positive impact on the world around her. She has a keen interest in looking after the planet, showing us all that even the smallest actions - whether it's picking up litter or caring for animals, she particularly loves fluffy bunnies and kittens - can make a difference.

Jiya has a quirky sense of humour and her laughter is contagious. She always gets her teachers jokes that might sail over the heads of others. She reminds us that it's important to find joy in the little things.

On top of all that, Jiya is a loyal friend. She's the type of person who will always be there for those she cares about, offering her time, her support, and her generous spirit. She has a caring and compassionate nature, and her friends know they can count on her through thick and thin.

It's clear that Jiya has a heart full of kindness, a mind full of curiosity, and a spirit that inspires those around her. She may be quiet, but the way she lives her life speaks volumes. She is a true role model - a reminder that making a difference doesn't always mean being loud or seeking attention. Sometimes, it's the quiet ones who leave the biggest impact.

Jiya, thank you for being a shining example of what it means to be kind, considerate, and dedicated. We are lucky to have you as a part of our community. By Judy Edwards, Jiya's Kaiako.



Tree Planting at Ambury Farm

On Thursday, a group of us went to Ambury Farm to plant trees with nine other schools. We were picked up by a really big, special bus and driven to the farm. After getting off the bus, a ranger led us to our morning tea spot.

We were guided to the place where we were going to be planting the trees and we were given spades and shovels. The plants were laid out where they wanted them to be planted.

Leia and I worked together to make really good holes for the plants and the whole group planted 700 plants!!

When the planting was finished, we were very lucky to have a sausage sizzle and a hash brown for all our hard work.

By London



Next Week is Samoan Language Week, 2-6 June

Waterlea School embraces Samoan Language Week - it is an opportunity for our Samoan tamariki to shine and share their language and culture with others. Here's a look at what Samoan Language Week often looks like at Waterlea School:

- Samoan tamariki are encouraged to dress in their traditional Samoan clothing for the week; often tamariki wear items of clothing which are taonga in their whaanau and they have an opportunity to share this with their kaiako and classmates; they become the experts in their classrooms sharing stories reflecting Samoan language and culture.
- Throughout the week, classrooms engage in various activities to learn more about Samoan language and culture. This can include:
 - Learning and practicing Samoan greetings, phrases, and simple conversations.
 - Exploring traditional Samoan art forms like Siapo (tapa cloth), with students creating their own designs using various materials.
 - Learning and performing traditional Samoan dances, such as the Sasa.
 - Discovering Samoan traditional stories.
 - Learning about the geography, history, and unique culture of Samoa.
 - Sometimes whaanau bring in traditional kai for their child's classmates
- Often our older students perform traditional Samoan dance for other classes and then perform at the Samoan Language Week, MANA assembly.
- Reinforcing School Values: The celebration of Samoan Language Week aligns with Waterlea School's broader commitment to fostering pride in students' identity, language, and culture.



LUCKY BOOK CLUB

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Lucky book club is open for orders

Last day to order 6 June

Teacher Led Conferences-Booking Information

On Tuesday 17 June (3:15 - 4:30pm) and Wednesday 18 June (1:30 - 7:30pm), we will be holding our teacher led conferences. School will close early on **Wednesday at 1:00pm**, children need to be picked up at this time, SKIDS are also available from 1:00pm.

In order to book a time, please go to,

www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code

and enter the following code: **uyxq9**.

This interview is an opportunity for a parent/caregiver conversation with the classroom teacher. Where possible, please keep children at home. If you are unable to do so, we do have some availability for child care during the interview time. If this is required, please complete the following form,

[child minding form](#)

Lost Property

Lost property can be found in the hall foyer. Please remember to name all clothes and shoes so we can return items to your child.

Last week's MANA Assembly Photos





Saturday 24th May was nothing short of legendary as Beats by Bingo brought the house down with a night of amazing costumes, tunes, and prizes!

All funds raised go towards the Mountains to Sea programme the school holds biannually for our Year 5 and 6 students. We're still doing the final calculations and will let you know how much we raised in the next newsletter.

A massive thank you to the PTA and all the awesome people that helped make the night a success.

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MAURI TŪ, MAURI ORA
SPEAK UP, STAND TOGETHER, STOP BULLYING
FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025



Ngā mihi Judy for your donation of \$302.00 to Pink Shirt Day!

Your support is helping create a kinder, more inclusive Aotearoa where everyone feels safe and unafraid to be themselves.

Pink Shirt Day is so much more than just a day – it's a movement. And we're thrilled to have you on our team! 💖

Because of your gift of kindness, we can keep working hard to create an Aotearoa where everyone is educated, equipped and empowered to take on bullying.

Thank you to all of you for your donations on Pink Shirt Day.

Waterlea School was a sea of pink. Altogether we raised \$302 which has been paid to the Mental Health Foundation. May we always be upstanders and stand against bullying!



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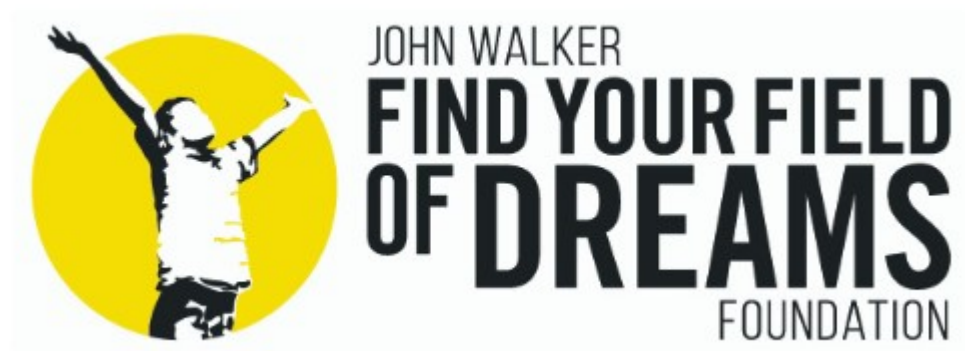
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Swimming Y 4-6 14 May - 25 June (Every Wednesday except 18 June due to TLC)

- Please ensure you child brings togs and a towel
- If your child is not swimming please write a note for the teacher
- Parent helpers are welcome to meet at the pool

This is a fantastic opportunity provided free to our students at Waterlea School

Wednesday's Swimming Timetable

Bus Pick up from SCHOOL

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

Bus Pick up from POOL

10:15am
10:45am
11:15am
11:45am
12:15pm
1:15pm
1:45pm
2:15pm

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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 be received by us by Tuesday 24 September.

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



SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

If you are after any secondhand 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.



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