

# WATERLEA WEEKLY



**Great Learning Happens at Waterlea by Connecting to  
our Community, Culture, World and Future**

**13 September 2017**

## Calendar

### September:

11th Maori and Hindi Language Week  
14th Motat Trip Year 4  
15th Senior School bake sale Rm 6  
15th Senior School Assembly 2-3pm  
21st Korean Language Week  
21st PTA Family Movie Night  
21st Hui for Maori whanau, 6pm  
22nd Senior School bake sale Rm 7  
22nd Year 1-3 Fun Run 9-10.30am  
22nd Happy Hour  
25-26th St John— Snr school  
25th Year 1 Stardome Trip Rm 22  
25th BOT Meeting 7pm staffroom  
26th Year 1 Stardome Trip Rm 1, 2, 4  
29th School Assembly 2-3pm  
29th End of Term 3

### October:

16th Start of Term 4  
16th NZ Chinese & Fijian Language Week  
16-27th Life Ed caravan onsite  
17th Whanau Day— Te Reo  
19th—23rd Diwali  
20th Waterlea Welcome  
23rd Labour Day— no school  
24th Whanau Day— Te Reo  
27th Yr 4-6 Ikan music  
30th Tokelau Language Week  
30th Seniors at Motat  
30th BOT Meeting 7pm staffroom

### November:

1st Seniors at Motat  
10th Happy Hour  
15th Year 1 Afternoon Tea 3-4pm  
24th Rainbows End Trip for Seniors with responsibilities  
28th BOT Meeting 5pm staffroom

### December:

1st PTA Disco  
14th Yr 6 Dine and Dance  
19th End of Term 4

Hello, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava, Taloha Ni, Malo e Lelei, Fakalofa Lahi Atu, Ni Hau, Namaste, Bula Vinaka, Deea awit, Dia daoibh, Huan Ying, Hola, Sagutom, Konichiwa

Te Wiki o te reo Māori-It's Māori language week! Across the school, learners young and old are using te reo in different ways. One of the most challenging things about learning te reo is the pronunciation of Māori words. Here are some helpful tips to remember about pronunciation:

Māori vowels, just like in English, have long and short sounds. The short vowel sounds are:

"a" as in cup; "e" as in egg; "i" as in eat; "o" as in for; "u" as in to. Long vowels in Māori have macrons or Ngā tohutō. A macron is a line above a vowel and indicates that it is a long sound. Many people are unsure when to use them but they make a big difference. For example:

He keke māu? Would you like some cake? OR He kēkē māu? Would you like some armpit? I know which one I'd prefer for my morning tea!

The long vowel sounds are:

"ā" as in car; "ē" as in measure; "ī" as in heel; "ō" as in your; "ū" as in roof.

With the school holidays coming up you may have some road trips planned and this is a great time to practise the pronunciation of Māori place names. Pop a copy of this vowel guide in the glove box and have fun with your whanau trying out your new pronunciation skills.

It was wonderful to see whanau at our Student Led Conferences last week-thank you to everyone who came along to hear our tamariki talk about their learning. If you were unable to come last week you are welcome to make another time with your child's classroom teacher. During SLCs, many of our Māori families would have received an invitation to the hui coming up on the 21st September. If you didn't get an invitation, look out for one in your mailbox. We also took the opportunity to review our Whanau Days during the SLCs. Your feedback was really helpful and next year we plan to offer some afternoon Whanau Days times to ensure more families can attend.

Following our promotion of Tongan Language week in last week's newsletter we have another photo celebrating Tongan culture to share- here is Mr Uhila with Jeremiah, Epele, Gina and Sabrina.



Last week we listed Netsafe's first 4 tips for parents supporting their children online- there are 10 altogether and we'll add the rest next week.

Nga mihi nui  
Andrea Jamieson

#### News from the Board of Trustees

At the recent BOT meeting, the board members met with Lynley Myers the Lead Principal for the Kahui Ako or Community of Learners (CoL) and signed the Memorandum of Agreement. This agreement marks Waterlea's official joining of the CoL named Te Iti Kahurangi.

#### Year 1-3 Fun Run

The Year 1-3 students have been getting into training for our Fun Run which we are hoping will go ahead next Friday 22nd September from 9.00am-9.45am. Due to the amount of rain we have had over recent weeks the school field is not in the best condition for sporting activities, so we will reassess early next week and postpone the Fun Run until early Term 4 if necessary. We will keep you informed.

#### Night at the Museum Photos and Video

All the professional photos from the senior musical are now uploaded onto the school website, along with the video for you to enjoy! Huge thanks again to Jason Dorday and Steph Creagh. You can find them in the Photo and Video Gallery on the website [www.waterlea.school.nz](http://www.waterlea.school.nz)

#### PTA Family Movie Night

BOSS BABY, Thurs 21 September, School hall

Doors open 5pm, movie starts at 5.30pm. Sausages and snacks available for purchase.

Tickets: \$3 from school reception.

Include your child's name, room number and number of tickets. (Under age 2 free).

Bring the whole family, dress in your PJs and BYO bean bag or blanket. Kids must be accompanied by an adult. Rated PG.



Questions? Email us at [waterleapta@gmail.com](mailto:waterleapta@gmail.com) or call Gee on 021 0755510.

#### Photolife Individual Photos

Tomorrow (Thursday 14th) is the last day to bring in your individual photo money to the office.



Congratulations to this week's Kaitiakitanga Award winners who have been looking after themselves so well!

#### Community News

##### Missing Scooters

Black 'Toxxic', adult-size scooter missing. Scooter has a 'Toxxic' branded stickers down by the front wheel. It went missing from the school scooter parking bay on Monday 11th. Also a blue MGP scooter with black handles and skull/fire design. Has Holly written on the bottom. Please contact the school office if you have any info.

##### Fantastic Gymnastics Lessons

Fantastic skill development . Fantastic strength building . Fantastic Tumbling training . Fantastic flexibility and mental concentration . Fantastic coaches and equipment . Fantastic Fun!

Register on the [www.GYMclub.co.nz](http://www.GYMclub.co.nz) website today!  
Term 4 Class starts Friday the 20th October, at 3.15pm in the school hall.

The cost for the 8 week term is only \$95.  
[www.GYMclub.co.nz](http://www.GYMclub.co.nz) 0800 273368

##### Missing Cat

Has anyone seen Lulu? She is a 10 month old chocolate point Birman with blue eyes. Very fluffy white with light brownish ears, tail and paws. Has been missing from Muir Ave since 5 Sep. She is very friendly and the owners would love her back. If you have any info, please let the office know.



##### Lego Display—October 21-23

The Auckland Brick Show is New Zealand's largest LEGO® Fan Display. To be held at The Trusts Arena, Henderson. Presales \$7 per person (under 3s free) - purchase online at [abs2017.co.nz](http://abs2017.co.nz). For more info: [www.abs2017.co.nz](http://www.abs2017.co.nz)

**Room 6 Bake Sale this Friday 15th at Morning Tea—don't forget your gold coins!**