



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

23 July 2025

IMPORTANT DATES

25	July	MANA/Matariki Assembly Hall at 11:15am
30	July	Royal Oak Intermediate Open Day
4	August	Cook Island Language Week
5	August	MOSA Interschool Football
8	August	New Cohort Visit 1
8	August	MANA Assembly 9:45am
15	August	New Cohort Visit 2
18	August	Tongan Language Week
18	August	Board of Trustees Hui 3pm
22	August	MANA Assembly 9:45am
3	Sept	MOSA Interschool Rugby
9	Sept	Year 3-6 Cross Country
11	Sept	Student Led Conferences School Closes at 1pm
18	Sept	Class & Individual photos
19	Sept	Last Day of Term 3
6	October	First Day of Term 4
24	October	Teacher Only Day School Closed

Last week the Year 1 & 2 teams had such an exciting day! In keeping with the concept of Kaitiakitanga, Project Jonah came to visit Waterlea School providing their 'Walkthrough Whale' education session. Project Jonah believes the more children who know about the amazing marine mammals such as the majestic, unique humpback whales, the more they will want to help protect them. The unforgettable highlight of getting to explore inside a life-sized whale and learning about whale biology will be a long time memory. Michael, from Project Jonah, taught our tamariki loads of interesting facts such as its heart is massive and beats every six seconds! Also that adult humpback whales can grow to about 18 metres long and baby whales when they are born are 3 metres long. In the Summer months they eat a diet of krill (small shrimp like creatures) by the thousands each day around Antarctica. In winter they migrate to the Pacific Islands to give birth to their young. Check out the pictures below of our tamariki exploring a life-sized 12 metre long humpback whale:





In keeping with the sea theme...

SHARK ENCOUNTER

Milly had always wanted to meet a shark in the wild but when she did she wished she had never at all. The shark sliced through the water, cleaving through tangly seaweed and tough kelp. Milly had been swimming off the coast of Rarotonga when she saw the shark. Startled by the shark's sudden appearance, she lurched forwards and got caught in the trove of seaweed strands. "HELP, SOMEBODY!!!" She yelled as the shark began to pay attention to her. Definitely freaking out, she found herself face to face with a ten ton terrifying killing machine. The water turned red. Although she felt like her deathbed was three seconds away, she calmed down and didn't move. Her friend Grandeur was out of sight. The shark quickened its move and opened its jaws...

By Ashling Room 6



Staff News

At morning tea yesterday we wished Marty and her partner all the best as they prepare for the birth of their first baby. We sent Marty off with a small library of picture books for baby and we will be sure to keep you all updated on baby progress .



We also bid farewell to Carleen and Harold from the Life Education Caravan who have been visiting our kura and teaching our tamariki all about how the human body works. We extend a big thank you to them and we look forward to seeing them again.



News from Waterlea School's Board-reminder

If you missed the newsletter last week, here is the last message from the current presiding member of Waterlea's School Board, Corinne Cameron -

[Message from the Board](#)

We are also calling for people in our community to stand for the election - see our [Recruitment Video](#)

Below is the election timetable for your kura for the 2025 triennial school board elections

PARENT & STAFF ELECTION TIMETABLE

CLOSE MAIN ROLL	Wednesday 16 July
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS	Friday 18 July
CLOSE SUPPLEMENTARY ROLL	Monday 4 August
NOMINATIONS CLOSE	12 noon Wednesday 6 August
VOTING PAPERS ISSUED	Wednesday 13 August
ELECTION DAY	Wednesday 10 September
CLOSE POLL	4pm on Wednesday 10 September
COUNT VOTES & DECLARE RESULTS	Tuesday 16 September
BOARD TAKES OFFICE	Wednesday 17 September

If you are interested in learning more about the role of a Board of Trustees member, or would like to discuss standing for election, we encourage you to:

Contact our current Board's Presiding Member, Corinne Cameron at corinne.cameron@waterlea.school.nz

Contact Andrea Jamieson at principal@waterlea.school.nz

Contact our Returning Officer at election@electionpilot.nz

Nomination forms will be available from 18 July and will be emailed to you. We encourage you to consider this important opportunity to contribute to our school's ongoing success. We welcome nominations from anyone with a genuine interest in our school's future and a willingness to work collaboratively as part of a team.





Waterlea School's attendance rate this week is 95%.

This is a strong start to the term and we will track the attendance rate each week

Responding to all absences

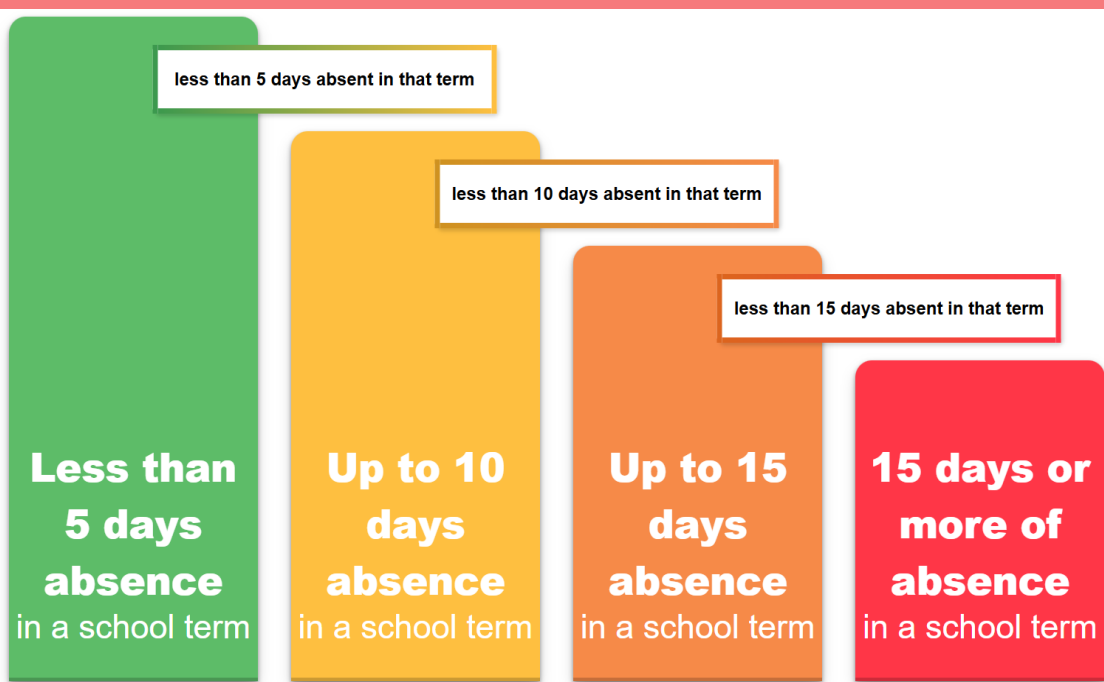
The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than **90% of the time**.

GOOD
Good chance of success

WORRYING
Less chance of success

CONCERNING
Hard to make progress

SERIOUS CONCERN
Very hard to make progress



95%* of
students
417

5%* of
students
24

0%* of
students
0

0%* of
students
0

Teachers V Students Netball

Thanks to everyone who played, cheered us on or covered a duty. Thoroughly enjoyed by all, playing and watching!



Old V Young Netball

What were you doing Friday afternoon?

Well a group of talented netballers, teachers **and** students came together to play a fun game of Netball. It was a good mix of friendly competition, skill and maybe even a little bit of playful rivalry. Here are some of the teachers' thoughts and highlights:

*Mrs Robb's response was "My highlight was only falling over once",

*"My body couldn't keep up with my mind", said Whaea Justine.

*Matua Eric replied "I cracked my back, now I need to retire",

*Whaea Emma responded with "My favorite part was trapping Amaliya so she couldn't get the ball, and I think we should play every month."

Here is how some of the students felt about the game:

*Sonny- Ryder said "I thought that we were better."

* "I pushed myself to be great." replied Emilia

* Hannah responded "I thought Netball was super fun and everybody had a good time."

* Jackson and Connor said " Our highlights were getting the first goal of the game."

Overall it was an awesome way to spend Friday lunchtime.

We would like to Thank Ms Edwards for umpiring and Mrs Robb for organising it.

By Amaliya & Aria Room 8

Onehunga Mangere United Softball Club is running a FREE Softball Skills Clinic every Sunday in August (3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 August) 11am to 1pm at Norana Softball Park, Fawona. This clinic is supported by Tu Manawa, CLM Community Sport and AKTIVE and is a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki to participate in activity, meet others and learn/develop some softball skills. We have expert softball coaches leading the clinic and all are welcome from beginners to more experienced players (Years 5-9).

Register now at: <https://forms.gle/ohq3YgfcUrCNhEmj9>

or using the QR code:



Calling all 9 - 13 yr olds

Softball Skills FREE CLINIC

Every Sunday in August
11am - 1pm

NORANA SOFTBALL PARK

SAVE THE DATES
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



Kindly brought to us by

#tumanawa
#clmcommunitysport



MANUKAU SAFEZONE

ka tango i tetahi kainga ki te whakatipu tamaiti

Magazine



Dear Parents, whanau & caregivers

We're excited to share our FREE online SAFTEY magazine with you.

The publication is aimed at primary aged tamariki and their parents.

We thank Safekids Aotearoa (Starship Digital and Community Engagement) for editorial

Our shared vision is that every very child in Manukau and Aotearoa New Zealand enjoys a childhood free from traumatic, unintentional injury.

For FREE ACCESS just scan the below QR CODE (This is for mobile devices)



MUSIC LESSONS at Waterlea School

Our good friends at Musiqhub are happy to announce that they have some spaces free in Term 3 for students who are keen to learn Piano, Drums or Guitar.



MUSIC LESSONS

at Waterlea Public School

Does your child want to learn to play music?

Would you like in-school lessons with a professional Music Tutor with many years of teaching experience? You can enroll your child in guitar, drum or keyboard lessons at Waterlea Public School!

We deliver a fun, varied and structured curriculum. Students learn songs in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary during school hours.

For more information on guitar, keyboard and drum lessons, contact **Paul Barry**
paul.barry@musiqhub.co.nz
Ph 022 198 0044

MUSIQHUB

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.



Gmail: waterleapta@gmail.com | Facebook: [@Waterlea PTA](https://www.facebook.com/Waterlea-PTA) | Instagram: [@waterleapta](https://www.instagram.com/waterleapta)



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



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.](#)



Onehunga Mangere United Softball Club is running a FREE Softball Skills Clinic every Sunday in August (3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 August) 11am to 1pm at Norana Softball Park, Fawcett. This clinic is supported by Tu Manawa, CLM Community Sport and AKTIVE and is a fantastic opportunity for our tamariki to participate in activity, meet others and learn/develop some softball skills. We have expert softball coaches leading the clinic and all are welcome from beginners to more experienced players (Years 5-9).

Register now at: <https://forms.gle/ohq3YgfcUrCNhEmj9>

or using the QR code:



Calling all 9 - 13 yr olds **Softball Skills FREE CLINIC**

Every Sunday in August
11am - 1pm

NORANA SOFTBALL PARK

SAVE THE DATES
August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



Kindly brought to us by
#tumanawa
#clmcommunitysport

