

# WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

**7 February 2018**

## Calendar

### February:

21st International Mother Language Day  
23rd Whanau Day 9am-11am—Feet First  
26th BOT Meeting 7-9.30pm

### March:

2nd—Whole School Assembly 2pm-3pm  
3rd Waterlea Choir at the Onehunga Festival 9am-3pm  
6th, Seniors at Birkenhead  
7th Seniors at Birkenhead  
7th Year 4 "Natives in a Nutshell" at Ambury Farm  
8th Seniors at Birkenhead  
9th PTA Lunchtime Sausage Sizzle  
15th Maths Information Evening 6pm-7pm  
21st Year 1 Afternoon Tea 3pm  
**23rd Waterlea Summer Festival 4-7pm**  
26th BOT Meeting 7-9.30pm  
30th Good Friday—school closed

### April:

2nd Easter Monday—school closed  
6th PTA Mufti Day  
13th Last Day of Term 1  
30th First Day of Term 2  
30th Powhiri for new Principal 9.30-10.30am

### May:

4th Whakatau/Waterlea Welcome 9.15-10.15am  
7th-13th Road Safety Week  
26th PTA Quiz Night

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

A warm welcome to this new school year of 2018 and the Chinese Year of the Dog. It was great that so many of you were able to share some stories with the teacher at your child's Wānanga

Thanks to those who made our welcome for our new families a warm one last Friday.

The Waitangi Treaty celebrations yesterday fit well with our programme here at school as all classes create a class treaty to which they agree to abide to in order that great learning happens in their class and it is a safe and happy place in which to work.

All teams will have a term newsletter going out next week itemising the big events for the team. Please watch this newsletters calendar for school events as we love it when our families are able to attend. We also understand the world of work and so understand if you are not able to be with us.

Our next big event is:

### Feet First - 23rd Feb 9.00am

Please join us when we put our Feet First and head to Ambury Farm on the 23rd Feb at 9.00am We'll put on our walking shoes and do the round trip down to Ambury and back to school for a morning tea and a chance for the adults to meet in the David Lange Memorial Hall for a chat over a well-earned cuppa.

### School lunches

EZ Lunches supply lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. These can be ordered online. The lunches are delivered to the David Lange Memorial Hall by lunch time. Class monitors collect the class's lunch bin from the hall and the teacher gives out the lunches. Order online at [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) or text 022 EZLUNCH (022 395 8624)

Payment is by ezlunch account, topped up by debit or credit card or by bank transfer, in advance or at the time of purchase. To order by text see the instructions at [www.ezlunch.co.nz](http://www.ezlunch.co.nz) "how to" (login first).

### Stationery and School Donations

Thanks to those who have bought the stationery for this year. This can be done through Paper Plus in Onehunga (on the mall). You can also pay the school donation and classroom supplies fee through Paper Plus - thank you if you have done so already.

### Safety Issues

#### 1. Sun Smart:

This term is a 'hats on' term. In order to be safe in the sun children are asked to wear hats during the breaks. No hat means they sit in the shade. It is a good idea to leave the named hat at school to be sure of having it at school.

## 2. Reporting absences:

Please follow up on the attached letter and return it to school before Friday 16 February.

## 3. Emergency Preparedness:

A lesson we learned from the Christchurch schools is to have a small snack in the class as part of being prepared for emergencies. This term we ask that your child brings a snack bar, such as a muesli bar, to school to go in their class's emergency kit. We hope that they do not have to use it, but in the unlikely event of an emergency this snack will help to keep them fed should families be delayed in collecting their children after 3.00pm. Thank you for your assistance in this matter. The snack bar will be given out at the end of Term 2 if not used. We will ask for another at the start of Term 3 for Terms 3 & 4.

## 4. Internet Safety: - Safer Internet Day

Yesterday was Safer Internet Day. It is celebrated globally in February each year to promote the safe and positive use of digital technology for children and young people. Coordinated in New Zealand by Netsafe, the day is an opportunity for people, schools, industry and organisations to unite together to raise awareness and start conversations about online safety. Check out the link below for some practical ways of being safer on the internet.

[www.netsafe.org.nz/our-work/safer-internet-day](http://www.netsafe.org.nz/our-work/safer-internet-day)

## Staff News

Welcome to our four new teachers who started at the beginning of this year - Camilla Jackson is the teacher in Rm 7 and Years 5 & 6 team leader and Kezia Ringer class teacher Rm 19. Both Camilla and Kezia live locally. Hannah Armstrong has come to us from Wellington and is the Rm 10 class teacher. Finally Angelique Curtis, who is from Maketu, has been employed in a beginning teacher role working in the juniors alongside experienced teachers until we need her to start a new entrant class later in the year. Please make our new teachers welcome if you see them about.

This week we welcomed the following trainee teachers; Laura Gladstone Rm 13, Iris Liu Rm 10, Haneen Owaidah Rm 18, Alexis Bilyard Rm 15 and Monica Sukhdeo. They will be with us until 20 February.

Today we welcomed our new Te Reo tutor Kimoro Taiepa. Matua Kimoro will work with classes on alternate Wednesdays and then with the kapahaka group on Thursday afternoons. Matua Kimoro is also working at Onehunga High School and Oranga School. If you spot Kimoro around the school please make him feel welcome - thanks.

Unfortunately Helen Wedde in Room 18 has been unwell - she is recovering and we expect her back on Monday 12th Feb. Thanks to Linda Sanderson who has been filling in.

Welcome to Juliana Orozco who is from Colombia and is doing some volunteer work in Rooms 14 & 7.

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**Simple free download:** In the Play Store and App Store search 'Skool Loop NZ' & choose our school once installed.



## Marshall Family

### Successes

Well done to Nathan Marshall Rm11 who won a Vector Energy Lights Award for his innovative renewable energy design. Here is a picture of him receiving his award from Prime Minister Jacinda Adern and Mayor Phil Goff.

A massive thank you also to his mum Wendy Marshall, who entered a World Vision Kids for Kids competition last year and won \$500 of musical gear for the school!



## PTA News

### Waterlea Festival: Friday 23 March

We're looking for sponsors! If you or your workplace can support this special community event with goods, services or cash, contact us at [waterleapta@gmail.com](mailto:waterleapta@gmail.com). At the moment we're particularly seeking hair chalk, henna artists, face painters and any raffle or prize items.

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

Our shop is open again this term. Visit the Waterlea PTA Facebook page to check out what's in stock. Thanks for the donations of used uniform items we've already received this year. They are in hot demand and we would love more. Just drop items to the school office.

### Found: Silver Cardigan

A silver, glittery cardigan was picked up outside school this morning. If it belongs to you, please see the office staff.

### Community Notices

#### Onehunga Mangere Football Registrations 2018

Onehunga Mangere Football registrations for next year will be on at the clubrooms—Onehunga Mangere Football Club, Mangere Domain, Domain Road, Mangere Bridge.

Dates - Monday 12th Feb 2018, Thurs 15th Feb 2018 & Mon 19th Feb 2018 - all 5-7 PM at the Onehunga Mangere clubrooms.

First kicks ages from 4-6 - these session's are held on Monday nights, Junior / Youth - ages 7- 17, Seniors - 17th grade & up.

We look forward to seeing as many kids - boy's & girls, or ladies & gents - playing soccer next year!

For further information visit the club website - [www.omuafc.org.nz](http://www.omuafc.org.nz)

#### Gymnastic Classes at Waterlea

Fantastic skill development \* Fantastic strength building \*  
Fantastic TUMBLING training \* Fantastic flexibility & mental concentration \* Fantastic coaches & equipment \*  
Fantastic Fun!

Register on the [www.GYMclub.co.nz](http://www.GYMclub.co.nz) website today! Classes start Friday the 16th February, 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

#### MUSIQHUB Music Lessons

Are you interested in music lessons for your child at Waterlea School? Musiqhub are offering guitar and drum kit lessons, on site at Waterlea School during school hours, with a trained and experienced tutor.

Years 4-6 will be attending a Musiqhub demonstration concert on Monday 12th February from 12:30 until lunchtime and children can also try out the instruments in the hall foyer on Tuesday 13 before school.

Email [johnpaulcarrollmusic@gmail.com](mailto:johnpaulcarrollmusic@gmail.com), or text 0221036686 to find out more about what Musiqhub can offer you for music tuition in 2018.

#### Māngere Mountain—Love your Maunga

On Saturday 17th February, Māngere Mountain is holding a free event called 'Love your Maunga'. It is a community celebration of Māngere Mountain and there will be music, food stalls, crafts and activities for the children. The event is from 11am-3pm and will be a wonderful opportunity for the family to learn more about our beautiful mountain. Attending this event as a whānau will also help further develop children's understanding of the concept Tūrangawaewae. Hope to see you there.

#### Kedgley Intermediate Music Lessons

Kedgley Music Centre (based at Kedgley Intermediate

School) is still taking late enrolments for 2018. Classes run after school on weekdays for Primary/Intermediate School children, from age 6 years. Lessons available are Trumpet, Clarinet, Cello, Drums, Flute, Guitar (Contemporary/Classical/Bass), Keyboard, Recorder, Saxophone, Ukulele and Violin. Some instruments are available for hire. Fees per year: \$80.00 for first child, extra siblings \$50.00, plus music book fee. LATE ENROLMENTS CLOSE 3pm Friday, Feb. 9th. Enrol at the Kedgley Intermediate School Office, Portage Road, Papatoetoe.

#### "Most Fairies" Guinness World Record Attempt

This Sunday 11 February Fairy Steps 4 Ella will attempt to break the Guinness World Record for "Most Fairies". This event will raise funds for a local child called Ella who needs surgery in the US to help her to walk. You may recall one of our PTA Mufti Days last year raised money for her.

This will be a great community event, being held at Mangere Bridge Primary. Gates open at 10am, attempt happening at 11.15 sharp. Entry by koha. To be included in the attempt you must be wearing a tutu, wings and carry a wand.



**LOVE YOUR MAUNGA**

A community celebration of Māngere Mountain and the Tūpuna Maunga (ancestral mountains) of Tāmaki Makaurau

**FREE EVENT**  
Sat 17 February  
11am – 3pm  
Māngere Mountain  
Māngere

**LIVE on stage**

**Vince Harder**  
Nofo Lameko  
RAZÉ  
TJ Taotua & Friends  
The Oneill Twins

**Lavina Williams**  
Gatoraway Group  
PTG  
Queen Shirlié  
Kapahaka and more

Food stalls  
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Dear Waterlea Whanau,

**Re: Unexplained absences and changes to our absentee procedures:**

We need you to contact the office if your child is going to be absent from school for safety reasons as we want to know they have arrived safely at school and the Ministry of Education requires us to report back to them on student attendance.

Please contact the office before 9.15am if your child is not going to be at school.

For our Ministry of Education reporting it is critical that you give us an explanation as to why your child will be away from school - any unexplained absences are classed as truancy.

There are a number of quick and easy ways to inform us of your child's absence. We need to know the child's name, class and an explanation of why they are away.

- Phone in on 09 636 4233. If it goes to answer machine please leave a clear message.
- Email [reception@waterlea.school.nz](mailto:reception@waterlea.school.nz)
- Go to our website [www.waterlea.school.nz](http://www.waterlea.school.nz). There is a *report an absence button on the top right*.
- Use the absences function on our school app – Skool Loop. (Please get the app on your smartphone if you do not have it already. Search for Skool Loop at your app store. Select Auckland and then Waterlea School from the drop down menu. Ensure you allow notifications)

Teachers are required to take an electronic roll every morning by 9.15am (and again after lunch). In the past the office phoned parents when we had not been told about a child being absent. From now on when we have not been contacted about a child's absence, a text message will be sent to caregivers' mobile phones. We require a response to these texts. It is therefore important that parents' contact details are updated to help us with absences. Also should there be an emergency with your child at school we want to be able to contact you.

We need your help to ensure we have everyone's mobile numbers up to date. Please fill in and return the slip below before **Friday 16 February**.

Kind regards  
Margaret Palmer  
Principal

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Child's name and class (oldest child if there are siblings at the school).....

**Caregiver 1**

Name.....

Mobile:..... Email:.....

**Caregiver 2**

Name.....

Mobile:..... Email:.....