

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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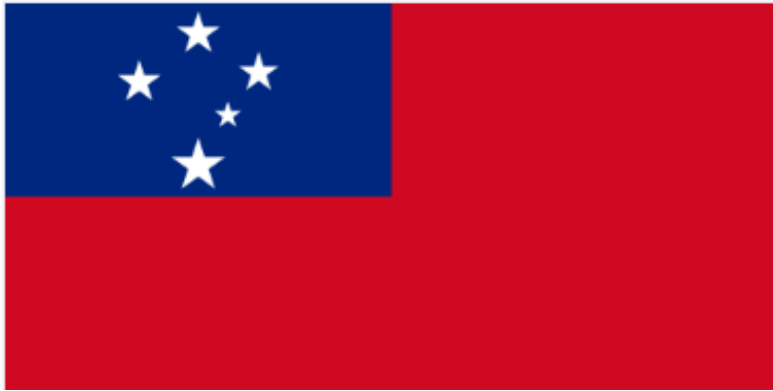
IMPORTANT DATES

6	June	Samoa Language and MANA Assembly 9:45am
11	June	Y 4 - 6 Swimming Day
10	June	MOSA Netball Zones
13	June	PTA Sausage Sizzle
16	June	Mid Year Reports home
18	June	Teacher Led Conferences School closes at 1:00pm
18	June	Children go home 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

Talofa Lava and welcome to Vaiaso o le
Gagana - Samoan Language Week.

The 2025 theme for Samoa Language Week is 'la malu lou sã. Folau i lagimã – A well-grounded self, is a successful self'. In other words, people who prepare thoroughly and with intention become grounded and resilient and well-equipped to navigate life's challenges and succeed in their endeavours. No matter the challenges and hardships of life, a well-grounded person will not be easily shaken or defeated because they are firmly rooted and well-prepared.





Gagana o aso uma *Everyday phrases*

Common Phrases

Tālofa lava	Greetings / Hello
Tōfā	Goodbye
Fa'amolemole	Please
Fa'afetai	Thank you
Malie / Fa'amalie atu / Fa'amālūlū atu	Sorry
Tulou	Excuse me



Reading and speaking Gagana Samoa

The core Samoan alphabet is comprised of 14 letters:

The consonants (konesane):

F, G, L, M, N, P, S, T and V

The vowels (vauei):

A, E, I, O and U (as in the English language: **a**re, **th**ere, **thre**e, **o**r, **too**).

These vowels have the same pronunciation as other Pacific languages, including te reo Māori (Māori language).

The letters **K, H and R** are also used, but usually for foreign loanwords and/or for colloquial language. Vowels can be long or short.

Long vowels are marked with a macron (e.g. ā).

ā, ē, ī, ō, ū

(as in the English language: **fath**er, **egg**, **feet**, **thought**, **loot**)

It is important that the short and long vowel sounds are used, as they distinguish between different words e.g. ava (respect) verses āvā (wife).

The glottal stop (ʻ) is also used in Samoan and is treated as a consonant. It creates a pause between two vowels or creates a sharper sound when used at the start of a word, as the sound made in the English word uh-oh. Using the glottal stop, distinguishes different words such as faʻi (banana) and fai (to do), or ʻulu (breadfruit) and ulu (head).

School Dates for 2026-all dates are in the school calendar on the website)

Term 1:

Start of Term: Monday 2 February (Waananga Day)

End of Term: Thursday 2 April

Cohort Entry Dates: 2 February, 9 March

Term 2:

Start of Term: Monday 20 April

End of Term: Friday 3 July

Cohort Entry Dates: 20 April, 2 June

Term 3:

Start of Term: Monday 20 July

End of Term: Friday 25 September

Cohort Entry Dates: 20 July, 24 August

Term 4:

Start of Term: Monday 12 October

End of Term: Monday 14 December

Cohort Entry Dates: 12 October, 16 November

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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Matariki at Waterlea School

At Waterlea School, Matariki is a deeply valued and eagerly anticipated event that brings our entire school community together to celebrate the Maaori New Year. Our celebrations are rooted in the rich traditions and meanings of Matariki, fostering a sense of connection, remembrance, celebration, and looking forward to the future.

Here's how we typically celebrate Matariki at Waterlea School:

1. Dawn Hikoi to Te Pane o Mataoho (Māngere Mountain):

- A significant and cherished part of our Matariki celebration is the **dawn hikoi** up our local maunga, Te Pane o Mataoho (Maangere Mountain).
- This early morning journey allows students, staff, and whaanau to experience the stillness and beauty of the dawn, traditionally a key time to observe the Matariki star cluster rising in the sky.
- It provides a powerful opportunity for reflection, to remember those who have passed on (Pōhutukawa star), and to connect with the whenua (land).
- We encourage families to join us for this special, symbolic start to our celebrations.

2. Community Breakfast:

- Following the dawn hikoi and/or the Matariki Assembly, we often host a **shared breakfast** at school. This embodies the Matariki principle of gathering together (Matariki Ahunga Nui) and sharing kai (food). It's a wonderful opportunity for our whānau to connect and share in the festivities.

3. Matariki MANA Assembly and Performances:

- We hold a special **Matariki MANA Assembly** where the whole school comes together.
- This assembly is a vibrant celebration of Maaori culture, often featuring:
 - **Waiata** related to Matariki.
 - **Kapa Haka performances** by our students, showcasing their learning and pride in Maaori performing arts.
 - **Storytelling** about the significance of Matariki, the nine stars of the cluster, and local Maaori legends.
 - Presentations of learning about Matariki from different classes.

4. Classroom Learning and Activities:

- Leading up to the main celebration, classrooms engage in rich learning experiences about Matariki. Here are some examples of things tamariki have done in the past:
 - **Learning about the stars:** Students explore the meaning of each of the nine stars in the Matariki cluster (e.g. Tupuaanuku for food from the ground, Waiti for fresh water, Hiwa-i-te-Rangi for wishes).
 - **Art and Craft:** Creating Matariki-themed artwork, such as star constellations, weaving, or manu tukutuku (kites), which traditionally carry messages to the stars.
 - **Traditional Games (Taakaro):** Learning and playing traditional Maaori games like Ki-o-Rahi or Koorari (flax flower games).
 - **Kai Preparation:** Exploring traditional Māori foods and sometimes preparing simple shared snacks or dishes.
 - **Reflection and Goal Setting:** Students are encouraged to reflect on the past year and set aspirations (hopes and dreams) for the new year, aligning with the Hiwa-i-te-Rangi star.

5. Family Engagement:

- We actively encourage whaanau to participate in all aspects of our Matariki celebrations, from the dawn hikoi to the breakfast and assembly. Communication about event timings and the meaning behind our activities is shared widely through newsletters and our school website.



Bikes on footpaths

Do we want five year olds riding on the road while e scooters are zooming around on the footpath?

Are our juniors criminals who are breaking the law every time they ride their bikes?

The law about bikes on footpaths needs to be changed.

At the moment the law only talks about the size of the wheels on bikes and scooters and doesn't consider the age or ability of the rider *Did you know that the road code says "it is illegal to ride a cycle on the footpath unless you're delivering mail or the cycle has very small wheels with a diameter of 355mm or less"? That means that even the bikes our juniors are riding, can't be ridden on the footpath, while e scooters can be.*

Roads are a dangerous place for little kids. Cars won't see them, especially if there is lots of traffic. Little kids don't have the same balance as older people, some might even still need training wheels. Little kids don't always recognise dangerous situations and they can't judge the speed of cars. If the law says they aren't allowed to ride on the footpaths, where else are they supposed to ride?

Most e scooters in New Zealand can travel at 25 kilometers per hour. *Some can go up to 35 kilometers per hour and they are allowed on the footpath. That is way too fast. Old people may be walking on the footpath and might not be able to get out of the way in time. Do we want old people to get knocked over, just because the law says they have to share the footpath with e scooters zooming around them while little kids are forced to ride in traffic?*

We think the law needs to be changed so little kids can ride safely on the footpath instead of being put in danger on the roads and fast e scooters should have better rules about where they can ride.

By Room 9



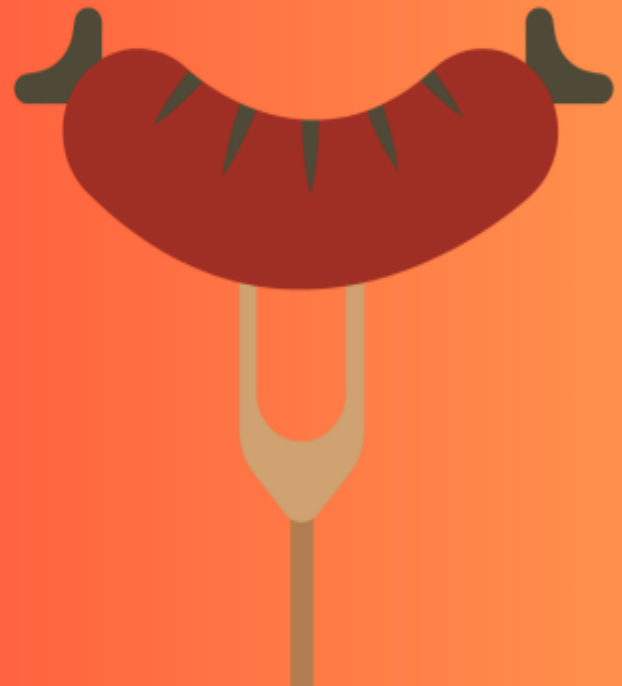
SAUSAGE SIZZLE TIME!

Friday 13 June

\$2 each

Vegetarian option available

Please bring money in an envelope with your child's name and amount and give to the teacher from Wednesday 11 June



LUCKY BOOK CLUB

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**Lucky book club is open
for orders
Last day this Friday**

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.

Beats by Bingo raised \$11,800!

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Consider supporting the businesses that support us!





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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Last day to order

This Friday 6 June



☾ 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.

QUIZ NIGHT

**TWO EVENTS :
Friday 13th June and
Friday 15th August
6pm start
\$60 per team per night**

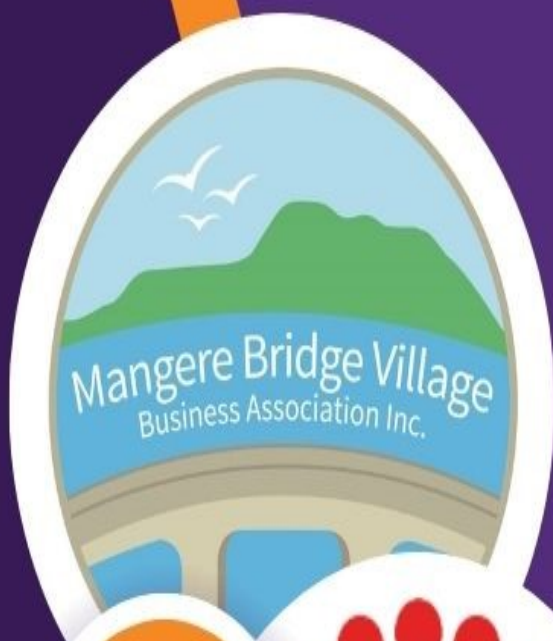
Bridge park bowling club

Great prizes up for grabs , raffles , food and good times !!

**all funds raised go back into providing
FREE community events**

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info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz**

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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 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 received by us by Tuesday 24 September.

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

