



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 10 December 2025

Important Dates

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| 11 Dec | PTA Casual Clothes/Wacky Hair Day |
| 11 Dec | Y1 Xmas Waiata Performance 2-3pm |
| 11 Dec | Reports go home |
| 12 Dec | New Cohort Visit 2 |
| 12 Dec | Y6 Pool Party |
| 12 Dec | Y5 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 am |
| 6 Feb | Waitangi Day (School Closed) |

As we reach the conclusion of another colourful and successful school year, we take a moment to reflect on the journey we have shared. It has been a year defined by curiosity, resilience, and strong community connections.

We'd like to acknowledge our wonderful tamariki and in particular our Year 6 students who are moving onto Intermediate School next year. Their energy, enthusiasm for learning, leadership and manaakitanga towards others have been the heart of our school. We are immensely proud of their growth and achievements throughout the years. We also acknowledge the commitment of our kaiako and kaiaawhina which has been exceptional. We farewell Judy Edwards and Anna de Heer who both started at Waterlea as beginning teachers, and Meghna Gupta who has been with us for this year. We thank them for their passion for teaching and learning, and their commitment to being active members of the Waterlea team. We wish them every success in the future.

To our whaanau, thank you for your support, partnership, and engagement. Your involvement in school activities and events strengthens the unique spirit of Waterlea School. We extend a special acknowledgement to the Waterlea School Boards – both the outgoing members for their valuable stewardship and the new members who have stepped into these important roles. Your governance and strategic vision are crucial to our school's success. Furthermore, a huge thank you to our dedicated Waterlea PTA for their phenomenal fundraising efforts and community-building initiatives that enrich the school experience for everyone. Sel Dixon and the team have worked tirelessly organising sausage sizzles and casual clothes days, discos and quiz nights just to name a few - thank you!



We wish everyone a safe and relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready for new adventures next year!

Here [is the link](#) to view a message from the presiding board member, Chris Porteous.

Graduation 2025!

Yesterday we formally farewelled our Year 6 tamariki at their Graduation Ceremony and tonight is their Dine and Dance. Our Year 5 students performed a wonderful haka at the graduation, they were outstanding! Many thanks Whaea Aroha and the Senior School teachers for preparing our Year 5 tamakriki to tautoko the Year 6 Leavers. We wish them all the best as they transition out of primary and onto intermediate and high school. Thanks for your leadership and manaakitanga.



Mangere Bridge Community Athletics Day

On Wednesday last week, Waterlea hosted a mini zone athletics day with Mangere Bridge School and Mountain View. As we were unfortunately unable to have the wider MOSA Zone Athletics day, this was a lovely way to give our tamariki an opportunity to test their skills against other schools. We were very lucky that the bad weather held off and we enjoyed a wonderful morning with some amazing athletes on display. Our Waterlea tamariki represented our school with their MANA values clearly on display and achieving some outstanding results. Congratulations to all those who took part on the day. Check out the results below:

| | High Jump | Shot Put | Long Jump | Sprints | 800m |
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| Year 4 Girls | 2nd Isla Kaufusi | 2nd Paige Allan | | 1st Isla Kaufusi 3rd Mila Parkin | 1st Isla Kaufusi 2nd Julia Aitken |
| Year 4 Boys | 1st Cullen McPherson | 2nd Theo Maplesden | 1st Alvin Lak | 2nd Isaac Hill 3rd Alvin Lak | 1st Isaac Hill 2nd Ezra Nannepaga |
| Year 5 Girls | | 1st Skipper Laban | 1st Anita Cameron 2nd Sian Herrold | 2nd Faith Maliko | 1st Grace Delana 2nd Sian Herrold |
| Year 5 Boys | 1st Lewis Allan 2nd Will Dunlop | 2nd Elijah Matapula | 1st Ethan Hardwicke 2nd Israel Smith | 1st Ethan Hardwicke 2nd Nate Maplesden 3rd Israel Smith | 1st Israel Smith 2nd Jetson Reichardt |
| Year 6 Girls | 1st Amber Brierly | 1st Tayla Matakaiongo | 1st Emelia Cheetham | 2nd Amber Brierly | 1st Paige Young 2nd Amber Brierly |
| Year 6 Boys | 1st James Maplesden | | 1st Connor Rodwell 2nd Valient Grima-Roberts | 1st Hayden Hokke | 1st Connor Rodwell 2nd Ollie Campbell |

Mangere Bridge Community



Athletics Day



Senior Market Day

This term the Senior School planned and presented a Market Day. They explored a Financial Literacy maths unit, where they learn about saving money, earning interest and spending wisely. They then set up little business enterprises to deliver either products or services on the final Market Day.

The virtual money that they earned could then be used to buy a treat, such as a game or movie, in the afternoon. They were also encouraged to donate some of their "Money" to charity, as the Financial Literacy app we used would donate real money to charities for a percentage of the virtual donation.

So much great learning, so much great shopping and so much fun! Well done Senior students!



Senior Market Day





Many thanks from Lisa A
for all the returned
Library Books!

Lost Property

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

From the Caretaker, Eric

Bikes and Scooter

left at school

will be donated if not

collected by the end of the year

Please contact the office if you
think you may have an item left
this year



EZ Lunches

Last day to order daily lunch 2025

Monday 15 December

First day to order 2026

Tuesday 3 February

CASUAL CLOTHES!
WACKY HAIR DAY

Thursday 11th December 2025



Please bring a gold coin donation if you can, with proceeds supporting PTA.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

Week 10, our whole school attendance rate was 76%. 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**.



After school Music Lessons

Music Lessons at Waterlea School! Our good friends at Musiqhub are happy to announce that they'll have some spaces opening up in Term 1 for new students. They offer Keyboard, Guitar and Drum lessons onsite after school hours. Please get in touch with paul.barry@musiqhub.co.nz for more info or to reserve a spot!



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



- **Enrolling now for 2026 classes**
- Community-run organisation aiming to encourage children's love of swimming from age 5 and up.
- Build swimming confidence and water safety skills.
- Learn to Swim through to Competitive Squad training.
- Regular Club Nights to develop competitive swimming skills in a supportive and fun environment.



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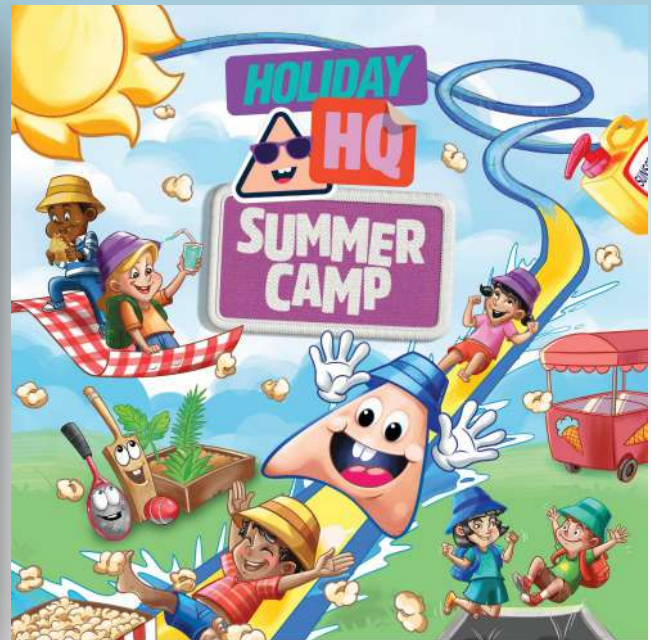


**Onehunga War Memorial Pools,
Jellicoe Park**



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ohsc/page/home](https://uk.gomotionapp.com/team/ohsc/page/home)**

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

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, 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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