



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 13 August 2025

Important Dates

15 August	New Cohort Visit 2
15 August	Book Week Dress Up
18 August	Tongan Language Week
18 August	New Cohort start school
18 August	Board of Trustees Hui 7:00pm
22 August	MANA Assembly 9.45am
3 Sept	MOSA Interschool Rugby
5 Sept	Kahui Ako Performance OHS
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 Oct	First day of Term 4
24 Oct	Teacher Only Day
	School Closed

This week is book week where we celebrate the joy of reading. So far this week we have had daily Book Swaps, where tamariki have brought in pre-loved books to swap. This is a great way to refresh our bookshelves and share favourite stories. The Senior Students are running this initiative themselves, but there are lots of books coming in that are suitable for younger students. If anyone has a book that they have finished, and would like to donate or swap, then bring it along to the Senior classrooms any morning this week. Swap time is Morning Tea.



We've also had staff members dress up as different book characters this week, read stories and take questions from tamariki. Don't forget that on Friday it is our PTA Casual Clothes Day with a Book Week Dress-up flavour. Children come to school dressed as their favourite book character and weather permitting we will have a whole school parade.



Book Week



Hot Seat - The Tiger Who Came To Tea read by Whaea Justine



The BFG read by Matua Eric

Book Week

Here are a few of the great questions the Senior Students came up with. Willy Wonka had to do a bit of hard thinking to answer a few of these ones!

Are there any chocolate fish in the river? Marlon R6

How do you rate Whittakers? Saffron R6

Will you diversify your business model and produce something healthier if the global rates of obesity continue to rise? Emilia R6

Are the Oompa Loompa's paid more than the living wage? Cerys R6



Willy Wonka read by Whaea Signe

Book Week

Another Book Week initiative has been walking down and visiting our local Maangere Bridge Library. Thank you to our whaanau who have been parent helpers walking with classes making these visits possible.



Student Voice

Library Visit

On Monday Room 25 and Room 10 visited the library. All of the classes in year 2,3 and 4 get to visit Mangere Bridge Library for book week. We walked all the way to Mangere Bridge Library from the front gate. Room 25 (I don't know about the other classes) was in pairs and had one bag per pair to carry water bottles, jumpers and the people who bought books, books. When we arrived at the library we were greeted by a kind librarian. To warm up we did two silly songs. My favourite was toe-nee-chest-nest. After that we did a scavenger hunt. When we were done we could have a look around the library. Some kids, like me, got books out. Afterwards we got five minutes on the playground before we walked back to school. Once we got back it was already lunchtime!

By Daphne
Room 25

Cook Islands Language Week

Cook Island Language Week MANA Assembly



Thank you to all our whaanau who were able to come to our last MANA assembly to see our Cook Islands Language Week performances. A special thank you to the Cook Island tamariki who performed and those who presented their mahi.



Student Led Conferences

Student Led Conferences

On **Thursday 11 September**, we will be holding our Student Led Conferences (SLC). Please note that school finishes early and **all children are to go home at 1.00pm on that day**. For those families that require childcare from 1.00pm that day, our before and after school care provider (sKids) is available. Please contact them directly on 027 240 0024 or admin@skids.co.nz.

SLC are an opportunity for students to lead a conversation about their learning at Waterlea. Each SLC lasts for 25 minutes and the teacher will also be available to answer questions during this time. The SLC start at 2.00pm and finish at 7.10pm and there will be 3-4 conferences happening at the same time within each classroom.

If English is not the language used in your home we invite you to conduct your child's conference in the language with which you feel most comfortable.

Booking a Time

Please visit the school interviews website to select a time that suits your family www.schoolinterviews.co.nz **code: ew5v4**

If you are not able to do this online, our office staff will be able to help you.

Please make your booking by Monday 8 September. After this date conference times cannot be changed electronically. To change conference times after this date please contact your classroom teacher, or the office.

As this is a time to focus on your child and their learning, we ask that if you are bringing other siblings along, that you make use of the child minding service in the library space between Rooms 6 and 7. If you intend to do this, please complete the google form by clicking on this link: [Child minding](#). If your child is in Room 21 the SLC will run differently because your children have only just started school. More information regarding booking will come home at the end of the week.



Medication at School

Winter has well and truly hit our tamariki hard this year with lots of colds, coughs, flu and covid still around.

If your child is experiencing these symptoms it is always best to have them checked out at the doctor.

If your child is diagnosed with an illness, eg whooping cough, we would appreciate it if you could let the office know so we can alert others.

To keep all our tamariki safe we ask you to send all cold and flu medication to the office. This is so we can monitor use at school and includes medication needed just for the day.

Examples - nasal sprays, cough drops, inhalers, pain relief, antibiotics etc

When these items are kept in a school lunch box, they could accidentally be taken by children who could be allergic.

Board of Trustees

TECHNICAL ISSUE UPADTE
SCHOOL BOARD
ELECTIONS



Election Pilot who are overseeing our Board Election are aware that some voters are not able to access the voting site.

They are actively working on this now to rectify the situation.

If you need to contact the Election Pilot team

Please phone 0800868369 or email

election@electionpilot.nz



MANA CERTIFICATES



MANAKITANGA

JUNIOR SCHOOL

AKO



MIDDLE SCHOOL

NGATAKIA PONO

AWANANGA



SENIOR SCHOOL



Sports Certificates at Assembly



Certificates for our winning Football Teams

Coming next week...

Tongan Language Week

Just a heads up that next week is Tongan Language Week and our MANA assembly next Friday 22 August, 11.15am will be a celebration of Tongan Language and Culture. We are thrilled to announce we have a special Tongan performance organised for this assembly. The Tongan group performing are from Maangere College and we'd like to thank Alisi Tatafu, Dean at Maangere College for organising this. We'd also like to thank one of our parents Otako Kaufusi, who helped us with Tongan Language Week this year.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

After 5 weeks at school this term, our whole school attendance rate is 78%. Just a reminder about lateness and emailing principal@waterlea.school.nz if you are going away so these absences can be coded correctly for the Ministry of Education.

Responding to all absences

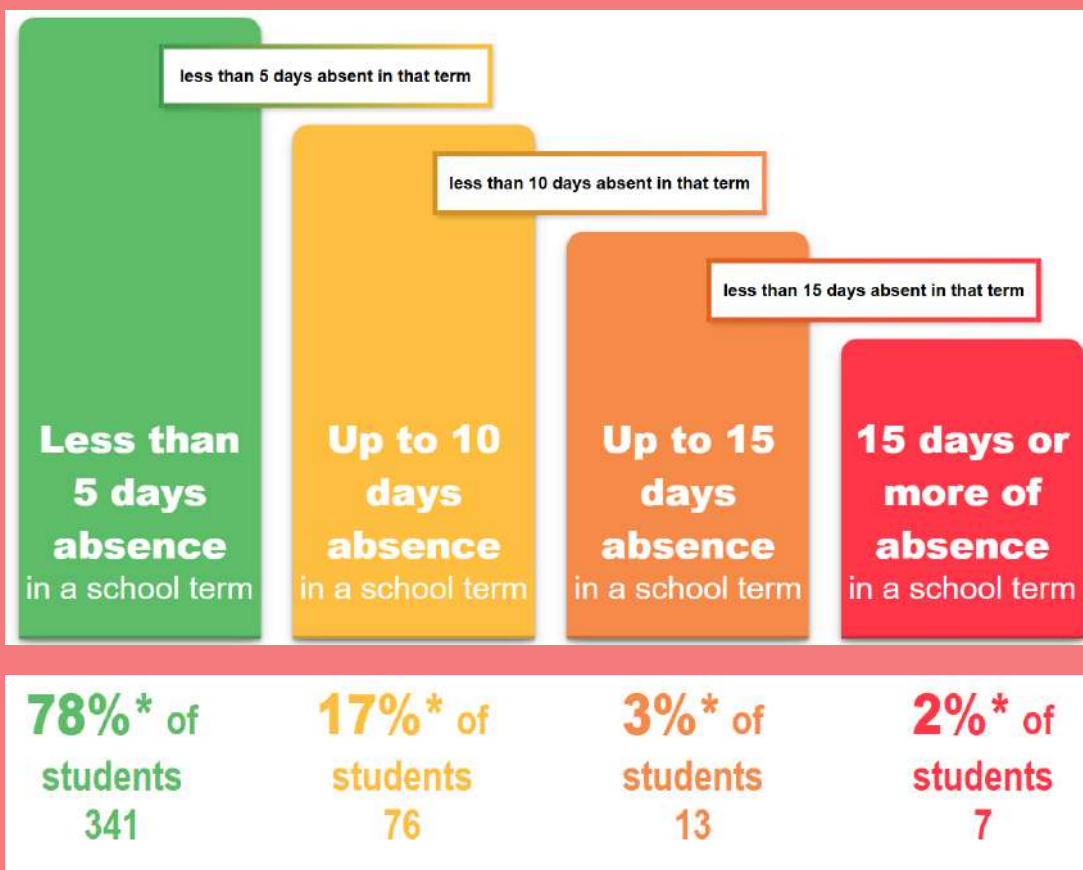
The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than **90% of the time**.

GOOD
Good chance of success

WORRYING
Less chance of success

CONCERNING
Hard to make progress

SERIOUS CONCERN
Very hard to make progress



Kahui Ako performance 5th September 5-7pm

Many of you will remember Waterlea tamariki performing on a Friday evening at Onehunga High School at about this time last year along with our other Kahui Ako Schools. Well, back by popular demand we are participating in this event again. This year we will take our Kapa Haka Group and our Ukulele Group. If your child is in one or both of these groups some further communication will come home in a week or so. The event is from 5 -7pm and we will be given a time when our tamariki will be performing. Pop the date and time in your calendars now!



From the PTA

Bust out of the winter funk and come and craft with us!

The PTA is hosting a Craft & Sip fundraiser on Thursday 4th September.

Tickets are \$30 each - which included a beverage, a craft activity, the chance to hang with others in our amazing community and support our school!

Delicious food and beverages will be available for purchase on the night (Eftpos available).

Gather your squad, rally the neighbours or treat yourself to a fun night out!

Sign up link here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc_BjyNmGV4ai-HR7e87hPSF8FsjXNNe95owzpKS83R7NEG8g/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=106624559064483144900



**WATERLEA
SCHOOL**

Craft & Sip



**6.30pm - 9pm, Thur
4 September**

**Waterlea School
17 House Avenue**

**Tickets are \$30 each
(& include a
beverage)**

**Additional food &
beverages for sale**

Scan QR code to register





- Community run organisation aiming to encourage children's love of swimming from ages 5 and up.
- Build swimming confidence and water safety skills.
- Learn to Swim through to Competitive Squad training.
- Regular Club Nights to develop competitive swimming skills in a supportive and fun environment.



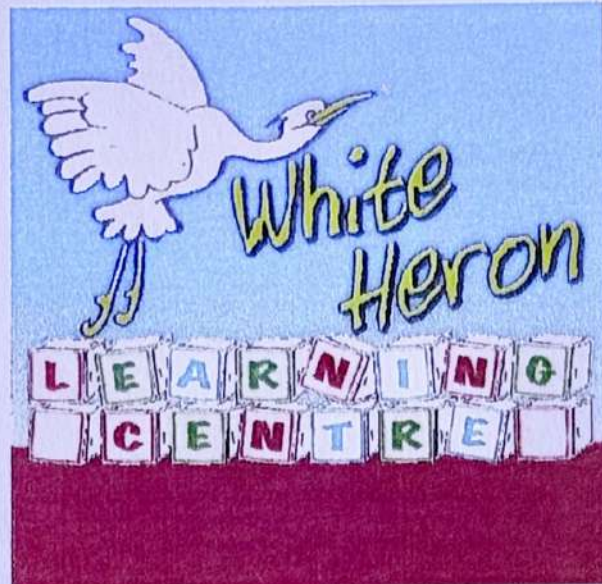
manager.onesc@gmail.com



**Onehunga War Memorial Pools,
Jellicoe Park**



<https://uk.gomotionapp.com/team/ohsc/page/home>



Quality, Affordable Childcare and Education
Spaces available - Enrol now!

Free hours for 3 - 5 year olds

ONLY \$7.00 per hour

Centre open between 7:30am – 5.30pm
Minimum attendance of 3 days @ 7hours per day

Qualified, experienced, caring staff provide specific infant, toddler and transition to school programmes for children aged between 6 weeks and 5 years.

**Come and visit us @ Corner of Domain and
Coronation Rd, Mangere Bridge**

Ph: Wanda Veitch
09 622 1852 or 021 144 8281

NEW TO TENNIS OR MAKING A COMEBACK?

Give tennis a go for **FREE**
at Bridge Park Tennis Club
& PARTICIPATING CLUBS NATIONWIDE




WIN A TRIP TO THE
ASB CLASSIC 2026

love 
tennis

10am-2pm SUN 7 SEPT

FIND A CLUB



We're proudly supporting
 **Mental Health Foundation**
mauri iu, mauri ora
www.mentalhealth.org.nz

www.lovetennis.kiwi

CASUAL CLOTHES DAY!

WITH OPTIONAL DRESS UP FOR BOOK WEEK

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST



WANT TO BE A DINOSAUR FOR THE DAY, DUST OFF YOUR SUPERHERO CAPE OR DAZZLE LIKE ROYALTY?

MARK FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST IN THE CALENDAR AS WE'RE SWAPPING OUT UNIFORM FOR SOME FUN!

YOUR CHILD HAS THE OPTION TO COME DRESSED AS THEIR FAVOURITE CHARACTER FOR BOOK WEEK OR WEAR THEIR OWN CASUAL CLOTHES FOR THE DAY. YOU GUYS CHOOSE!

PLEASE BRING A GOLD COIN DONATION IF YOU CAN, WITH PROCEEDS SUPPORTING PTA.



In your neighbourhood

At **Māngere Bridge Kindergarten** we have great relationships with our local kura, and through our own research have developed a strong transition programme that supports our tamariki and whānau.

We celebrate the beauty of diversity and appreciate that each tamariki have their own unique kete of knowledge that we can learn and grow from as a community.

If this sounds like you and your whānau, and would like to experience the Kindergarten difference, get in touch and pop by for a visit!

Come learn with us!
36 Lindis Place
09 636 9552 | mangerebridge@aka.org.nz
aka.org.nz

Māngere Bridge Kindergarten

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.](#)



NEW WORLD

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, Fayona. 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

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