



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 15 October 2025

Important Dates

16 Oct	Room 11 TLC
17 Oct	MANA Assembly 9:45am
19 Oct	Junior fun Games Day 9:15
20 Oct	Niuean Language Week
21 Oct	Diwali
22 Oct	Interschool Cross Country
23 Oct	Potential Strike Day
24 Oct	Teacher Only Day School Closed
27 Oct	Labour Day - School Closed
31 Oct	MANA Assembly 9:45am
4 Nov	Senior School Athletics
10 Nov	Middle School Athletics
28 Nov	Interschool Athletics Day
9 Dec	Y6 Graduation
10 Dec	Y6 Dine & Dance
12 Dec	Y6 Pool Party

Our whole school attendance rate of 98% at the beginning of the term is excellent! Let's all work together to see if we can improve on last term's data. To help you keep track of the attendance rate of your own Tamariki, we will be emailing you their weekly attendance rate at the end of each week. We are trialing it this term and if it is helpful, let us know. The beginning of the term is a good time for some reminders with regards to attendance:

1. Please phone or text the school if your child is going to be away or late.
2. If we haven't heard from you we will text you so please reply.
3. Please email Andrea Jamieson if you are planning to take your child on holiday during the term time at principal@waterlea.school.nz
4. School starts at 8.50am and ends at 3pm.

EVERY DAY COUNTS.
ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Emergency Drills

This term we will be having a number of whole school drills to ensure we are prepared for an emergency as this is the key to safety. In the next week or so, we plan to highlight the important actions we take during a fire drill and an earthquake ShakeOut drill. This is what these drills look like:

Fire drill

- When the alarm sounds, we immediately stop what we are doing
- We leave the building, using the nearest designated exit
- We walk to the assembly area which is at the bottom of the field and line up in class lines
- We stay there and sit quietly until we are all accounted for waiting for the all clear to be given by school leaders
- We return to class

Earthquake ShakeOut Drill: Drop, Cover, and Hold

When shaking starts/or the drill is announced we:

- DROP immediately onto our hands and knees. This position protects us from being knocked over
- COVER our heads and necks under a sturdy table or desk. If no shelter is near by, cover your head and neck with your arms and hands
- HOLD on to your shelter (or your position) until the shaking stops/ the drill is over

If you would like more information about Shake out - earthquake drill, find the link [here](#). Practising both fire and earthquake drills helps ensure that the correct, life-saving response becomes automatic when a real emergency strikes. Later this term we will have a lockdown drill and we will discuss this fully with our tamariki before we do this.

Potential Strike Action

Many of you will have heard in the media, there is a high possibility that the support staff, primary teachers and principals will go on **strike on Thursday October 23**. This is due to a breakdown in collective agreement negotiations with the government. There is always the 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. The board met last night and are working through what is required to make a decision. We expect we'll have some communication in regards to this before the end of the week. The date for the planned strike, should it go ahead, is the day before our planned **Teacher Only Day, Friday 24th October**. This date has been planned and communicated to our parent community for the last few months. We have engaged an outside maths facilitator to work with our teachers on this day so it can't be changed. We apologise for the inconvenience to our whaanau and we are working with SKIDS to be available.

Rm 11 Teacher Led Conferences Tomorrow

Reminder Room 11 has their TLC tomorrow starting at 1:30pm. They will be held in Room 11 Room 11 tamariki will go home at 3pm as usual and just a reminder that the TLC is a conversation between the teacher and parents only. If you would like to take your child home with you following your interview (prior to 3pm), please ensure you sign them out through the office.

Bookings can be made using the following link:

[School Interviews](#)

Then enter the code: e9c83

If you can not find a time that is suitable on this day, please contact Aroha directly and she will coordinate another time that is suitable.

If you trouble booking a time, please contact the office and we can assist you.



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PRIMARY SCHOOLS ORIENTATION DAYS

ORIENTATION DAY – 12 November 2025

From 8:45am to 1: 30pm, Year 6 taura going into Year 7 in February 2026 will be introduced to their new kaiako.

Measles

Measles message from the Ministry of Education & Health

Over the school holidays there were some measles cases in Aotearoa.

- Measles is very contagious and can make people of any age very sick
- Watch for measles symptoms – fever, cough, runny nose, sore eyes and a blotchy rash

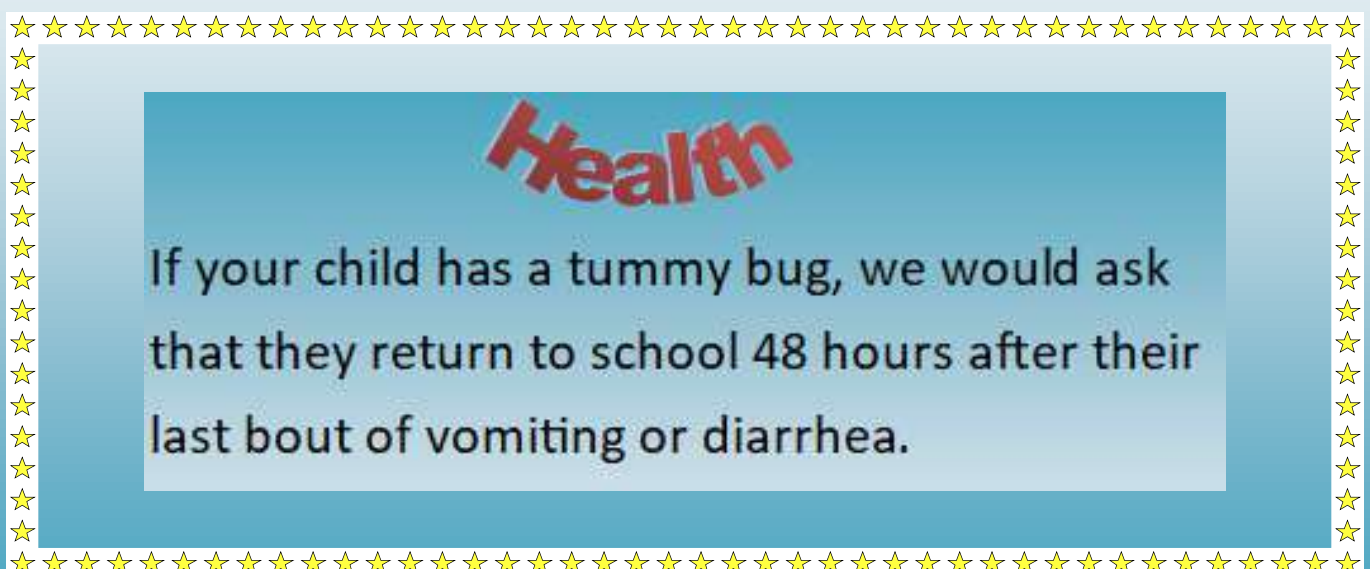
Measles: Locations of interest in Aotearoa New Zealand – Health New Zealand

- If anyone in your whaanau has measles symptoms keep them home and contact a doctor or Healthline urgently on 0800 611 116
- Vaccination is the best protection from measles. Check all whaanau are immunised

Measles immunity – Health New Zealand

Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine – Health New Zealand

- Anyone closely exposed to measles who has not received two MMR vaccinations cannot attend their school/kura for at least eight days



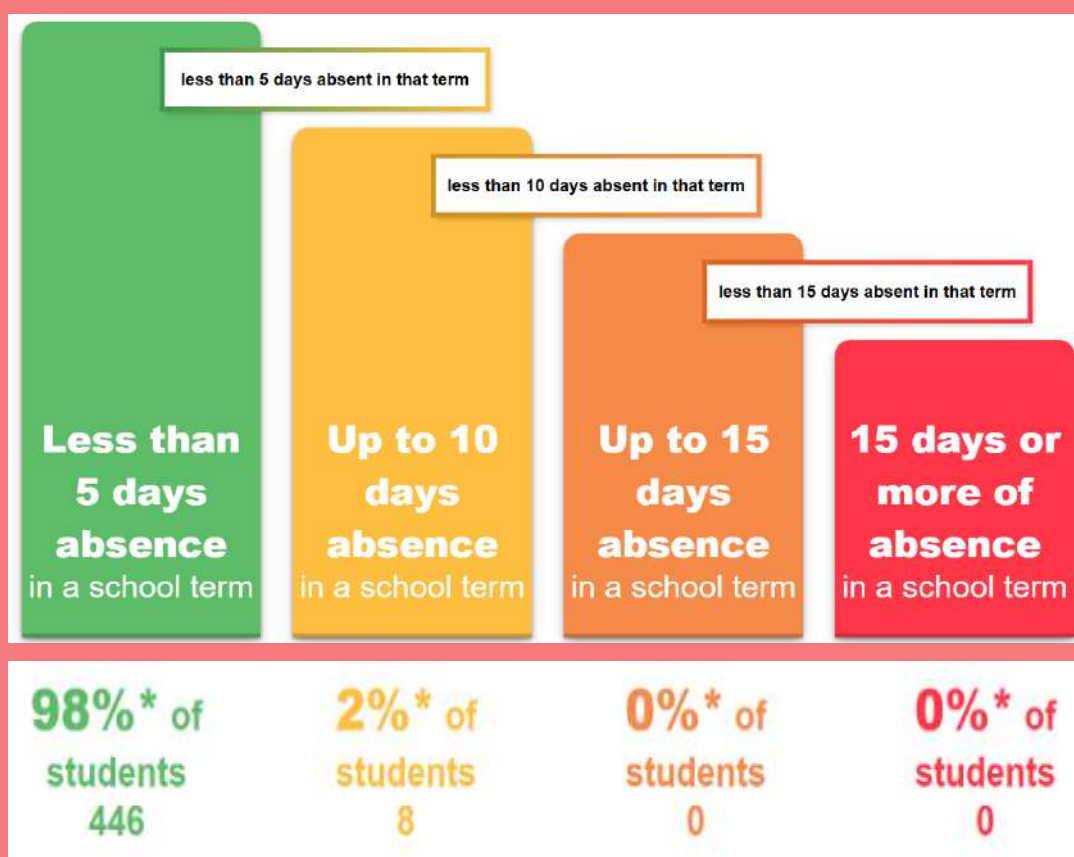
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

Week 2, our whole school attendance rate was 98%. 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**.



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

Summer JUNIOR HOCKEY

8 weeks

Starting 22 October

5:00pm - 6:00pm

\$140 per team

Wednesdays

- ✔ Year 3 - 6
- ✔ 30 minute games
- ✔ Mixed teams

REGISTER

Use link to register your team

Questions? info@sdhc.co.nz



Link for more information: [HERE](#)

Junior Fun Games Day

Junior fun games day - Wednesday 19th November - 9:15 - 10:30am.

This is for year 1 and 2 classrooms - parents welcome to come and watch.



Create memories together

Delight in singing with your pēpi and tamariki/little ones.

Have fun learning together.

Make new friends.

Your tamaiti/child will enjoy the play time.

Relax with a drink and kai/snack.

Kia ora! Come along.

9:30am Thursdays - during the school term

Māngere Bridge Baptist Church
Cnr Woodward Ave & McIntyre Rd, Māngere Bridge

Contact Carolyn: mainlymusic@mangerebridgebaptist.com

Find our
group here



delight, accept, grow

mainlymusic.org.nz

Moth Busters

Kia ora Moth Plant Warriors, we are taking a seasonal approach to destroying Moth Plants. The season is **spring**, and **seedlings** have sprung!! For the month of October we ask you to keep an eye out for seedlings and drop them off at school. For each bunch of 50 we go into the draw to win a weekly prize of **\$50** pressie **card** for our school gardens.

Pestfree
SOUTH AUCKLAND

**Moth plant
Seedlings**
Weekly Prize Draw

Start
Collecting
now!

\$50 Pressie
Cards to be
won

*Lets help te taiao by tackling Moth Plant all
year long*

Moth plants seedlings are popping up right now. Collect a bunch of 50 seedlings with the roots intact, send us a photo with your contact details and go in the draw for a \$50 pressie card. No need to register. Every bunch is another entry.

Weekly draws for the month of October. Final photos in by 31 Oct 2025

email pfsa@otarawaterways.org.nz

from the PTA

Get Ready to Tropic Like It's Hot!

Mark Friday 14th November in the calendar, The school disco is back — bright and bursting with tropical vibes!

Slip on your sunnies and jandals for a night of dancing, games, giveaways and summer fun.

Presale tickets will be 3-3.30pm, Tuesday 11th - Thursday 13th November; Presale tickets are \$3 and door sales are \$4, \$1 = 1 disco dollar.

Important: This year, the **school field is a no-go zone** — please **enter through the front gate only** (the back gate will be locked).



Parent helpers needed!

To make sure our disco is a success, we need a little extra help!

If you can rustle up some baking for the disco or be a helper on the night, please email waterleapta@gmail.com

Thanks,

The Waterlea PTA

The
**DREAM
HOUSE**
EDITION

WHĀNAU DAY

»» 2025 ««

COME AND BUILD THE FUTURE
OF AOTEAROA IN THE DIGITAL ERA



Join us for Whānau Day – a free community celebration.
Connect with educators, industry leaders and role models
to inspire you and your whānau about training and career
opportunities in the digital economy.



SPECIAL GUESTS INCLUDE:

Alexia Hilbertidou – CEO, GirlBoss
Sharing her story of growth and dreaming big

John Pulu – Host, Tagata Pasifika
MC for the day and host of the AWS Dream House panel

Dan Te Whenua Walker – Microsoft
Technology leader and AWS Dream House panelist

Louise Cooper – News Corp Australia
Data and AI director and AWS Dream House panelist

Rahera Williams and Vili Tutone – AWS
Cloud Support Associates and AWS Dream House panelists



PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS:

AWS Dream House panel: AWS talent and industry leaders
share perspectives on careers, earning power, and inclusion

Interactive activations: Tech showcases, coding experiences,
and career pathways with local technology organisations

Entertainment and community: South Auckland cultural and
youth performances, free kai, and family engagement activities

Prizes and giveaways: Including laptop prizes for rangatahi

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER | 9:00AM – 4:00PM
DUE DROP EVENT CENTRE, MANUKAU, AUCKLAND

FREE community event all whānau welcome

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For more information contact Te Ariki Te Puni teariki.tepuni@kotui.co.nz



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17TH OCTOBER - 21ST NOVEMBER

4:30PM-7PM
EVERY FRIDAYS

CONTACT ALEX

PHONE - 0220213049

EMAIL - ADMINMANGERE COMMUNITY@CONNECT.NZ



FREE EVENT

**THE
BIG
BRIDGE PARTY**

**FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER 2025
5:30PM-8PM**

**MĀNGERE BRIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH
CNR WOODWARD AND MCINTYRE ROADS**

A NIGHT OF FOOD AND FUN FOR EVERYONE



**BOUNCY
CASTLES**



**FUN
DISCO**



**FAMILY
GAMES**



CRAFTS



FOOD



TREATS



Māngere Bridge
Baptist Church



Mangere Bridge

KIDS MARKET

16th November 2025

9am-1pm

NAOMI AND BILL KIRK PARK

**CORONATION ROAD,
MANGERE BRIDGE**

FOR STALL ENQUIRES CONTACT

KATE : 021776139

info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz



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, ukulele, 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.

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

MUSIQHUB

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.](#)



SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

If you are after any secondhand uniform items, such as tee-shirts, polo shirts, 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.



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