



# 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 3 September 2025

### Important Dates

4 Sept	Junior School Fun Run 9:15am
5 Sept	Chinese/MANA asmb 11:15am
5 Sept	Kahui Ako Performance OHS
9 Sept	Y3&4 Cross Country 9-11am Y5&6 Cross Country 11-1pm
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 Week
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
24 Oct	Teacher Only Day School Closed

Nǐ hǎo (Mandarin) or Néih hóu (Cantonese) and welcome to New Zealand Chinese Language Week (NZCLW). Chinese Language Week is a New Zealand initiative launched in 2014 and is designed to increase Chinese language learning in New Zealand. The first of its kind in any Western country, NZCLW seeks to bridge the cultural and linguistic knowledge gap between China and New Zealand by delivering fun and practical initiatives that assist Kiwis to learn Chinese. Room 12 kicked off NZCLW on Monday in style by making dumplings which they shared with the office staff and we can report they were delicious! Did you know there are approximately 990 million people in China who speak some variety of Mandarin as their first language. The total number of people in China who can speak Mandarin is significantly higher than those who speak Cantonese, which is only about 20% of China's population. Join us this coming Friday for our Chinese Language/MANA assembly where some of our tamariki will teach us more about Chinese culture and languages.





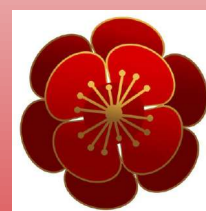
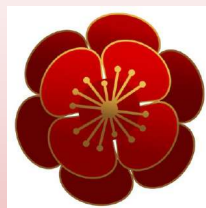
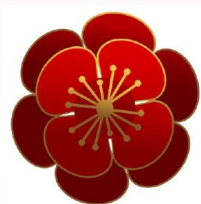
## How to make Chinese dumplings

Have you ever made dumplings? If not, listen closely.

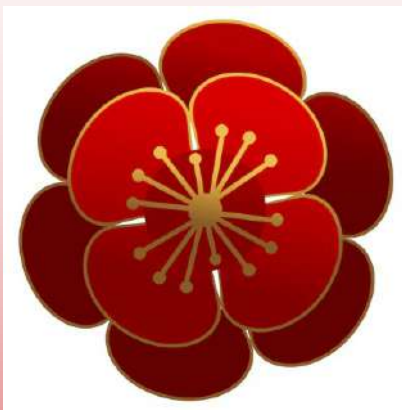
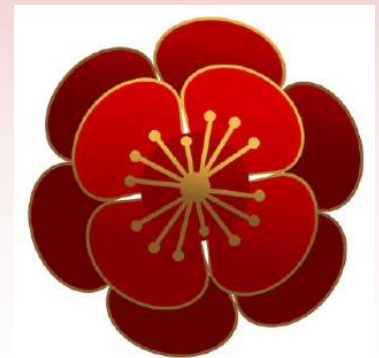
First, dip water on your finger and trace it around your dumpling wrapper. This makes your dumpling wrap sticky. Next, scoop some filling onto your dumpling wrapper. After that, close the dumpling carefully. Finally, you cook it for five to six minutes in a frying pan.

These crispy dumplings can be served with sweet chilli sauce, soy sauce or any sauce you like.

Chinese dumplings are delicious and easy to make.







Room 12 learning how to play Mahjong. Thanks to brothers, Caleb and Matthew for being great Kaiako.

## Year 1 visit to Ambury Farm

A great day was had by all last Thursday at Ambury Farm. What a wonderful taonga we have on our doorstep here in Mangere Bridge. Thank you to the wonderful rangers, Rich and Richard who provided the hands-on activities and learning for us. And, a big thank you to our whaanau helpers, it was much appreciated. Check out some Ambury Farm artwork and stories below.



By Isobel



By Lexi

## Drawing our Ambury Farm Cows



By Annelys



By Maddy



# Board of Trustees Election

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

## PARENT & STAFF ELECTION TIMETABLE

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



**Just a reminder you have one week from today to vote in the Board of Trustees Elections.**

**You have seven votes to nominate seven candidates. You can see the nominee profiles displayed in the Waterlea School Office.**

**The voting papers have been emailed to you so please check your inbox. Election Pilot, who are overseeing this election will send out paper copies of voting papers if you need them. Unfortunately the school office can't hold voting papers but are happy to help you if you are unsure.**

**Please contact them on [election@electionpilot.nz](mailto:election@electionpilot.nz)**

**Phone: 0800868369**

# Junior School Fun Run



## 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/>



# This Week!

## Kahui Ako performance 5th September 5.30 -7pm

If your child is in the Kapa Haka or Ukulele Group you would have received a parent permission slip. Please sign it, send it back to school and look out for the uniform notices. You will also have received an email today with a map for parking and what the tamariki need to wear. It should be a great event on Friday.



# Next Week

## Student Led Conferences

### Booking a Time

Please visit the school interviews website to select a time that suits your family [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) code: **bg6hk**

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

### Child Minding

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](#).





# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## Attendance

After 8 weeks at school this term, our whole school attendance rate is 62%. Just a reminder about lateness, and emailing [principal@waterlea.school.nz](mailto: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



**62%\*** of  
students  
278

**31%\*** of  
students  
137

**4%\*** of  
students  
19

**3%\*** of  
students  
14

# Community News

The 'Flaming Shields, competed at the Digger Douglas Tournament. They won their final, which is the first time an Onehunga Mangere team has ever won a final at this event, taking home the shield!

Well done team!



## TENNIS OPEN DAY!

### Everyone is Welcome!

Come try out tennis at our very own tennis club here in Mangere Bridge. Whether you're a new or experienced tennis player, you're welcome.

All equipment is provided:  
Tennis racquets & balls,  
Prizes, giveaways, BBQ, music & more!

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025**  
**10am – 2pm**

Location:

Bridge Park Tennis Club  
7 Taylor Road  
Mangere Bridge  
(just by the Memorial  
Hall and Bowling Club)



# MANGERE BRIDGE

# 5, 10, 21

# FUN RUN

RUN · WALK · STROLL · STRIDE

## Sunday 28th September 2025

For more info: [mangerebridgerun.com](http://mangerebridgerun.com)  
[www.facebook.com/mangerefunrun](https://www.facebook.com/mangerefunrun)

THANKS TO

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> September. This event is for everyone – as long as you're over 18.

Tickets are \$30 each - which includes a beverage, a craft activity (gem art), 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](#)



**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**



**Note this is an R18 Event**



# 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 11<sup>th</sup>  
September



kindo.

## 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](https://mykindo.co.nz)

Remember, you can now  
order your sausages  
through Kindo!

### Create an account

1. Visit [mykindo.co.nz](https://mykindo.co.nz) or scan the QR code below.
2. Create an account
3. Get it all done online!





**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](mailto:friends@fof.nz)

**See you there!**

details at [www.aboutmangerebridge.nz](http://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 doctests 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. More families: new qualify for OCCUPANCY. Visit [www.skids.co.nz/occupancy](http://www.skids.co.nz/occupancy) for eligibility and entitlement. Demotion 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: curricula, and activities may change; check our website for updates. Cancellations: 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 received by us by Tuesday 24 September.**

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

