



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 10 September 2025

Important Dates

11 Sept	Student Led Conferences School closes at 1pm Scholastic Book Fair 2-7pm
12 Sept	PTA Sausage Sizzle
15 Sept	Te Wiki o Te reo Maaori
18 Sept	Class/Individual Photos
19 Sept	Last Day of Term 3
19 Sept	Maaori Language Week/MANA Assembly 12pm
6 Oct	First day of Term 4
6 Oct	Fijian Language Week
14 Oct	Board of Trustees Hui 6pm Board inductions
20 Oct	Niuean Language Week
21 Oct	Diwali
24 Oct	Teacher Only Day School Closed
27 Oct	Labour Day -School Closed
9 Dec	Y6 Graduation
10 Dec	Y6 Dine & Dance
12 Dec	Y6 Pool Party
16 Dec	Last day of school

Last Friday, our school community celebrated Chinese Language Week with a vibrant and memorable assembly. It was a fantastic opportunity to honor the rich culture and language of China right here at our kura. The assembly kicked off with some captivating performances from members of the Onehunga Chinese Community Centre. Our tamariki were memorised by the music, dances and colour of the performances. This was followed by a graceful traditional Chinese fan dance performed by our Room 12 students. Their hard work and dedication truly shone through. We also had performances from Room 12 Karate club and Flag dancers. A special thank you to the wonderful members of the Onehunga Chinese Community Centre for coming to celebrate Chinese Language Week with Waterlea. Also a big thank you to Shumin Liu and our other kaiako who supported our tamariki in their performances. Waterlea also took the stage at Onehunga High School on Friday evening at our Kahui Ako All Out Showcase Event. A huge thank you to everyone who participated, helped organise the event, and attended to show their support. Particular thanks to Whaea Aroha and Whaea Marama who lead our Kapa Haka and Whaea Annabel, Whaea Megan and Whaea Samia who lead our Ukulele Group. You helped our tamariki shine on the night. Well done to our boys and girls rugby teams who participated in the MOSA Interschool Rugby Tournament last week. We'd like to extend our thanks to Roi Hansell-Pune for coaching our tamariki and to Georgina Robb for her organisation. It was wonderful to see so many of our whaanau support us at these events and at our Fun Run and Cross Country events over the past week - ngaa mihi whanau.



Chinese Language Week MANA Assembly



Chinese Language Week MANA Assembly



Junior Fun Run



MANA CERTIFICATES



MANAKITANGA

JUNIOR SCHOOL

AKO



MIDDLE SCHOOL

AWHANGEA



SENIOR SCHOOL



Kahui Ako Performance

On the fifth of September people from our school's Kapa Haka group and Whaea Aroha and Whaea Marama went to perform at Onehunga High School. The first thing we did when we got there was to go to a classroom and sign in. Then we got into our Kapa Haka uniforms and accessories. After everyone was ready we had about 5 minutes to do vocal warmups in a classroom before we went on stage.

When we were in the hallway backstage the Kids News reporter interviewed some people! When we were getting ready on stage some people had to go to a second line because the stage was too small. When everyone was ready the curtains opened and we started and it all went smoothly. Performing was both a scary and exciting experience.

By Kiara



Kahui Ako Performance



Interschool Rugby

On Wednesday Mrs Robb took some kids to interschool Rugby, including Demora, Nolhan, and George who are the authors for today. The games were located in Otahuhu College grounds. All the schools that were there were Te Kura O Ngaa Tapawae, Koru, Robertson Road, Viscount, Mangere Bridge, Southern Cross, Otahuhu Primary, Sutton Park. Some schools didn't have boys teams and some didn't have girls teams. We tried really hard and showed lots of mana and sportsmanship but we lost all our games and got little points. We all had a great day out and learnt lots of new skills!



Thank You!

Thank you to everyone that came along to support the Craft and Sip event last Thursday. We're pleased to share that we raised over \$1000 towards our fundraising goal of \$25,000 this year. Thanks again and we look forward to your support at our disco in Term 4 (date and further info to be shared soon!).

From the PTA

Want to support school but can't commit to volunteering at every event?

Becoming a Friend of the PTA is the perfect option! You'll be part of a group we can call on for occasional help - whether it's baking, setting up events, or lending a hand just once in a while. Every bit of support makes a big difference, and you'll still be contributing to the fun, connection, and success of our school community.

If this sounds like you, email waterleapta@gmail.com and we'll add you to the Facebook chat.



SAUSAGE SIZZLE TIME!

Friday 12th September 2025

\$2 each

Vegetarian option available

Payment by through Kindo App
or
Bring money in an envelope with your
child's name & amount to their
classroom teacher by Thursday 11th
September



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Payments simplified!

We are using Kindo to make life easier - families can now support our fundraisers and events online in one place, at a time that suits them.

Kindo is also more efficient for our volunteers - so they can achieve more to support our school.

One account works for multiple members - even at different schools, clubs or organisations.

We're open 24/7 at mykindo.co.nz

Remember, you can now
order your sausages
through Kindo!

Create an account

1. Visit mykindo.co.nz or scan the QR code below.
2. Create an account
3. Get it all done online!



Te Reo Maaori-a-thon

Spot prizes

Ka pai too mahi for the amazing effort that has gone into fundraising so far. We have passed the \$5,000 mark! For those who have already signed up, we had a major spot prize given out at assembly last Friday which was won by Ihaka Morehu in Room 4. Spot prizes will be given out during the week this week, and another major spot prize is up for grabs this Friday for anyone who has signed up and gained at least one sponsor. Kia mau tonu te mahi nui!



Te Reo Maaori-a-thon

Te wiki o te reo Maaori

Maaori Language Week is coming up soon, 15-19th September, and this year Waterlea are celebrating it by running a Te Reo Maaori-a-thon across the school. All tamariki and kaiako will be encouraged to learn more te reo maaori in preparation for our Te Reo-a-thon. Have a look for the information for your child's year group that went out to whaanau on Monday or check out the fundraising website: <https://waterleaschooltereathon.raiseit.co.nz/>



MANGERE BRIDGE
5, 10, 21
FUN RUN

RUN • WALK • STROLL • STRIDE

Sunday 28th September 2025

For more info: mangerebridgerun.com
www.facebook.com/mangerefunrun

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MANGERE BRIDGE

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Mangere Bridge Village
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Tomorrow

Student Led Conferences (SLC)

SLC are being held tomorrow and thank you to all those who have booked a time. If you haven't already done so please phone the school office on 09 6364233 and we will book in a time. Click the link [Child minding](#) if needed and this will be in the hall.

There will be a book fair in the hall at the same time as the SLC. Make sure you visit it as it will have many wonderful books for sale. To purchase books there will be **eftpos only available which means we can not take cash.**

COME TO OUR
BOOK FAIR
WHĀNAU EVENT

Catch the reading bug!



 SCHOLASTIC

**Thursday 11th September 2025
2pm**

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

After 9 weeks at school this term, our whole school attendance rate is 58%. Just a reminder about lateness, and emailing principal@waterlea.school.nz if you are going away so that 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



58%* of
students
260

33%* of
students
148

6%* of
students
25

3%* of
students
14

TOUCH RUGBY

YEAR 5 & 6

***Would your kids like to learn & play Touch Rugby?
We're starting a fun and friendly training program for Term 4!***

What's Included?

- ***Training sessions to learn the basics of touch rugby***
- ***Fun, active sessions with friends***
- ***Opportunity to join the local touch competition at Manukau Rover later in the term at no cost***
- ***Inclusive and supportive environment***

Programme Details:

- ***When: Fridays after school (starting Term 4)***
- ***Where: First 3 weeks at Waterlea School from 3pm to 4pm.
After Labour Weekend move to William Park, Mangere
(Manukau Rovers Rugby ground) from 4pm.***
- ***Who: Year 5 & 6 students (no experience needed!)***
- ***Cost: FREE – just bring your energy and enthusiasm!***

How to Register:

- ***Please email [Your Name + Email] to register your child to
Wayne Innes at waterleatouch@gmail.com***
- ***Spaces may be limited depending on interest***
- ***We'll be in touch with more details once registrations close.***

CONCERT FATHERS DAY TRIBUTE



FRIDAY SEP 12 @ 730PM



FEATURING
A line up of

- School choirs
- The Dominant7 Musicians
- Guest Speakers



FERGUSSON
COMMUNITY HALL
OLEA RD
ONEHUNGA



▪ Spot Prizes ▪ Bring the whole whanau ▪ Light Supper

☆Free Entry☆

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Te Kaunihera o Tāmaki Makaurau





- 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>



**CALLING ALL GARDENERS!
SAVE THE DATE!**

IT'S ALL ABOUT
Māngere
BRIDGE

SEEDLING SWAP DAY



Saturday 4th October 2025

10am - 12pm at the Ambury Farm Barn, Māngere Bridge.

Bring along your seedlings, seeds, plants, veges or flowers, basically anything that grows in the ground and swap them for others. Collect some horse manure for your garden, morning tea and home made cookies will be available and lets share gardening tips tricks!

Plus this year we are running a



GIANT PUMPKIN COMPETITION



To enter this competition you will need to register and collect your pumpkin seedling on the day, email friends@fof.nz

See you there!

details at www.aboutmangerebridge.nz



Win with Ezlunch
this Term!

Every Ezlunch
order placed
between August
18th and
September 19th
enters your family
into weekly prize
draws for \$50
vouchers and a
grand prize worth
\$500! The more
lunches you order,
the more chances
you have to win.
Visit your Kindo
account to place
orders and enter
the draw.



**Every lunch is a
chance to win!**

**Win one of three \$50 Kindo Credit
Prizes each week**

Every lunch order enters you into next week's
draw. And every lunch puts you in the running
for the Grand Prize drawn at the end of Term 3.

The winner chooses their reward:
A Family Memory Maker with Chuffed Gifts
(valued at \$549)
OR \$500 grocery vouchers
OR \$500 Kindo Credit



HOLIDAY KIDS FEST

skids Waterlea

17 House Ave, Mangere Bridge
Monday 22 September to Friday 3 October 2025

HOURS: 7:30AM TO 5:30PM SHORT DAYS: 8AM TO 3PM

0800 274 172
Site Ph: 027 240 0024

80% OFF
WIN A
\$300
FAMILY FUN
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MON 22 SEP



FILM FIESTA

Lighter, camera, action! Kick off Kids Fest with a thrilling Film Fiesta — team up to star in a mini movie, conquer Mission Impossible-style mazes, and dive into epic movie-themed adventures!

SHORT DAY CHARGE
FULL DAY CHARGE
FROM AS LOW AS*

\$90.00
\$95.20
\$0.00

TUE 23 SEP



KALEIDO-FEST

Step into our dazzling festival of colour with Kaleido-Fest! Make colourful stained glass inspired cookies, and show off your best dance moves with our neon disco.

SHORT DAY CHARGE
FULL DAY CHARGE
FROM AS LOW AS*

\$90.00
\$95.20
\$0.00

WED 24 SEP



MAKER DAY

MAKE & TAKE: THE DYE TOTE BAGS

Maker Day is a fun celebration of creativity and art! Design a colorful tie dye tote bag to take home, create your own mini canvas masterpieces, and enjoy exciting hands-on projects.

SHORT DAY CHARGE
FULL DAY CHARGE
EXPERIENCE FEE
FROM AS LOW AS*

\$90.00
\$95.20
\$10.00
\$10.00

THU 25 SEP



COOK & CREATE

It's time to get cooking and creating! Make your own pizza, and foodie art. We will also explore kitchen science experiments. It's a day of delicious creative foodie fun!

SHORT DAY CHARGE
FULL DAY CHARGE
FROM AS LOW AS*

\$90.00
\$95.20
\$0.00

FRI 26 SEP



TICKET TO RIDE

Gear up for Ticket to Ride! Bring your wheeze—bikes, scooters, charabancs, or chairs—for thrilling time trials, wild obstacle courses, cool STEM challenges, and awesome creative fun all day!

SHORT DAY CHARGE
FULL DAY CHARGE
FROM AS LOW AS*

\$90.00
\$95.20
\$0.00

MON 29 SEP



BUZZ & BLOOM

Spring is in the air with our Buzz & Bloom day! Celebrate with colourful flowers, festive fun, exciting games and hands-on challenges to brighten your day!

SHORT DAY CHARGE
FULL DAY CHARGE
FROM AS LOW AS*

\$90.00
\$95.20
\$0.00

TUE 30 SEP



SOUND WAVE

MAKE & TAKE: AFRICAN THUMB PIANOS & DIY MUSIC BOXES

Create your own African thumb piano & working music boxes to take home, bottle in lip sync & dance, explore vibrating drums, musical yoga, sound wave science, and more musical fun!

SHORT DAY CHARGE
FULL DAY CHARGE
EXPERIENCE FEE
FROM AS LOW AS*

\$90.00
\$95.20
\$10.00
\$10.00

WED 1 OCT



TALES & TREASURES

EXCURSION: HAWKINS YOUTH THEATRE

Experience Hawkins Youth Theatre Show to School of Rock! Then, jump into Tales & Treasures Day! Bringing the stories of Dr Seuss and Roald Dahl to life.

FULL DAY CHARGE
EXPERIENCE FEE
DAILY TOTAL
FROM AS LOW AS*

\$95.20
\$20.00
\$95.20
\$20.00

THU 2 OCT



MEDIEVAL MAGIC

Welcome to Medieval Magic! Become a brave knight or royal queen with awesome cosplay creations, and dive into a day of epic medieval fun, games, and more!

SHORT DAY CHARGE
FULL DAY CHARGE
FROM AS LOW AS*

\$90.00
\$95.20
\$0.00

FRI 3 OCT



FUN FAIR FINALE

Celebrate the holidays with Fun Fair Finale! Enjoy a makers market, festival games, exciting competitions, and tons of fun to wrap up your holiday break with a bang!

SHORT DAY CHARGE
FULL DAY CHARGE
FROM AS LOW AS*

\$90.00
\$95.20
\$0.00

*Based on one child full day at rate 0. OCCUPANCY: eligibility criteria will apply. Please families: new quality for OCCUPANCY, visit www.skids.co.nz/occupancy for eligibility and entitlement. Demographic 18 Oct 2025. Winner chosen at random and notified within 10 business days of competition closing. Please ensure all food consumed with allergy guidelines. Contact your programme for detailed information. Programmes, cut-off times, and activities may change; check our website for updates. Carers: Experiences incur extra costs for all attending children, regardless of contribution.

Creative Sparks

sKIDS

Have fun and build confidence through drama, storytelling and performance with Sparky!



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Be the star of the show in talent shows
- ✓ Make your own amazing art
- ✓ Dance, move and groove
- ✓ Earn stickers to track your progress

Join us on Wednesdays in Term 3!

WED 27 AUG

DRAMA
-RAMA



WED 3 SEP

THE ART
LAB



WED 10 SEP

MOVE
& GROOVE



WED 17 SEP

THE IMAGINATION
LIBRARY



Spark your **creativity**
SCAN TO BOOK NOW



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.](#)

