



# 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 8 October 2025

### Important Dates

14 Oct	Board of Trustees Hui 6pm Board inductions
16 Oct	Room 11 TLC
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
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

Bula, welcome to Term 4 and Fijian Language Week. The 2025 theme for Fijian Language Week is 'Na noqu vosa me na tekivu mai vale - My language starts at home'. Below are some phrases and words that you might like to practise at home, particularly if you are planning to visit Fiji soon. Term 4 is always a bustling and exciting time, and this year is no exception. It's a term of celebrations, farewells - particularly for our Year 6 students, and there are some important dates listed for whaanau to help with planning. As the weather heats up, please remember to ensure your child comes to school wearing the correct uniform including wearing a sunhat everyday to keep them safe in the sun. All classrooms have sunscreen and our kaiako will be encouraging tamariki to apply it before play times.

### Malanivosa kei na Vosa Phrases and words

#### Common Phrases

Ni sa bula vinaka	Greetings / Hello
Ni sa bula vinaka kece sara	Greetings everyone
Ni sa moce	Goodbye
Kerekere	Please
Vinaka vakalevu	Thank you
Vosota	Sorry
Vosoti au	My apologies



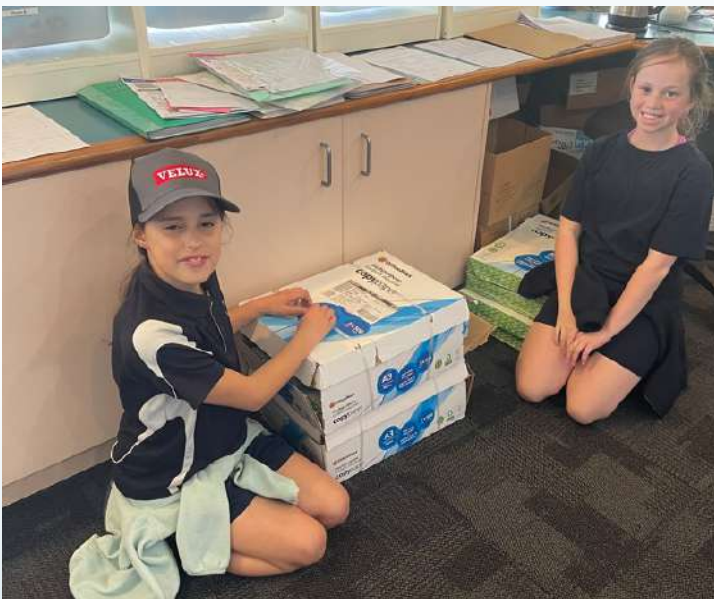
# Acts of Service

## Acts of Service @Waterlea

During the last week of Term 3, the Senior School students set aside 2 hours in order to volunteer for Acts of Service around the school. Students volunteer for specific jobs which range from reading with students, running art projects, organising resources or working in the gardens.

Nice weather meant that some of our tamariki could choose to lead sports this year and work as referee for netball and soccer games in Year 4. We also had a group of children working with our wonderful Satellite class. Some of our keen rugby players took out a group for a mini game of touch, while others played parachute games on the field. Everyone had so much fun.

Acts of Service time is a wonderful chance for our big kids to show leadership and give back, demonstrating tuakana teina whilst modelling our MANA values.



# Rm 11 Teacher Led Conferences

Room 11 was unable to have TLC in Term 2 because Whaea Aroha was away. With this in mind we have rescheduled TLC for Room 11 whaanau for 16 October between 2-7pm. 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.

The interviews will start at 1:30pm and will be held in Room 11. Tamariki will be split across other classes and will finish at 3pm as usual on this day. 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.



## Potential Strike Action

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. 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.

# Health - 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.

## Scooters & Bikes in School Grounds

Reminder to please walk with bikes and scooters in school grounds



# Te Reo Maaori-a-thon

Ka mau te wehi whaanau!

We like to extend a huge thank you to our school community for supporting our Te reo Maaori-a-thon that we held during Maaori Language Week. With your support we raised about \$12,000 which will really help fund our Kapa Haka tutor and uniforms plus some other te reo Maaori resources. Here are some photos of our Kapa Haka in action during our assembly celebrating te reo Maaori.



# Te Reo Maaori-a-thon



## Spot prizes



# MANA CERTIFICATES



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JUNIOR SCHOOL

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MIDDLE SCHOOL

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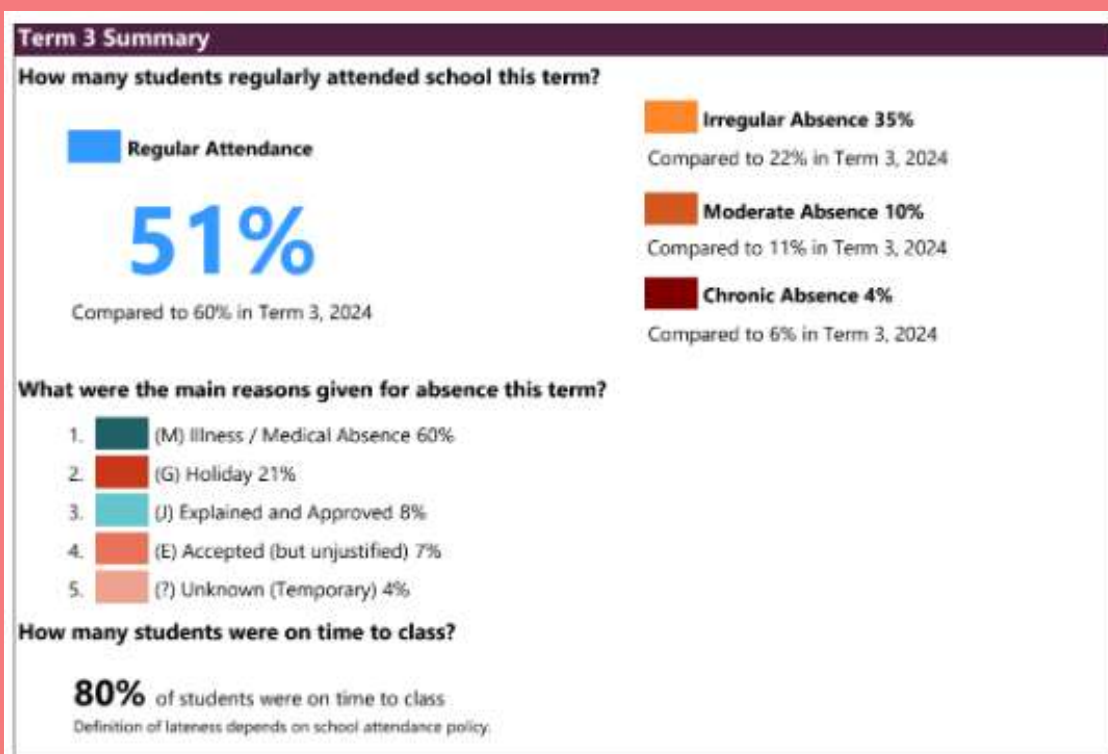
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# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

## Attendance

Last term, our whole school attendance rate was 51%. 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.



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](mailto:info@sdhc.co.nz)



Link for more information: [HERE](#)

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:waterleapta@gmail.com)

Thanks,

The Waterlea PTA

**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](mailto:info@mangerebridgevillage.co.nz)**

## 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.](#)



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# ENROLMENTS OPEN FOR 2026

*Year 7-13 Catholic  
co-educational college  
with no zoning  
restrictions.*

For more details, go to [www.marcellin.school.nz](http://www.marcellin.school.nz) or call (09) 625 6509