

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, Здравствуй

Newsletter 25 June 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

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

We hope you all had a wonderful long weekend celebrating Matariki with your whaanau. Last week our tamariki started celebrating Matariki through a variety of different learning activities and events. In the Senior School everyone had the opportunity to learn about different aspects of Matariki through story and art, waiata, poi and rakau. If you are able to join us for the Matariki assembly on Friday, we will be showing a short video of the learning that was happening across the Senior School. The Middle School had a Matariki rotation whereby tamariki moved between different rooms participating in Matariki learning activities such as making stars, singing waiata, art and relays. The Junior School tamariki participated in waiata, string games, rakau, art and baking. We have our dawn hikoi up Te Pane o Mataoho to view the Matariki stars (hopefully the weather is kind) followed by breakfast in the staffroom and our Matariki Assembly on Friday - come along and enjoy the fun. Just a reminder that Friday is the last day of the term and school will be closed for two weeks. We wish our tamariki, kaiaawhina and kaiako a well deserved break and look forward to seeing you all next term.



Matariki

By Joanna Laing

When Matariki rises in the winter morning skies,
nine special stars are seen with **just** our eyes.
They tell us it's the start of the Māori New Year,
And we gather together with those we hold dear,
To tell special stories and remember the past;
To celebrate the present and make plans that will last.



Matariki Learning Activities continued



Wonder Project

The Wonder Project is Engineering New Zealand's not-for-profit, free programme for schools, designed to inspire young Kiwis with science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM). Whenever the weather is kind, you are likely to spot one of the senior classes out on the field launching their bottle rockets. We are very lucky to have Nigel as our Rocket Ambassador this year. Here are a few photos of the crews launching with him last week.



Parenting Programme for Children with Autism

Waterlea is a Positive Behaviour for Learning School (PB4L) and part of this initiative offers courses for parents and teachers called Incredible Years. Next term we are hosting a 16 week parents course specifically for children with autism. The course will be run by the facilitators from the Ministry of Education who will be using our David Lange Hall. The course starts on Tuesday, 15 July with the session running from 9.30 - 12pm. It will run for 16 consecutive sessions at this time and place excluding the next holidays. Waterlea parents are welcome to participate and it will be offered to other parents in the wider community. Check the flyer below and if you would like more information phone the office on 096364233 and we can give you further details.

INCREDIBLE YEARS AUTISM PARENT Programme 2

CENTRAL AND EAST AUCKLAND

Incredibly uncertain, incredibly different, yet also incredibly enlightening and promising.

Incredible Years Autism caregiver programme for caregivers of tamariki with autism aged 2-5

ENROL in our IYAP Programme 2 - 2025

HEAR OUR STORY Ltd

QUALIFIED AND EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL LEARNING DEVELOPMENT FACILITATORS

Introducing Russell Su'a, Donna Southworth and Susie Talimalo-Ikhele of Hear Our Story Limited. We are a team of specialist teachers, parents and grandparents with a passion for empowering families to create positive change from the inside out. We work as a team and tailor our approach to meet the needs of our families, communities and partners.

ABOUT IY AUTISM PARENT

The Incredible Years programme for caregivers is based on 30 years of research and includes an autism-specific course. Developed by Dr Carolyn Webster-Stratton, it provides caregivers with strategies to navigate and thrive through the unknown and diverse behaviours of their autistic tamariki. It's evidence-based, meaning there's a wealth of research proving its effectiveness.

WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

You will learn strategies to communicate and have a positive relationship with your tamariki who may see the world in a different way. Often this is less about the child and more about your response as a caregiver. You'll learn to reflect on your behaviour and play at their level to meet their needs.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Hear Our Story facilitators are collaborating with the Ministry of Education to support whānau and tamariki in implementing the Incredible Years (IY) strategies."

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Any caregiver who is struggling with the behaviour of their autistic tamariki can attend the course. Whether your child expresses distress, sensory overload, meltdowns or intense interests, there are no judgements or comparisons. If you feel at a loss, isolated or worried, you are not alone

HOW MUCH AND HOW LONG?

Cost: Free
Time: 2.5-hour sessions.
One session per week
Length: 14 weeks

WHERE AND WHEN?

Venue: Waterlea School
17 House Avenue, Mangere Bridge

Every Tuesday
9.30am – 12pm

July: 22, 29
August: 5, 12, 19, 26
September: 2, 9, 16
October: 7, 14, 21, 28
November: 4

Your child does not need to have a diagnosis of autism for you to attend the programme

No programmes will run during the school holidays

Click on link below to register and enrol – then click on 'Other' and type in the box Hear Our Story Ltd as your programme provider.

https://app.forms.educationweb.services/forms/view/iya001?region=2®ion_name=Auckland

If you have any further questions please email hearourstory3@gmail.com and or contact Donna.

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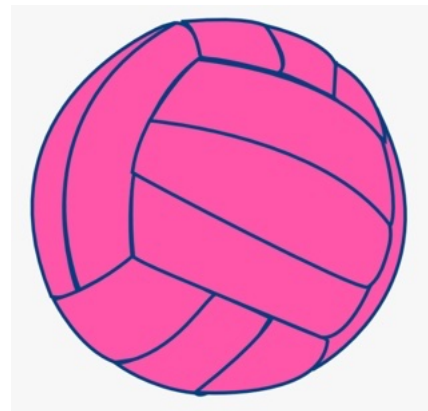
Interschool Hockey

Two hockey teams will be representing Waterlea at the MOSA tournament this week, and we have high hopes for success after some pretty stellar support with training! A huge thank you to parent Hannah Elia (who also just happens to be a premier hockey player!) for coaching our girls at lunchtime and also Ken and David Maplesden who have been coaching the boys. It is great to have support from the community for our teams. Here are a few photos of the tamariki being put through their paces.



Netball

Yesterday afternoon two professional netball players from the Northern Mystics came to Waterlea School to train some of our Year 3 netball girls. They ran an amazing one hour coaching session and it was a very inspiring experience for these girls so check out the photos below.





FRIDAY 27TH JUNE

It's casual clothes (no uniform) this Friday!

Bring a gold coin donation to support your school

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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Royal Oak Intermediate Open Days

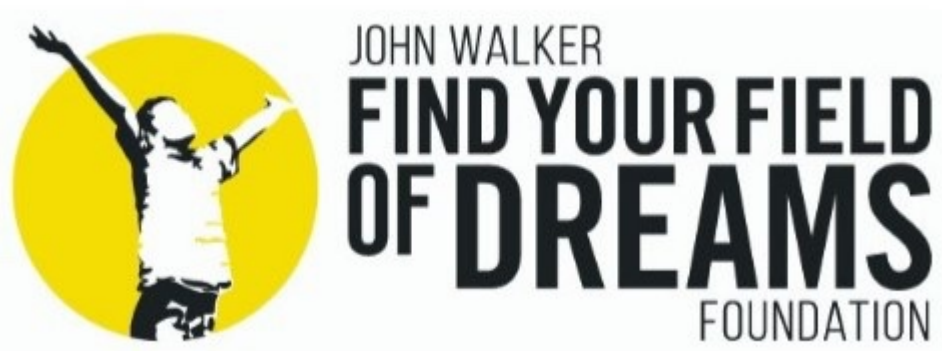
On these days, Year 6 taura and whānau/parents are welcome to visit Royal Oak Intermediate School. Parents will be welcomed by prefects who will then give whānau and taura a guided tour of our kura. A booking sheet will be available on our website.

DATE: 30 July 2025; 13 August 2025; 20 August 2025

VENUE: Royal Oak Intermediate School

TIME: 9:00am – 10:00am





Lots of joy at the final swimming session today when the tamariki had the chance to practice using a life jacket. Check out the great human rafts they made!

We are so lucky to have this opportunity provided with no charge for our learners.



Media Release

23 June 2025

Love Your Maunga – Matariki at Māngere Mountain

The Tūpuna Maunga Authority, with the support from the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board, invites the community to the third and final of our inaugural 'Love Your Maunga' hāngī fundraiser event series on Saturday, 28 June 2025. The last of the 24/25 series in time for Matariki.

This special edition of Love Your Maunga will take place at the award-winning Whānau Ātea at the base of Te Pane o Mataoho / Te Ara Pueru / Māngere Mountain, and promises a day full of fun, mātauranga Māori, and connection with community and whenua.

Paul Majurey, Chair of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority, says: "Matariki is an important time of the year. It is a time of reflection and remembrance. Marking this occasion on the Maunga is fitting, as these ancestral places hold deep cultural history and connection."

"Love Your Maunga is dedicated to celebrating the intrinsic connections between people and place. These events unite mana whenua, whānau, community groups, and educators, fostering a deeper understanding and stewardship of the Tūpuna Maunga. It is encouraging to witness the growth of this kaupapa, supported increasingly by local partners, such as the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board and the Māngere Mountain Education Centre, amongst others" Majurey concludes.

What's Happening?

This final event in the three-part Love Your Maunga hāngī fundraiser series is the biggest yet, with even more activities and community collaboration:

- **Community Hāngī Fundraiser** – Delicious \$15 hāngī with steam pudding and custard
- **Kī-o-rahi Tāmaki** – Traditional Māori game of skill and agility
- **Harko Brown** – Māra Hūpara and Kēmu Māori traditional play workshops
- **Māngere Mountain Education Centre** – Raranga (weaving) and Mau Rākau (traditional martial arts) workshops
- **Kapa haka performances**
- **Auckland Libraries** – Bilingual storytime and Matariki-themed activities
- **Healthy Waters (Auckland Council)** – Information stall on water care and sustainability
- **E Tū Rākau** – Waste education and support for a low-waste event

From storytelling to sport, kapa haka to conservation, Love Your Maunga is an opportunity to experience the richness of Māori knowledge systems and honour the living legacy of our Maunga.

Event Details

Date: Saturday, 28 June, 2025



Time: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Location: Whānau Ātea, Te Pane o Mataoho / Te Ara Pueru / Māngere Mountain

For more information, visit the Tūpuna Maunga Authority's website <https://www.maunga.nz/>

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For further information please contact:

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Communication and Engagement | 021 924 544**

Photography:

Image one: Caption – Locals learning traditional Māori games at the last Love Your Maunga event in March: Te Pane o Mataoho / Te Ara Pueru / Māngere Mountain | Credit – Smoke Photography

Image two: Caption – Tūpuna Maunga Authority staff engage with the local community at Te Pane o Mataoho / Te Ara Pueru / Māngere Mountain | Credit – Smoke Photography

Image three: Caption –The team pulling up the hāngī at Te Pane o Mataoho / Te Ara Pueru / Māngere Mountain | Credit – Smoke Photography



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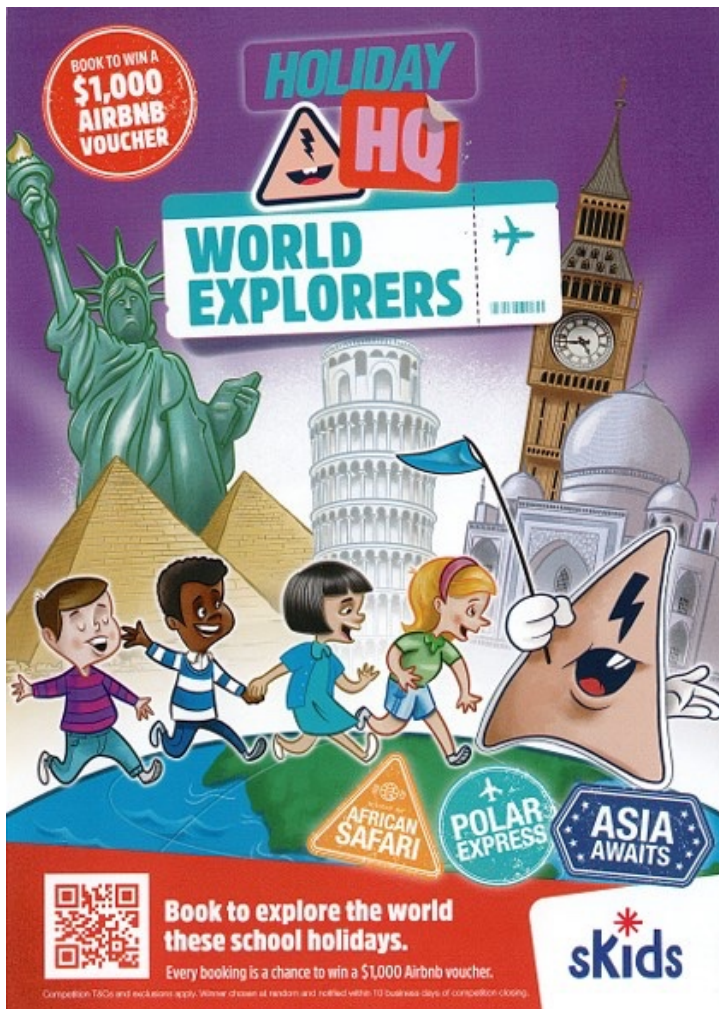
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Start your journey by crafting your own explorer belt bag, binoculars, and compass.



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Experts in FUN!

Bookings for Skids now open for the school holidays.

Skids Waterlea

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

0800 274 172
Site Ph: 027 240 0024

BOOK TO WIN A \$1,000 AIRBNB VOUCHER

Scan to book online!

skids

HOURS: 7:30AM-5:30PM **SHORT DAYS: 8:00AM-3:00PM**

MON 30 JUN

READY SET EXPLORE
MAKE & TAKE: DIY EXPLORER KITS

Create your own explorer's gear! Decorate your own belt bag, binoculars, and a compass to prep for your holiday H.O. adventure!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$90.00
FULL DAY CHARGE \$95.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00
FROM AS LOW AS \$11.70

TUE 1 JUL

EUROPEAN EXPEDITION

Embark on a whirlwind adventure through Europe—storm mighty castles, whip up delicious French crepes, and build your own Viking boats and spinning windmill!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$90.00
FULL DAY CHARGE \$95.50
FROM AS LOW AS \$1.70

WED 2 JUL

AFRICAN SAFARI
PREMIUM INCURSION: MIGHTY KICKERS - FOOTBALL WORKSHOP

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!

FULL DAY CHARGE \$95.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$11.00
FULL DAY CHARGE \$76.50
FROM AS LOW AS \$12.70

THU 3 JUL

LATIN FIESTA
MAKE & TAKE: DECORATIVE MARIACAS & HAND DRUMS

Unleash ancient magic: designing Mazca Lines, shake maracas and drums, dive into Frida Kahlo art, and play thrilling Aztec games!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$90.00
FULL DAY CHARGE \$95.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00
FROM AS LOW AS \$11.70

FRI 4 JUL

PARTY IN THE USA

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.

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$90.00
FULL DAY CHARGE \$95.50
FROM AS LOW AS \$1.70

MON 7 JUL

ANCIENT EGYPT

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!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$90.00
FULL DAY CHARGE \$95.50
FROM AS LOW AS \$1.70

TUE 8 JUL

ISLAND ESCAPE

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!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$90.00
FULL DAY CHARGE \$95.50
FROM AS LOW AS \$1.70

WED 9 JUL

ASIA AWAKES
EXCURSION: MOVIES

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!

FULL DAY CHARGE \$95.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$20.00
DAILY TOTAL \$95.50
FROM AS LOW AS \$21.70

THU 10 JUL

POLAR EXPRESS
MAKE & TAKE: SEW YOUR OWN PENGUIN SOFT TOY!

Hop on the Polar Express! Craft a cuddly penguin, build toy igloos, and dash through snowy games in a frosty, festive polar adventure day!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$90.00
FULL DAY CHARGE \$95.50
EXPERIENCE FEE \$10.00
FROM AS LOW AS \$11.70

FRI 11 JUL

FINAL FLIGHT

Celebrate your favourite moments by creating souvenir keychains and designing a travel memory book filled with highlights from your epic Holiday HQ adventure!

SHORT DAY CHARGE \$90.00
FULL DAY CHARGE \$95.50
FROM AS LOW AS \$1.70

ASIA AWAKES

POLAR EXPRESS

*Based on one child full day at rate 0. OSO/CAT subsidy eligibility criteria will apply. More families now qualify for OSO/CAT Sundry. Visit www.skids.co.nz/osocat-sundry for eligibility and entitlement. Competition T&Cs apply. Winner chosen at random and notified within 10 business days of competition closing. Please ensure all food complies with allergy guidelines. Contact your programme for detailed information. Programmes, surcharges, and activities may change; check our website for updates. Special Experiences incur extra costs for all attending children, regardless of participation.

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



BIKE MĀNGERE BRIDGE





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 (service fee applies) or pay cash at the door

Further enquiries: 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.

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.](#)

