



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 22 October 2025

Important Dates

23 Oct	Strike Day (school closed)
24 Oct	Teacher Only Day School Closed
27 Oct	Labour Day - School Closed
28 Oct	Board of Trustees Hui 7:00pm
31 Oct	MANA Assembly 9:45am
4 Nov	Senior School Athletics
10 Nov	Middle School Athletics
19 Nov	Junior Fun Games Day 9:15am
28 Nov	Interschool Athletics Day
9 Dec	Y6 Graduation
10 Dec	Y6 Dine & Dance
12 Dec	Y6 Pool Party
16 Dec	Last day of school, Finish 1pm

Fakaalofa lahi atu and welcome to Niuean Language Week 2025. The theme for the week is Fakatapunu, Ofania, mo e Fakaaoga e Vagahau Niue!, which translates to Elevate, Cherish, and Use Vagahau Niue! Also, this week many of our whaanau have been celebrating Diwali. Diwali, the festival of lights, is celebrated by more than a billion people of different faiths worldwide. If your whaanau were celebrating this week we wish you a happy Diwali. At Waterlea School our kaiako and kiaawhina ran some lunchtime activities celebrating Diwali for our tamariki. The school looked beautiful and extra colourful with all the rangoli chalk patterns sprinkled around. There was Bollywood dancing in the hall and lots of mehendi (henna) design drawings on little hands. Many of our tamariki and kaiako wore beautiful clothes in celebration too.





Tau kupu Niue kua lata tonu ke fakaaoga
Useful / Everyday / Simple words

Common Phrases

Fakaalofa lahi atu / Fakaalofa atu	Greetings / Hello
Fakaalofa lahi atu ki a mutolu oti	Greetings everyone
Mutolu kia	Goodbye – to those who are leaving
Nonofa ā mutolu kia	Goodbye – to those who are staying
Fakamolemole	Please
Fakaaue Lahi oue tulou	Thank you
Fakamolemole mai	Sorry
Tulou	Excuse me





Strike Tomorrow

Reminder: Strike Day, Teacher Only Day & Labour Day

Thank you to everyone who has returned the slip regarding the school being closed Thursday, Friday and Monday. Most of our staff will be striking and joining the midday march down Queen Street so watch out for us on the evening news.



Measles Update

An update from Health NZ shows that as of Sunday, 19 October there are currently 13 cases of measles reported in NZ. While this number might seem small, we must understand how fast spreading this can be and the impact growing cases of measles will have on the health of our communities. There has been a confirmed measles case in Auckland. Here's what we know so far:

- There has been a confirmed case of measles in Auckland, linked to recent overseas travel. If patients visited the Auckland City Hospital ED on Friday 17 October between 10:30 am - 7:45 pm, they should check their vaccination status.
- Health authorities report no new cases since the initial report and the risk of wider spread is currently assessed as low, thanks to rapid public-health action.
- Please remain alert - particularly for patients who may have been exposed in the identified locations which can be viewed [here](#).

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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.

New Long Jump

Waterlea has a new long jump pit

Waterlea has a beautiful new long jump pit courtesy of the good folks at Halcyon Homes. Halcyon Homes is the company building the apartments next door to the school and has other building developments happening in Maangere Bridge within our school zone. The long jump pit completion was timely as it coincided with our athletics practices so thank you Halcyon Homes.



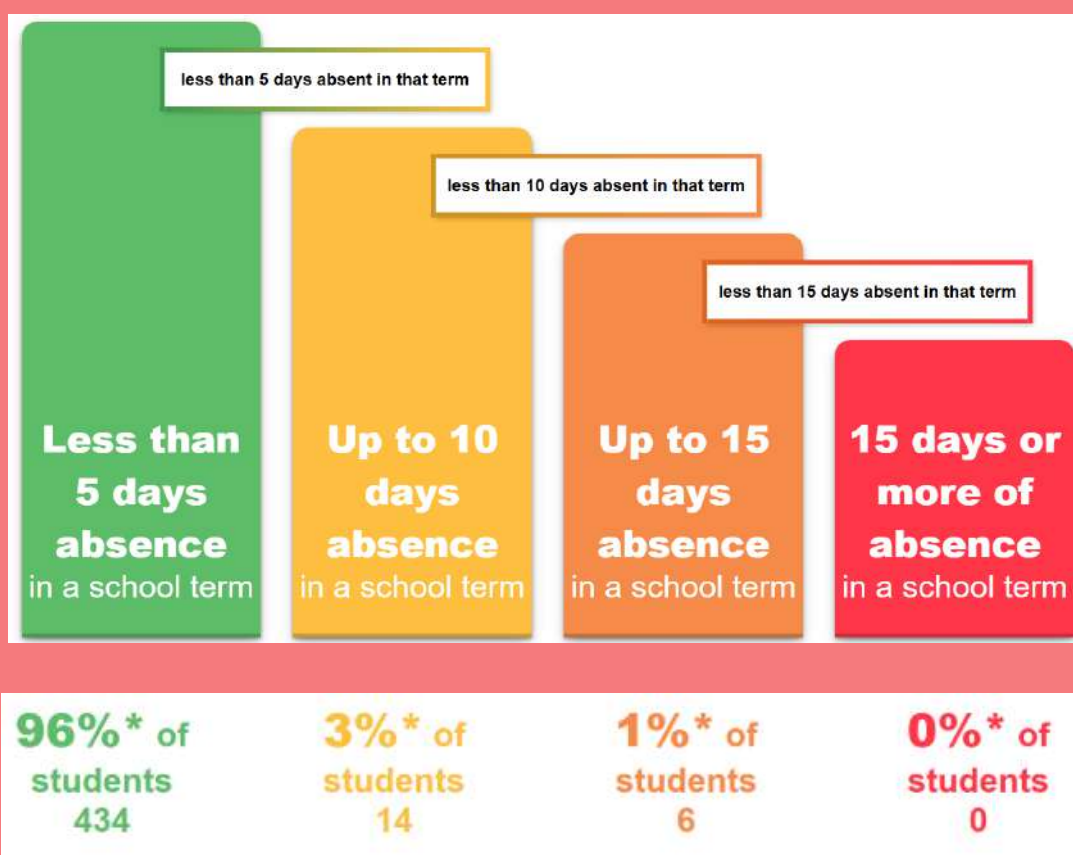
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

Week 3, our whole school attendance rate was 96%. 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.

MANA CERTIFICATES



MANAKITANGA

JUNIOR SCHOOL

AKO



NGAUKIA PONO

MIDDLE SCHOOL

AWHANGEA



SENIOR SCHOOL



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

Waterlea PTA
Presents

*Tropic like
it's hot!*
Disco 2025

Friday 14 November 2025

5.00pm to 7.00pm

Waterlea School Hall

Games & prizes!

*Dresscode: casual & colourful,
bring your sunnies!*

Presale Tickets: \$3 or \$4 door sales

**\$1 = 1 Disco dollar, available at the
main gate**

**Please note that the field
will be a no-go zone**

**The class with most
ticket presales will win
pizza & ice block lunch at
school!!!**

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: Entry to the disco is via the field gate off House Ave. Note all other gates will be locked including the gate from Nadine Place.

PARENT HELP 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

Lucky Book Club
Club

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Lucky Book

Last day to order is this Friday

24 October

Thank you for your support!



Number 54
Small farmhouse
Lost forest

15.10.25



Dear Red Riding Hood,

I am sorry about the whole "eating you and your grandma" situation. You see, a few days before we met I was thinking on what to do to those horrible pigs who ruined my cousin's only chance to get married (by burning his bottom) and have babies, but now he can't sit down without swearing and that offended the she-wolf and now he can't get another date!

So anyway, I was going to my cousin when I came across you. Because you were wearing a cape I thought you were one of those pigs so when I asked where you were going and you said "To my grandma's house". I decided to teach you a lesson, I tricked you into picking flowers and went to your grandma's house and ate her.

When you came in I thought you were a pig and ate you as well. Unfortunately the lumber jack saw that from outside, rushed in and accused me of eating Red Riding Hood. Then I realised my mistake but before I could explain he hit me very hard and ran off crying to my cousins house. I told him my mistake and he said never judge a book by its cover.

From Wilfred the misunderstood wolf

(Ashling)

P.S IfQ you see those little pigs make sure to burn their bottoms

Number 67
Small house
Lost forest

15.10.25

Dear little Red Riding Hood,

I'm sorry for what happened not that long ago. I didn't really mean to eat your grandma. Even though I did it, I have mental issues so I get really hungry and have a mental breakdown.

Also I was looking for a friend and I also have kids at my cave. They are very hungry too. But your grandma also looked like a piece of pizza so I ate her. On the other side I'm just a chill guy so please forgive me or be my friend.

Your Sincerely,

B.B.W

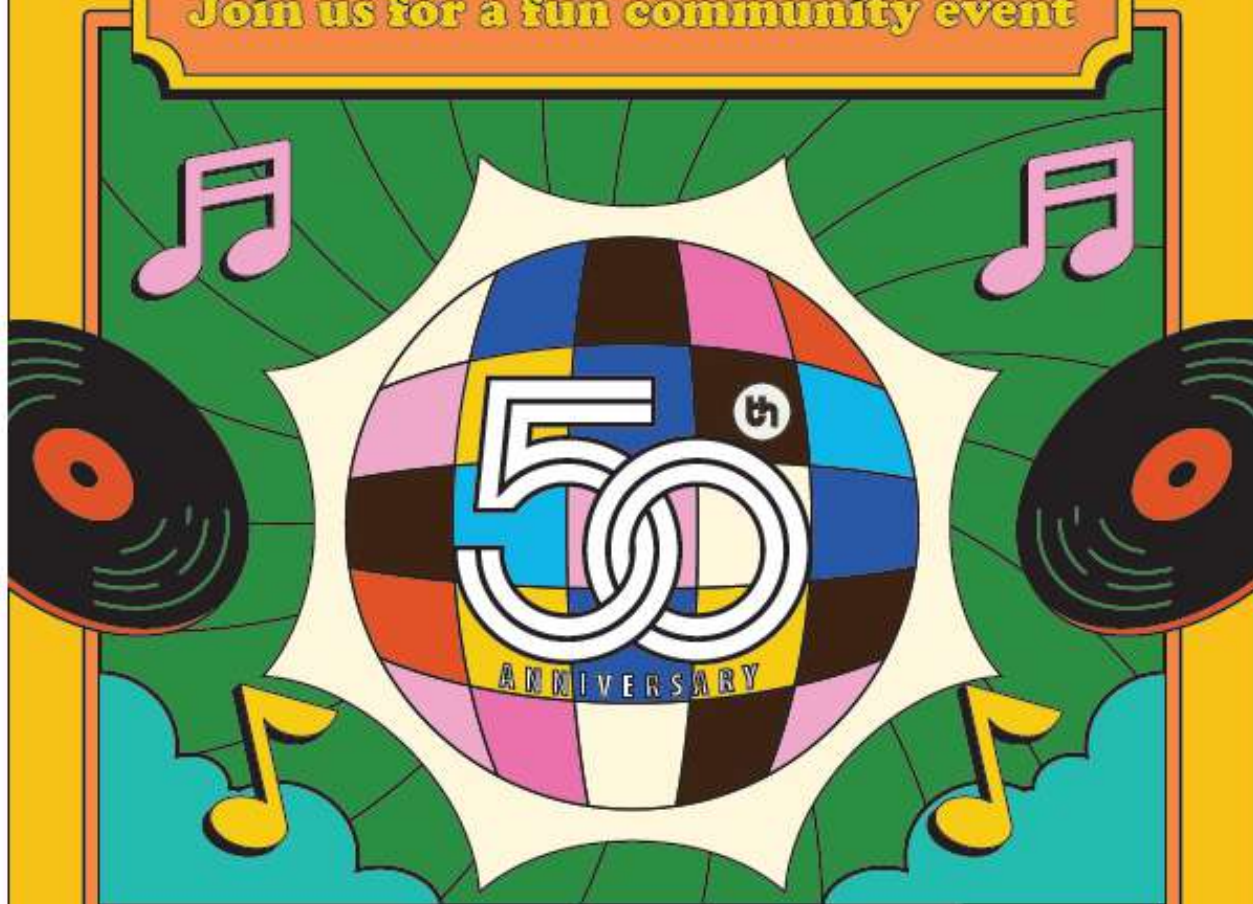
By Beau



MBK DISCO



Join us for a fun community event



We're celebrating 50 years of Māngere Bridge Kindergarten.

Bring a plate of kai to share for dinner from 5 to 5:30pm.

The DJ is playing from 5:30 to 7pm.



Māngere Bridge
Kindergarten

Thursday, 13 November. 5-7 pm



Tickets available at the kindy office. \$10 per family.



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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17TH OCTOBER - 21ST NOVEMBER

4:30PM-7PM
EVERY FRIDAYS

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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

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, 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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