



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 29 October 2025

Important Dates

31 Oct	MANA Assembly 9:45am
4 Nov	Senior School Athletics 9– 12pm
5 Nov	Senior Sprints & 800m 9– 12pm
10 Nov	Middle School Athletics
12 Nov	Royal Oak Int Orientation Day
14 Nov	MANA Assembly 9:45am
14 Nov	PTA Disco 5:00pm
18 Nov	Board of Trustees Hui 7pm
19 Nov	Junior Fun Games Day 9:15am
28 Nov	MANA Assembly 9:45am
28 Nov	Interschool Athletics Day
9 Dec	Y6 Graduation
9 Dec	Board of Trustees Hui 7pm
10 Dec	Y6 Dine & Dance
12 Dec	Y6 Pool Party
12 Dec	2026 Road Patrol Training
16 Dec	Last day of school, Finish 1pm

Thank you for your support regarding the strike day and we are hopeful of a settlement soon. The teachers spent Friday engaging in professional learning in maths looking at Numicon progression across the age levels.

On Friday, we also looked at some staff changes happening at the end of this year and early next year. We have some teachers leaving us, Judy Edwards and Anna de Heer are both exploring different opportunities next year. We thank them for their wonderful mahi with our tamariki and wish them all the best in the new pursuits. We will farewell them more formally at the end of the year. In order to staff the school next year, we have done some reorganisation and some employment of new teachers. Next year we will welcome Charles Tomokino to Waterlea and below is the overall organisation.

Last year we trialed some software called Pluto to help us generate classes. We are able to input information such as social groups and good learning buddies. We will be using Pluto again this time so if there is any information you would like us to consider in the class allocation process please email either Andy Jones or Camilla Jackson:

andy.jones@waterlea.school.nz

camilla.jackson@waterlea.school.nz



2026 Staff Organisation

<u>Senior Leadership Team</u> Principal - Andrea Jamieson Deputy Principals- Andy Jones & Camilla Jackson (Yr 5-6 Team Leader) (SLT will also be SENCOs)	<u>Senior School Teachers (Year 5 & 6)</u> Jenny Corkill - Yr 5 & 6 Georgina Robb- Yr 5 & 6 Miriam Kamsteeg- Yr 5 & 6 Emma Dutton- Yr 5 & 6 Charles Tomokino - Yr 5 & 6	
<u>Middle School (Year 3 & 4)</u> Aroha Buchanan- Yr 3 Shumin Liu-Yr 3 Megan Lundberg-Yr 3 Helen MacKinnon-Yr 4 Bridget Kent-Yr 4 (Team Leader) Annabel Bird-Yr 4	<u>Year 2 Team</u> Shubha Venkatrao Sally Bierens (Team Leader) Alana McKay Samia Mahmood	<u>Year 1 Team</u> Meghna Gupta Andrea Des Forges Janelle Smith Helen Wedde (Team Leader)



Art



New art around school to enjoy

Have you noticed that the art in the hall changes every term? A big thank you to the Middle School Team teachers for taking on the role of Art Curators, and making sure that our hall and shared spaces are filled with fresh, beautiful art work every term. This term, it is Senior School artwork that we get to enjoy, so take a moment to pop in and view, in both hall and office.





Link: [Kea Kids News: Tamariki go All Out in a cultural extravaganza](#)

We are excited to share with you Kea Kids News latest story!
Featuring Waterlea School Kaha Haka and Ukelele Group.
Please share with your friends and whaanau!



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.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

Week 4, our whole school attendance rate was 93%. 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.

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



Please click on picture below for more details.....



REMEMBER

**Tamariki 16 years and under
swim FREE at
Auckland Council pools.**

LEARN MORE

Tāmaki Turuki Altogether Auckland



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**

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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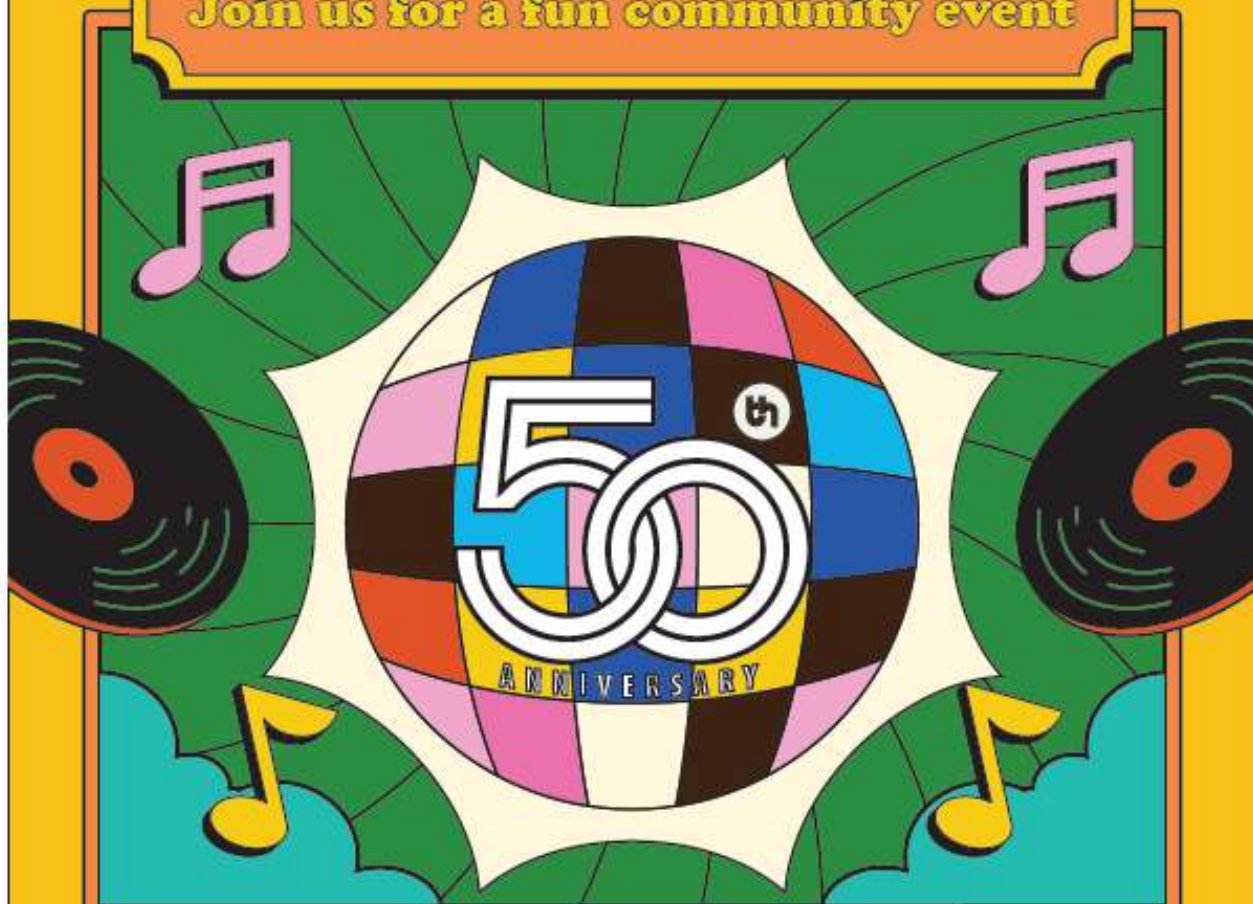


For more information contact Te Ariki Te Puni teariki.tepuni@kotui.co.nz

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.





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



MANGERE COMMUNITY CONNECT



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MANGERE MAANAKI & COMMUNITY CONNECT

MULTI-SPORTS

ANY SKILL LEVEL

ALL AGES

3V3 BBALL

VIBBES

TAG/TOUCH

LOCAL FUN

FREE TO ALL

VOLLEYBALL

DAVID LANGE PARK

17TH OCTOBER - 21ST NOVEMBER

4:30PM-7PM
EVERY FRIDAYS

CONTACT ALEX

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MANGERE MARKET
— T R U S T —

SANTA PARADE **WINTER**

Wonderland

4TH DECEMBER

4-8 PM

PARADE STARTS AT 6PM
at Mangere War Memorial

MANGERE BRIDGE VILLAGE



Four Winds
FOUNDATION

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu
Local Board
Auckland Council



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, skorts, 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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