



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 3 December 2025

Important Dates

4 Dec	New Cohort Visit 1
5 Dec	PTA Sausage Sizzle
9 Dec	Y6 Graduation 11am
9 Dec	Board of Trustees Hui 7pm
10 Dec	Y6 Dine & Dance
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
6 Feb	Waitangi Day (School Closed)

***Please note: Reports will now be going home next Thursday 11 December due to some logistical issues.**

Last Friday we had a wonderful MANA assembly where we were able to witness some fantastic performances including a beautiful Folk Dance by our Room 2 tamariki, supported by one of our parents, Angie. This was a Carpatho-Rusyn dance from Eastern Slovakia and is usually danced as a celebration in a village setting rather than as a performance. As there are not many people in New Zealand from this culture, we may have even been privileged to be the first to see a dance of this kind being performed here in Aotearoa!

We were so proud of the aumangea shown by the Room 2 tamariki and were so thankful for the support Angie gave to make this happen for the class.

Our Year 2 group sang a lovely song, Siapo, accompanied by our ukulele group, followed by a wonderful breaking performance by Elle Curtis and Grace Delana from the Senior School. We are so lucky to have so many tamariki sharing their talents with us.

During this assembly, we also recognised one of our Middle School tamariki with the MANA Values Korowai. At Waterlea School, the korowai is a significant award presented to a student who consistently and truly demonstrates the school's four core values. The korowai itself is a beautiful taonga made by former teacher Whaea Angelique, and it tells the story of the local area. Its presentation is a highlight of the regular MANA Values assemblies held by the school. Students are nominated by their teachers for showing these values across all aspects of school life. This term it was presented to Thea Smith. Here are some things that Thea's kaiako had to say about her:

Thea Smith is an insightful, kind, and thoughtful learner who treats everyone with gentle respect. She shows **manaakitanga** through her quiet generosity - spending months creating a full class set of beanbags, and often bringing in craft items, popcorn, or ensuring others don't miss out on a sausage.

She demonstrates aumangea by working hard on every class project and always striving for her best. Her **ngaakau pono** is evident in the honest, reliable way she supports others, welcoming every learning partner with a warm smile.

Her ako is clear in her steady commitment to both ukulele and Kapahaka, and in the way she shares her learning as an outstanding buddy for her Room 2 partner. Thea consistently includes and helps others without being prompted, generously sharing her ideas and resources.

Her positive attitude, determination, and love of learning make her a deeply valued member of our class.

Congratulations Thea on being a very worthy recipient of the MANA Values Korowai.



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Middle School Poetry Recital



The big Poetry Recital

The big Poetry Recital On Thursday, the middle school gathered in the hall for the poetry recital. All the classes had chosen their top four presenters. One of the four people chosen from Room Ten was... ME!! Can you believe it? Nervous, quiet me, chosen to do such a big thing!? Proud, scared, astonished, excited. Lots of emotions flowed through my veins. On the big day, me and my poet mates sat on chairs away from the other students. I was SO VERY EXTREMELY NERVOUS!! Ahri and the other MCs welcomed the parents. The other poets started reciting. Finally: "Now please welcome Tamaki performing her poem 'Books are Good'," Ahri announced me cheerfully. What if I failed!? What if I sneezed in the middle!? What if... what if...? I pushed those thoughts away and climbed up to the stage. My brain was panicking, but I found myself reciting my poem calmly. "Books are Good," I started, "if you read a few, then you'll know it's true, books are good for you!" And so on. After I finished my poem, I smiled gratefully at the respectful audience, then left the stage as everyone applauded. That is my tale of what happened at the poetry recital!

By Tamaki

Staff News

We have a couple of changes to announce in terms of the 2026 organisation. Meghna Gupta accepted a position at a School which is closer to where she now lives. Her last day will be the last day of this term.

Due to this change, Samia is going to stay in Yr 1 and Signe Rattray has accepted a position in the Yr 2 team. Welcome Signe!

Korowai



Ukulele & Y2 Singers



Rm 2 Folk Dancing



Breakdancing



Lost Property

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

Room 12 Inquiry

Bar-tailed Godwits

Tamariki in Room 12 have been busy learning about bird migration, particularly the bar-tailed godwits. They observed these birds at Ambury Farm, did some research and found lots of facts, wrote information report, short poems, and even made a paper mache sculpture of them! Great inquiry work, Room 12!



Bar-tailed godwits

Smart, fast

Flying, gliding, floating

I feel very tired

Birds

A Cinquain poem – Bar-tailed godwits by Zoe and Reyne



Bar-tailed godwits

Fast, fluffy

Hunting, sleeping, flying

Tired after the long trip

Migrants

By Lachlan



Bar-tailed godwits

Bar-tailed godwits migrate the farthest which is about nine thousand miles! They migrate from Alaska to New Zealand in October, so they escape the cold winter. By Zane



Bar-tailed godwits hate winter a lot. They travel from Alaska to New Zealand summer, and they don't stop flying for 9 days. Bar-tailed godwits have long beaks, which help them catch their food.

By Sebastian



How to make a paper mache godwit – by Bodhi

First, pick a piece of cardboard and draw your bar-tailed godwit on it, then cut it out. After that, get some newspaper and crunch it up into a ball. Next, use some toilet paper that Ms Liu 'stole' from the staffroom on the newspaper, and put tape on it to make the 3-D look. After that, tire paper to small bits and glue them on it, do three layers. When it is dried up, apply one coat of white paint all around the bird. Finally, get some colourful paint and paint your bird.

MANA CERTIFICATES



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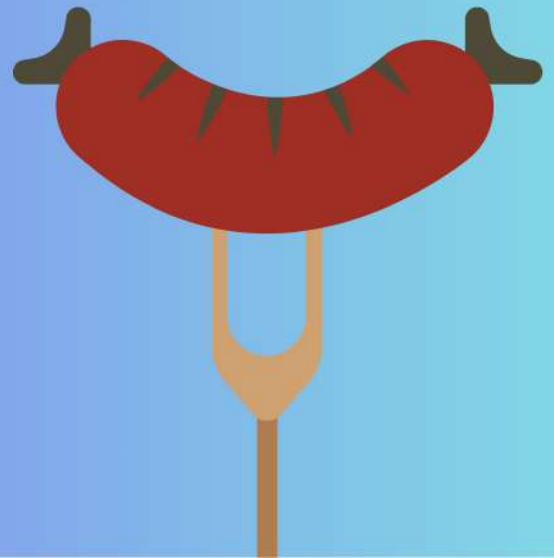
SAUSAGE SIZZLE TIME!

Friday 5th December 2025

\$2 each

Vegetarian option available

Payment by through Kindo App
or
Bring money in an envelope with your
child's name & amount to their
classroom teacher by Thursday 4th
December



CASUAL CLOTHES!
WACKY HAIR DAY

Thursday 11th December 2025



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

PTA Pizza Lunch

Room 5 were the lucky winners of the PTA Pizza Lunch after pre-selling the most tickets for the recent disco held in the school hall.



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We are using Kindo to make life easier - families can now support our fundraisers and events online in one place, at a time that suits them.

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Party on the Path

Māngere and Māngere Bridge

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Sun 7th Dec
11am - 3pm
Free!

Celebrate the opening of the new cycle path with free games, activities, and prizes between Moyle Park and Māngere Bridge School.



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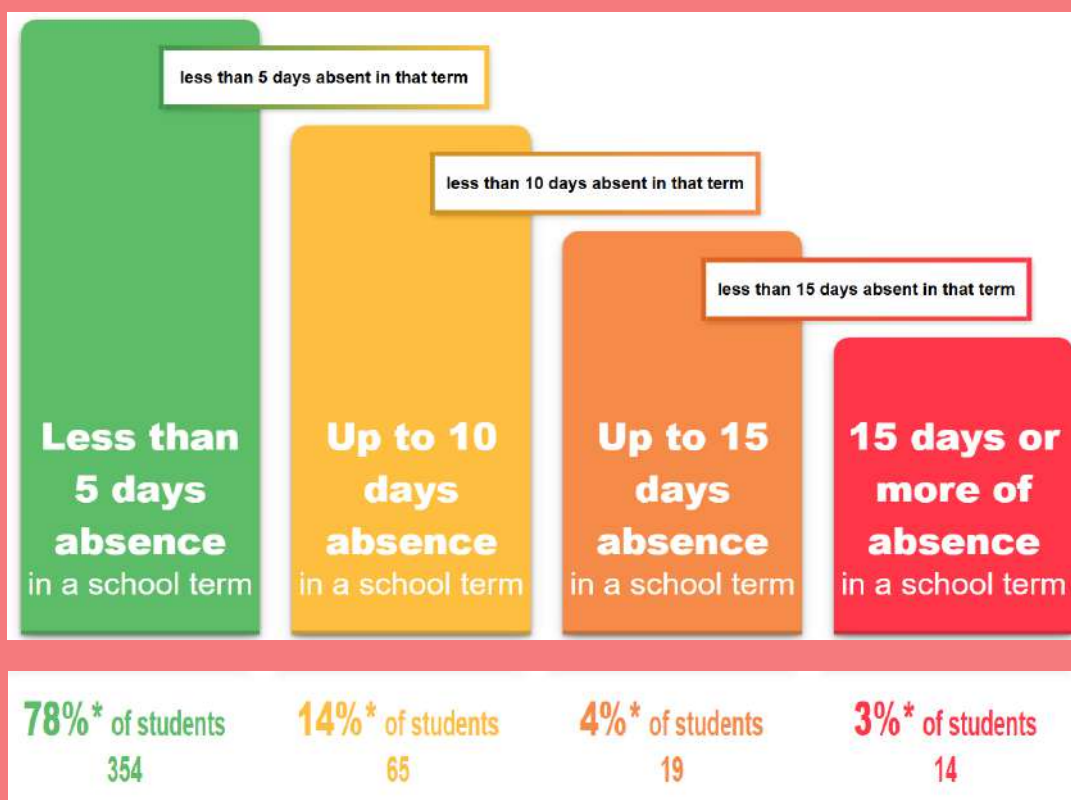
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance

Week 9, our whole school attendance rate was 78%. 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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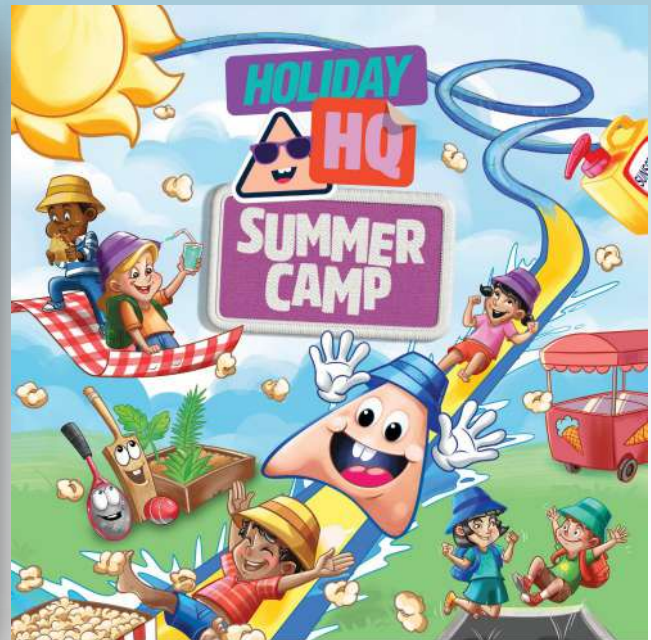


**Onehunga War Memorial Pools,
Jellicoe Park**



<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



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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