



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 17 September 2025

Important Dates

18 Sept	Class/Individual Photos
19 Sept	Visit 2 New Entrant Cohort
19 Sept	Last Day of Term 3
19 Sept	Maaori Language Week/MANA Assembly 12pm
6 Oct	First day of Term 4
6 Oct	New Cohort starts
6 Oct	Fijian Language Week
14 Oct	Board of Trustees Hui 6pm Board inductions
20 Oct	Niuean Language Week
21 Oct	Diwali
23 Oct	Potential Strike Day
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

This week marks a special time in Aoteroa, Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori, or Maaori Language Week. It's a fantastic opportunity for all of us to celebrate and revitalise the unique language of te Reo Maaori.

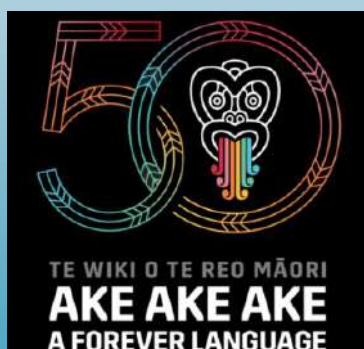
Maaori is an official language of New Zealand, and its rich history is deeply intertwined with the identity of the nation. Te Wiki o te Reo Maaori is a chance to acknowledge this heritage and encourage its use in our daily lives.

This year's theme is Kia Kaha te Reo Maaori, which means 'let's make the Maaori language strong'. It's a call to action for everyone to do their part in ensuring the language thrives for generations to come. You can join us on Friday at 12pm at our Te wiki o te Reo Maaori/MANA assembly and by sponsoring our tamariki for our te Reo Maaori-a-thon. The proceeds from this will cover the cost of Kapa Haka Uniforms, some te Reo Maaori resources and our Kapa Haka tutor.

Last week we had a great turnout for our Student Led Conferences. We had about 92% attendance on the day and have been catching up with whaanau this week too. This is our final week for Term 3 and just a reminder that the school is closed for 2 weeks and then opens again on Monday 6 October.

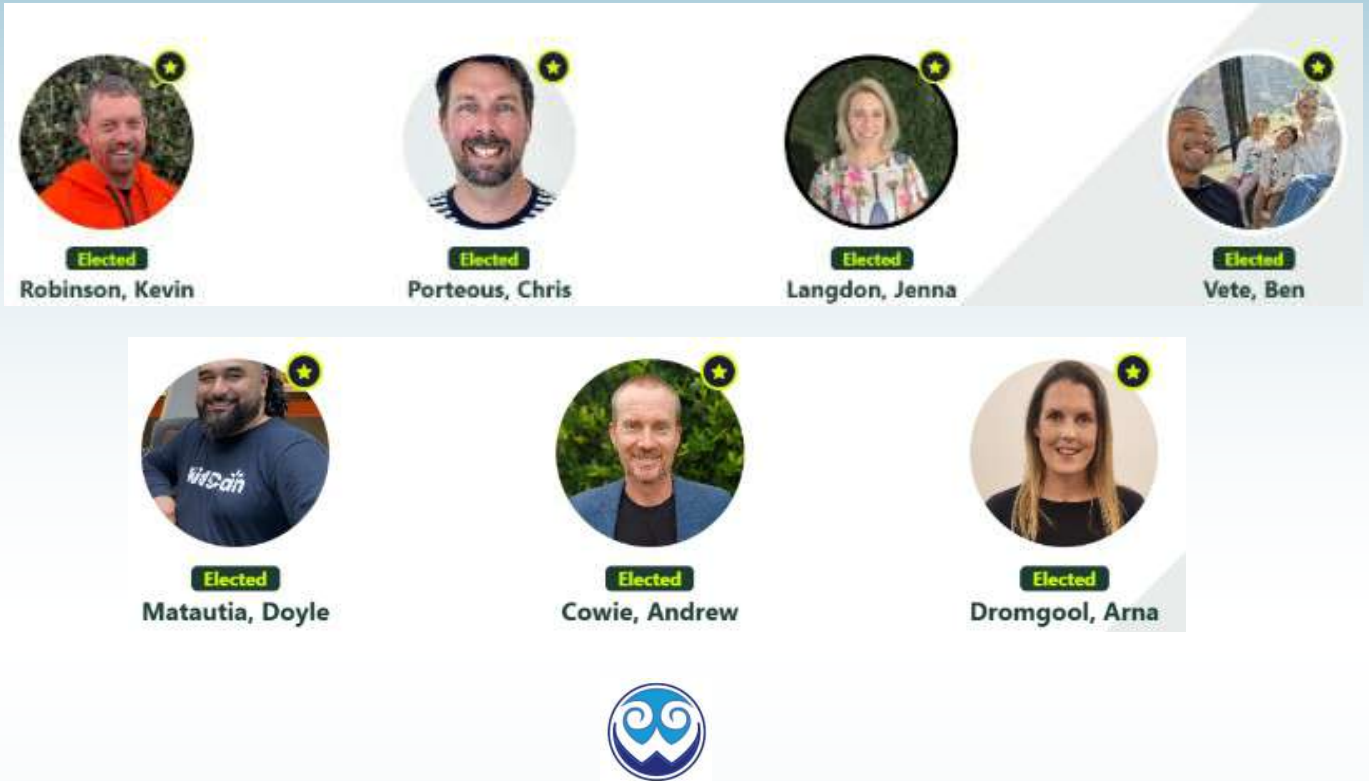
POTENTIAL STRIKE ACTION NEXT TERM

Many of you will have heard in the media, there is a possibility the support staff, primary teachers and principals will go on strike on Thursday October 23. This is due to minimal progress in collective agreement negotiations with the government. There is a hope that NZEI (primary teacher's union) and the government will reach an agreement within the timeframe so the strike does not go ahead. Most of the teachers at Waterlea are members of NZEI (the teacher's union) and if the strike goes ahead, the Board of Trustees will decide on the appropriate action. We will keep you informed of any developments.



New Board of Trustees

2025 Board of Trustees



We have the results for the Board of Trustees election and the successful candidates are:

Ben Vete
Kevin Robinson
Jenna Langdon
Chris Porteous
Doyle Matautia
Andrew Cowie
Arna Dromgool

Congratulations to all the successful candidates and we look forward to you overseeing the governance of the school for the next 3 years. A big thank you to everyone who stood in these elections and everyone who voted. We really appreciate your support.

Te Reo Maaori-a-thon

Spot prizes

Ka mau te wehi whaanau! We have almost hit \$10,000! Ngaa mihi to all of you who have donated and for the mahi you have put in to helping us raise such a fantastic amount of money for our kura. Spot prizes are still being handed out this week and the fundraising platform remains open through to the start of next week. We look forward to our Korero Maaori day tomorrow when Tamariki have the chance to show the mahi they have put in to learning their kupu over the past couple of weeks. Kia mau tonu te mahi nui!



South Auckland Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon

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The South Auckland Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon will be held on Tuesday 25 November at Mountford Park, Manurewa. Our school has registered for this exciting event, but please note that parents are responsible for entering their child, supporting their training and taking them on the day. It's a fantastic opportunity for tamariki to give it a go, build confidence, and have fun being active!

You can join the school team by visiting this link and using the drop down menu to find Waterlea School. There will be an allocated space with the school marquee for families and tryathletes on the day. <https://raceroster.com/events/2025/109737/south-auckland-weet-bix-kids-tryathlon>

Entry Options:

- **Splash & Dash** – for 6 year olds only (swim and run).
- **Individual TRYathlete** – for 7–15 year olds (swim, cycle, and run).
- **Teams of Two** – for 7–9 year olds (Juniors) and 10–15 year olds (Seniors). One team member does the swim, the other does the cycle, and both do the run.

Kindy Buddies

For the past few years Waterlea has joined forces with the Mangere Bridge Kindergarten Buddy Programme. The aim of this programme is to help children at kindergarten transition into school more easily.



Cross Country

Y3-6 Cross Country Day

What a fabulous day we had last Tuesday at the Waterlea Cross Country Day

Thanks for all the whaanau support!

Great AUMANGEA was shown by the tamariki during the day.

We will be selecting the teams for Zones Cross Country, which happens early in Term 4.



While the year threes finished there race it was the year 4s turn to run I was feeling excited.



Me Ahri and Tamariki were walking happily to the start.



When I was running I was really tired.



When I got back at school I was happy.



When I was at the finish line, I got a card saying 9th year 4 girl.



At the end I felt very proud of myself.



Senior School Tapuwae Tournament

A Tapuwae tournament is being played this term in the Senior School. In the tournament all the senior classes play Tapuwae against each other and the final scores will decide the semi-finals and the ultimate showdown.

What the game looks like and what you need. To play Tapuwae you will need: two bottles, and at least 20 people - 2 keepers, 6 or more shooters, defenders and middle guards, and a top court.

How to play Tapuwae. There are four different positions you can play in Tapuwae: shooters, defenders, keepers and middle guards.

Keepers(goalies) try to protect the bottle by stopping the shooters from knocking it over, they can throw or kick it out of the ring. Shooters - shooters are the people who try to knock the bottle over.

My feelings and experiences. My favourite position is keeper. I like being a keeper because I like being the person who is in charge of the goals. Being in middle guard is a little hard for me because I am a little short.

Hazel



Photolife Reminder

PhotoLife SIBLING PHOTO REQUEST

ONLY ONE FORM IS REQUIRED PER SIBLING PHOTO
THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR CAREGIVER AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL
BEFORE PHOTO DAY FOR PHOTO TO BE TAKEN

FAMILY LAST NAME: _____

List Full Name and Room Numbers of Children to be Photographed Together - **OLDEST FIRST**


Name:	Room No:
Name:	Room No:
Name:	Room No:
Name:	Room No:
Name:	Room No:

I authorise the above detailed children to be photographed together for a Sibling Photo:

PARENT / CAREGIVER SIGNATURE: _____


After Photo Day you will receive a Photo Access Key to view and purchase your Sibling Photo Pack ONLINE

We are here to help

 If you have any further questions please contact us
09 262 1040 or 0800 501 040

PhotoLife
www.photolife.co.nz

PhotoLife



Your child's school photos will be taken
at **Waterlea School**
on **Thursday 18th September 2025**

View and purchase your child's photos online

- Look out for your Child's Photo Keycode that they will bring home a couple of weeks after PhotoDay or it will be EMAILED to you.
- Use your unique Photo Keycode to view your child's photos at **www.photolife.co.nz**
- Orders placed before the Free Delivery Expiry Date will be bulk printed and delivered to the school for your child to bring home.
- Check the Bulk Expiry Date when you go online to view your child's photos.

Sibling Photographs P.T.O

If your school has approved for us to take Sibling Photographs you need to do the following:

1. **RETURN** the signed Booking Form listing your children's names and room numbers to the School Office **BEFORE** Photo Day.
2. If there is **NO SIGNED FORM OUR PHOTOGRAPHERS ARE NOT AUTHORISED TO TAKE A SIBLING PHOTOGRAPH.**

Tomorrow morning is your last chance to return your Sibling Photo Request.

Please hand into the school office by 9am.

Please note this form does not need to be completed if you have one child at school.



Nico Rides Again!



Auckland Schools Cross Country Race

Nico represented Waterlea in the final round of the Auckland Schools' Cross Country Mountain Bike race on Sunday at Sanders Reserve.

It was a strong field but Nico showed his Aumangea and Ako values, along with plenty of smiles, taking fifth place in the Under 13 boys.

Overall this meant he finished 7th in the 2025 series, out of 49, which was awesome as he was typically competing against boys 1-2 years older than him.

He was super proud of racing for his school and the improvements he's made this year.



On 3rd of September 2025, around 25 Waterlea students went to rugby inter zones. We had two boys teams playing in the competition.

When we got there, we set up our amazing Waterlea gazebo so we had a place to put all our things. Almost immediately we had to be weighed to make sure we could play in our weight grade.

We played our first game and it was a lot of fun, but it was quite rough with lots of big tackles. We all had to show aumangea and keep trying hard! Afterwards, we had some time for food and water and then we hung around the gazebo watching the other games. We played two more games, which we didn't win, but it was still really fun. We want to thank our awesome coach Roi, who said we all did a good job. I had a great time there and I hope to go back next year.

By Kruz

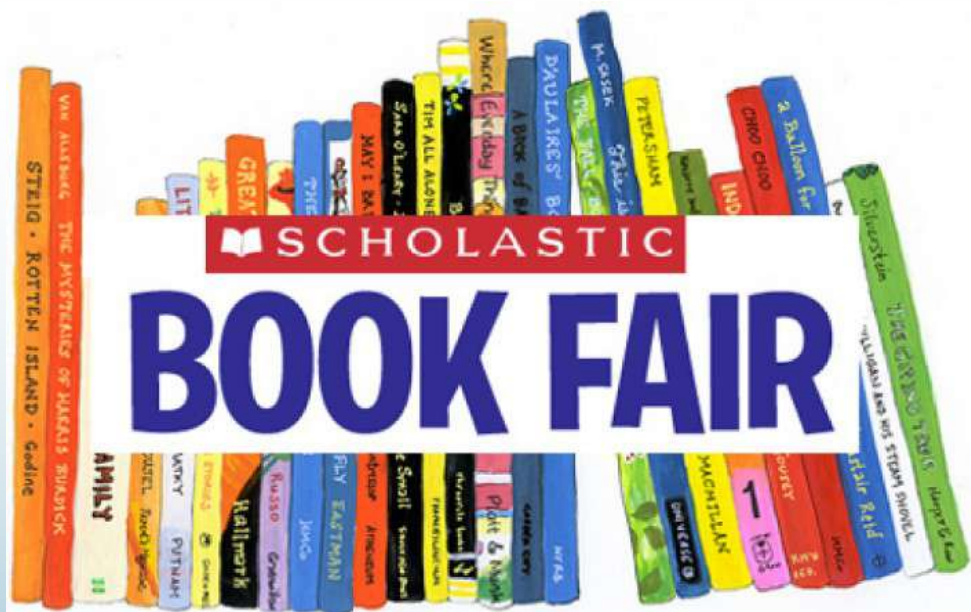
Scholastic Book Fair

What a fabulous turn out to our Scholastic Book Fair on SLC night.

Many thanks to all who purchased book.

We sold \$3,867.50 worth of books which meant \$1,340.25 worth of free books for our library.

Ka pai Waterlea School



There are MANA ticks for classes who return the most books!

Please return Library Books by tomorrow

MANGERE BRIDGE

5, 10, 21

FUN RUN

RUN • WALK • STROLL • STRIDE

Sunday 28th September 2025

For more info: mangerebridgerun.com



www.facebook.com/mangerefunrun

THANKS TO



Four Winds
FOUNDATION



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

Last week of this term, our whole school attendance rate is 54%. 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

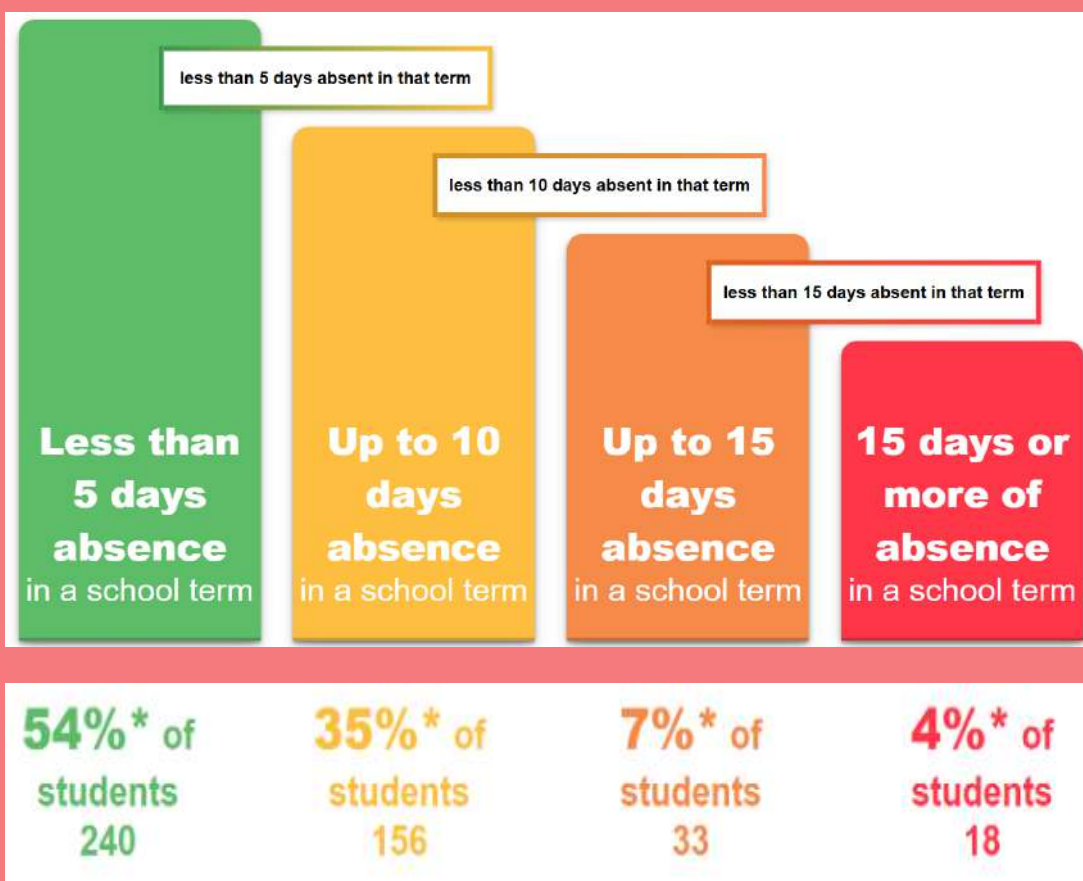
The Government's target is for **80% of students to attend regularly**, that is to attend school more than **90% of the time**.

GOOD
Good chance of success

WORRYING
Less chance of success

CONCERNING
Hard to make progress

SERIOUS CONCERN
Very hard to make progress



When contacting school with an absence, please state the reason for the absence as we need to allocate a code.

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.***



- 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
PASS



Scan
to book
online!

skids

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 trivia trials, wild doctricle 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. Make families new qualify 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 relevant outdoor areas. Contact your programme for detailed information. Programmes, experiences, and activities may change; check our website for updates. Certain experiences incur extra costs for all attending children, regardless of contribution.

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.](#)

