

*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 18 June 2025

### IMPORTANT DATES

20	June	Matariki - school closed
24	June	New Cohort Visit 2
25	June	Interschool Hockey
25	June	Last Y4 - 6 Swimming Day
27	June	Hikoi & Breakfast
27	June	Matariki Assembly 11am
27	June	PTA Casual Clothes Day
27	June	Last day of term 2
14	July	Start of Term 3
14	July	New Entrants start school
25	July	MANA Assembly
30	July	Royal Oak Intermediate Open Day

Yesterday we welcomed the Kapa Haka group from Onehunga High School who performed for us as a celebration to the start of Matariki. They were beautifully led by Amber-Keisha Kuluia Hampton-Toko-Mikahere (Head prefect) and Kara Belk (Deputy head prefect). We enjoyed seeing some of our former Waterlea students amongst the group performing. We'd like to thank Onehunga High school for coming to us as an acknowledgement of the start of Matariki for our kura. We'd like to wish everyone a happy Matariki holiday on Friday and hope you manage to spend some time with your whaaanu. Just a reminder that next Friday we have our Waterlea celebration of Matariki starting at 6am with our hikoi up our Maunga, Te Pane o Mataoho. After our hikoi, please join us for toast and hot milo in the staffroom. We also have our Matariki MANA assembly starting at 11am in the David Lange Hall. A quick reminder that today is our Teacher Led Conferences and children go home at 1pm. Our Mid-Year reports went home on Monday and if you didn't receive one for your child please let your child's classroom teacher know and we'll make sure we get a copy to you promptly.



## Art in the Senior School

In the Senior School assembly in Week 7 some of the tamariki from Room 5 got to share their beautiful artwork, and talk about the processes that went into creating it. Three different techniques were used, all to excellent effect. This art has been inspired by both The Wonder Project bottle rocket topic, and Samoan language week.

Teacher Led Conferences is a great time to see all of the art, and other work from across the curriculum, on the walls of the Senior School. The rooms are looking so bright and cheerful!





## **Attendance at Waterlea**

You may have heard from recent news items that the Ministry of Education has given schools new guidelines on how to raise attendance. They have asked schools to communicate specific information to parents regarding children's rates of attendance. For the last couple of years, Waterlea has included attendance data in the school reports. This year we sent home letters with the school reports, to some parents with further information regarding their child's rate of attendance. If you would like to chat with us regarding your child's attendance please email [reception@waterlea.school.nz](mailto:reception@waterlea.school.nz) or phone 096364233 to make time with us to do so. Additionally, the Ministry of Education has asked schools to formalise the process by which parents notify schools when they are planning a holiday. From today onwards, we ask parents to email [principal@waterlea.school.nz](mailto:principal@waterlea.school.nz) if you are planning a family holiday during the school term. As soon as you have made a booking, please let us know the details e.g dates and times if leaving early. This information will be passed onto teachers and the office. Thank you for your understanding with these new systems in regards to attendance guidelines. Please let us know if you have any questions regarding this.

### **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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## **Year 5 & 6 Vipers - Mangere Bridge Vipers Netball Club**

Every Saturday morning during netball season, a number of Waterlea children participate in netball teams representing the Maangere Bridge Vipers Netball Club. The photos below capture one of our Year 5-6 teams who had a great game on Saturday playing against Mountain View School. We'd like to acknowledge a group of hard working parents who coach and support our tamariki to be involved in Saturday netball. The opportunity to be involved in a team sport such as netball, soccer, hockey and rugby brings our children many physical, social and emotional benefits. Thank you to all parents involved in Saturday sports of all codes!





Come and see Harper Murdoch from room 5 in Encore Music Collectives latest show, 'Annie'.  
6 Public shows over Matariki Weekend including Matinee's on both Saturday and Sunday.



*The lantern is a symbol of lighting and brightening the path for the Māori new year. Traditionally, the star Puanga (Rigel) and the star cluster of Matariki (Pleiades) appears as a sign of the new lunar cycle in Aotearoa.*

# Matariki Moonlight Lantern Walk

**SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2025 5:30-8pm**

at the Ambury Regional Park Farm Barn



Friends of the Farm invite you, your friends and family to join in a foreshore lantern walk to celebrate Matariki at Ambury Farm.

Meet at 5.30 at the farm barn to make lanterns or bring your own lantern. All you'll need is an empty tin can per person full with frozen water (we will have spares).

We'll have a rewarding sausage sizzle before the walk and hot chocolates after, yum!

Join us for free family fun on the farm - come prepared for the winter weather.



**See you there for a great night!**

details at [www.aboutmangerebridge.nz](http://www.aboutmangerebridge.nz)





Bookings for Skids now open for the school holidays.

## Skids Waterlea

17 House Ave, Mangere Bridge  
Monday 30 June to Friday 11 July 2025

HOURS: 7.30AM-5.30PM SHORT DAYS: 8.00AM-3.00PM

0800 274 172  
Site Ph: 027 240 0024

BOOK TO WIN A \$1,000 AIRBNB VOUCHER

Scan to book online!

MON 30 JUN	TUE 1 JUL	WED 2 JUL	THU 3 JUL	FRI 4 JUL
<b>READY SET EXPLORE</b> <b>MAKE &amp; TAKE: DIY EXPLORER KITS</b> Create your own explorer's gear! Decorate your own belt bag, binoculars, and a compass to prep for your holiday H.O. adventure!	<b>EUROPEAN EXPEDITION</b> Embark on a whirlwind adventure through Europe—storm mighty castles, whip up delicious French crepes, and build your own Viking boats and spinning windmill!	<b>AFRICAN SAFARI</b> <b>PREMIUM INCURSION: MIGHTY KICKERS - FOOTBALL WORKSHOP</b> The Active Kids team is here for a fun Football Clinic. Then, roar into an African safari—paint village houses, play Diketo, and craft sunset silhouettes!	<b>LATIN FIESTA</b> <b>MAKE &amp; TAKE: DECORATIVE MARACAS &amp; HAND DRUMS</b> Unleash ancient magic: designing Mazca Lines, shake maracas and drums, dive into Frida Kahlo art, and play thrilling Aztec games!	<b>PARTY IN THE USA</b> Create bold pop art and dive into classic American sports! From basketball to baseball drills, it's a high-energy day packed with art and action.
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<b>MON 7 JUL</b> <b>ANCIENT EGYPT</b> Decode a hieroglyphic riddle and build miniature pyramids as you step back in time to explore the wonders of Ancient Egypt with fun and brain-boosting challenges!	<b>TUE 8 JUL</b> <b>ISLAND ESCAPE</b> Set sail on a tropical island adventure—build mini rafts, decorate tasty octopus cupcakes, design tapa cloths, explore coral reefs, and craft your own stunning Haka Lei!	<b>WED 9 JUL</b> <b>ASIA AWAKES</b> <b>EXCURSION: MOVIES</b> Get ready for a magical journey through Asia—create Himekaori dolls, paint glue balls, design a kimono self-portrait. Then, enjoy a fun trip to the movies!	<b>THU 10 JUL</b> <b>POLAR EXPRESS</b> <b>MAKE &amp; TAKE: SEW YOUR OWN PENGUIN SOFT TOY!</b> Hop on the Polar Express! Craft a cuddly penguin, build toy igloos, and dash through snowy games in a frosty, festive polar adventure day!	<b>FRI 11 JUL</b> <b>FINAL FLIGHT</b> Celebrate your favourite moments by creating souvenir keychains and designing a travel memory book filled with highlights from your epic holiday H.O. adventure!
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\*Based on one child full day at rate 0. OSO/CAT subsidy eligibility criteria will apply. More families now qualify for OSO/CAT. Programmes, surcharges, and activities may change; check our website for updates. Special Experiences incur extra costs for all attending children, regardless of participation. Closing. Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your programme for detailed information.



# Sports Quest



skids

Create, play and explore the world of sports  
in new and exciting ways!



World  
Games

Wed 11 June



Champion's  
Challenge

Wed 18 June



Ultimate  
Sports  
Mash-up

Wed 25 June



Join us for a **SUPER SPORTY** event  
SCAN TO BOOK ONLINE NOW





# Ride 'n Seek



📍 *Ambury Farm, Māngere Bridge*

Scavenger hunt runs  
until **13 July 2025**

Bring your whānau for a fun,  
**FREE** self-guided scavenger  
hunt by bike!

**Start at the  
Ambury Park Info Hut**



**Go in the prize draw!**

**Three difficulty levels to explore**





# Rumpelstiltskin

Join us in the school holidays on a magical quest where you will meet a greedy king, a mysterious imp, a boastful father, his brave daughter and maybe even a yeti!

*An original retelling of a beloved classic, this innovative theatre adventure features live music, physical theatre, puppetry and gold galore.*

Rumpelstiltskin is a fun holiday activity that is performed by professional actors. It has been devised with children aged 3 - 10 in mind but will charm children and adults alike. We look forward to seeing you there!

**July 1st - 6th 2025**

**Onehunga Community House**

**83 Selwyn St, Onehunga**

**2 shows daily 10.30am and 1pm**

**Tickets \$13 each or 4 for \$45**

**Book at [www.eventfinda.co.nz](http://www.eventfinda.co.nz) (service fee applies) or pay cash at the door**

Further enquiries: [ladderandthreadproductions@gmail.com](mailto:ladderandthreadproductions@gmail.com)

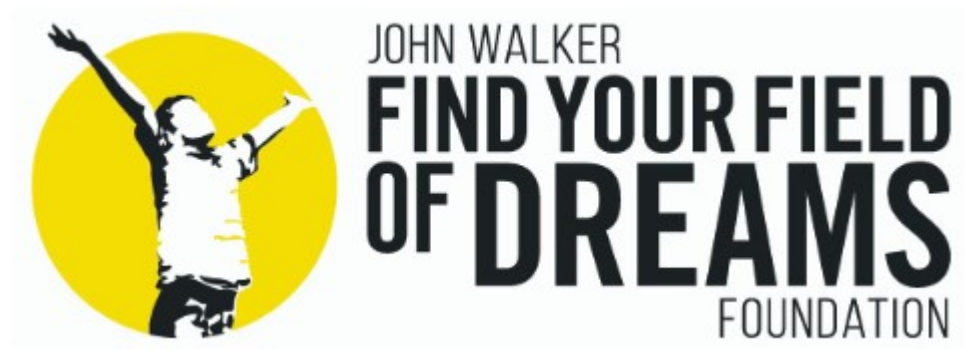


☾ Support The PJ Project! ☾

We're thrilled to support The PJ Project—a heartwarming initiative from The Kindness Collective that brings comfort and care to children in need by providing them with a cozy pair of pyjamas. This year, the Mangere Bridge Vipers Sports Club is getting behind the project, and we'd love our school community to join in too! We have lots of kids at Waterlea School who play netball with the Vipers club. If you're able, please consider donating a new pair of kids' pyjamas (all sizes welcome). Every donation makes a difference and helps brighten bedtime for a child doing it tough. Let's show how big our hearts are—together, we can make a meaningful impact!

Pyjama donations can be dropped into the container at Waterlea School reception, once the collection is over the MB Vipers will collect them all up and deliver them to The Kindness Collective.





**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

## 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 be received by us by Tuesday 24 September.**

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

