



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 26 November 2025

Important Dates

28 Nov	MANA Assembly 9:45am
3 Dec	Inter-school Athletics Day
4 Dec	End of year school reports go home
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
15 Dec	Final MANA Assembly 11:15
16 Dec	Last day of school, Finish 1pm
2 Feb	First Day - Waananga Day
3 Feb	Waterlea Powhiri 9:30
6 Feb	Waitangi Day (School Closed)

After a couple of false starts due to weather, on Friday we were able to go ahead with the Junior Fun Games Day. It was a beautiful sunny morning and all our youngest tamariki enjoyed having fun in the sun. Thank you to our Kaiako for all your wonderful organisation and thanks to our whaanau who came along to enjoy the morning. We had some of our older senior school tamariki supporting our younger ones too and we all appreciated their leadership.

During this event we had a visit from Maaori TV who came to get some footage of our kapa haka for a news item they did about our school. If you'd like to watch this item featuring Waterlea, the link is [here](#). Well done to our Kura and Board of Trustees.

We were all disappointed to have the MOSA Cross Country and Athletics Zone day cancelled this term, but most of all it was a let down for our tamariki. Even though this event was out of our control, Waterlea staff put their heads together to problem solve and find a solution to this situation. On Wednesday December 3, Waterlea is hosting an Athletics Day for tamariki of Maangere Bridge, Mountainview and Waterlea schools. We'd like to thank Georgina Robb and Andy Jones for their commitment and organisation of this event - what a positive outcome.



Junior Fun Games Day



Persuasive Writing

Persuasive Writing in The Middle School

Many of our Middle school tamariki have been learning about the power of writing persuasive texts and I received a letter from a keen group of budding boy writers from Room 25. Their letter said;

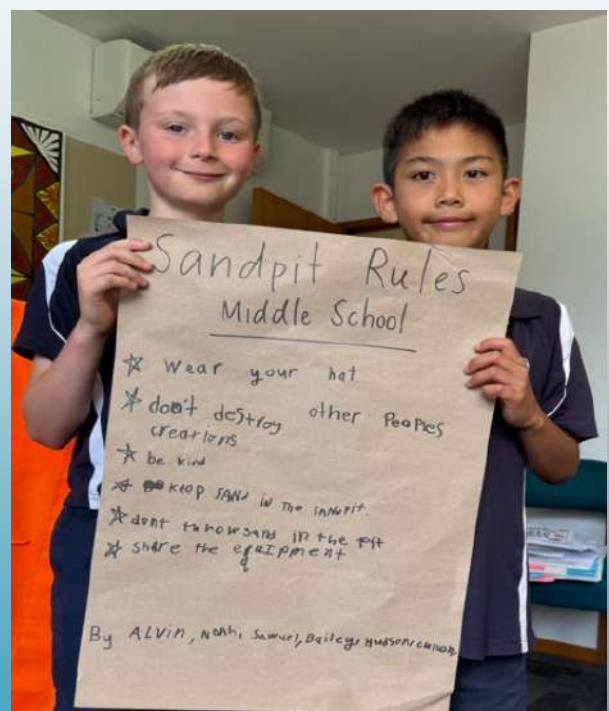
“Dear Whaea Andrea,

We think the middle schoolers should be able to use the sandpit please. We will be careful of the juniors and we think it's unfair because we want to have some fun in the sand. There's only one sandpit in the school and we are school buddies with the juniors who like the sandpit too. We want to build a creation with sand and we know the middle schoolers won't wreck somebody else's creations, they would just make their own.

Thank you,

Cullen, Noah, Samuel, Hudson, Bailey, Marko and Alvin from Room 25.”

We take student voice seriously at Waterlea and today we came up with a solution. The long jump pit when not in use will be the Middle School sandpit and the boys have written some rules.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

Week 8, our whole school attendance rate was 83%. 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**.



We have lots to be proud of in terms of our whole school attendance rate this term and we'd like to thank our whaanau who have really committed to getting our tamariki to school each day. While we are on the topic of attendance, we'd like to acknowledge the mahi Andrea Chauval (our school attendance officer) has done this year supporting us in the area of attendance. Andrea won't be working with us next year because she is supporting schools out west with attendance - thank you so much for your mahi Andrea. Our attendance rate is still above 80% which is a big improvement on last term - well done everyone!



A reminder to keep your child at home for 48 hours after vomiting or diarrhea

Measles Update

As of 20 November, the National Public Health Service (NPHS) is alerting the public to an ongoing very high risk of measles throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

Two recent cases (one confirmed on Tuesday 18 November 2025) were infectious while at Auckland Airport and there is potential for contacts from these exposures to be dispersed across New Zealand. There have now been 32 cases reported nationally since 01 September 2025, with an additional case diagnosed overseas who was infected in New Zealand. All cases are linked to two distinct outbreaks – an outbreak originating in Northland in September 2025 with spread across the country, and an outbreak in Auckland linked to a returned traveller. New cases linked to these outbreaks and/or new incursions from overseas are expected.

Measles symptoms

- An illness that begins with high fever (over 38 C), cough, runny nose, and sore red eyes (conjunctivitis)
- A rash, beginning on the face and gradually spreading down the body to the arms and legs. **Redness may not be present on our darker skins, but the rash bumps are visible and can be felt.** The rash lasts for up to one week.

Please phone ahead before visiting your doctor or hauora provider so they can take precautions to prevent measles spreading. You can also call Healthline for free anytime on 0800 611 116.

PTA Disco Prize Winner

Congratulations Isla! Isla was closest in guessing how many lollies in the jar.



Road Safety

Road Safety Around Waterlea School

Walking and biking to school are fantastic ways for our tamariki to build independence, get daily exercise, connect socially and help reduce traffic congestion around our school. Waterlea really appreciates our parent-run walking school buses and we provide bike safety learning opportunities for our senior and middle school tamariki. As a community, we work together making our streets safe for our young pedestrians and cyclists. Accidents around the neighbouring Waterlea streets are very rare but today one of our senior school students biking to school collided with a car backing out of their driveway. The student was checked out by the Hato Hone, St John's Ambulance paramedics and he was treated for some scratches, bruises and he was quite shaken. He went with his dad to be checked out at the hospital as a precaution. He is now back at home. The driver involved was backing out slowly, carefully and responsibly. Sometimes accidents just happen and they are always a good reminder for us all to take extra care on the roads. We acknowledge that this event would have left the adults involved upset and concerned. We have checked in with them and offered our support. Some of our tamariki walking to school witnessed this accident and we have checked in with them to reassure them that the boy involved is ok and nobody was at fault. Let's continue to work together to create a safe and supportive environment so all our children can enjoy a healthy start to their school day. Keep an eye out for our tamariki, and together we can make our streets safer for everyone. A big thank you to everyone who helped out this morning.



Weet-Bix Tryathlon

On Tuesday, over 40 children from Waterlea School took part in the Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon. The event was held at Mountford Park in Manurewa. This year we had our school marquee up so it would be easier to find others from our school. This meant they could all stick together and encourage each other and it also helped with the nerves and excitement.



Weet-Bix Tryathlon



Lost Property

Please come in and check the lost property before the end of this term. Any items left will be donated.

Please remember to name your children's clothing so any lost items can be returned to them.

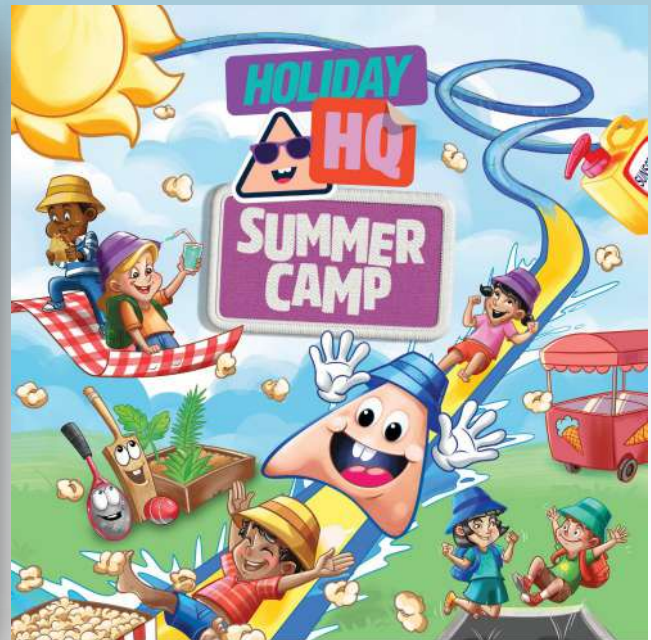
Lucky Book Club

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All library books
due back
for the year!

Skids Holiday Programme



Holiday HQ at sKids is the ultimate destination for kids looking for an unforgettable break from the school routine. Each holiday period focuses on a different theme, with a range of exciting activities happening each day!

Holiday HQ offers different experience types such as Make and Take days where children craft their own unique creations to take home with them, Special Events where children can experience performances, games or activities delivered right onsite, and Excursions where awesome educators take the kids to amazing locations like the cinema, museum or wildlife centres to name but a few.

They also ensure that every child's holiday is not just entertaining but an opportunity for growth. Kids build new friendships, explore their interests, and return to school with unforgettable memories.

sKids are thrilled to announce their summer Holiday HQ themes, **Festive Celebrations in December & Summer Camp in January** where children can embark on a thrilling adventure everyday right in service.

Visit the sKids website to learn more about Holiday HQ

Link: https://www.skids.co.nz/holiday-programmes/?&utm_campaign=101_SKIDS_HHQ_FC_SC_2025&utm_source=website&utm_medium=referral&utm_content=school-website



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.](#)



NEW WORLD

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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