

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

5 December 2018

Calendar

December:

6th Year 2/3 Athletics 9-11.30am
6th MusiqHub Performance 1.20-1.50pm
7th Mufti Day
7th Year 1 Athletics 9-10.30am
7th Happy Hour
12th Year 6 Graduation 11am-12pm
13th Ezi Lunches—last day for orders
13th Year 2 Picnic @ Ambury Farm 11-1
13th Year 6 Dine and Dance 5.45-8.30pm
13th Choir @ Carols By Glowlight 7-8.30pm
14th Meet 2019 classes 9.30-10.30am
17th Board Meeting 7-9.30pm
18th Farewell Assembly
18th End of Term 4, 3pm

2019

February:

1 February First day for 2019—Wananga Day
4th Waterlea Welcome Assembly 9.15am
6th Waitangi Day—Public Holiday
7th Ezi Lunches—first day for orders

2019 Term Dates:

Term 1: 1 February—12 April
Term 2: 29 April—5 July
Term 3: 22 July—27 September
Term 4: 14 October—18 December

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

Yesterday morning Auckland was hit by a huge storm- in fact there was the highest rate of rainfall of any day in December on record. Now that's impressive. It was such a spectacular weather event that some of our youngest tamariki wanted to write about their experience of the thunder, lightening and rain that greeted them on their way to school. Given that some of these children have only been at school for one year we are sharing these with you today as a celebration of the great learning that has happened at Waterlea in 2018.



Room 4 Storm Stories

This morning it was good for the fishes. There was a big storm.
By Rico

This morning there was a big storm. Some people were very scared of the lightning! By Alex

This morning there was a big storm. I was scared and there was lightning but at school it stopped. By Alexi

Last time there was a thunderstorm and there were rain clouds and there was a big rain and little people were hiding. By Abigail



This morning there was a big storm! Some people were late and there was loud lightning and there were lots of people who were scared and they were hiding. By Mikayla

And from Hayden in Room 20...

It was a stormy day when I came to school. I had to wear my rain jacket. I was scared very scared. Then rain came down. I felt like I got shocked I got afraid. I felt like Flash the super hero was running across the sky. I felt very amazed because I have never seen that before. Because it was a loud boom I loved it.

Waterlea Wānanga—Friday 1 February 2019

We will be starting the 2019 school year in the same way as we always do with our Waterlea Wānanga. This is when we make time for your child's teacher to meet with you and your child in a personal 15 minute interview. In this meeting we want to hear from you about your child so that we understand a bit more about them before the year starts. We believe our wānanga is a great opportunity to start building positive relationships between the teacher and whanau so that our 2019 learning gets away to a great start. It will also provide an opportunity for children to share their culture, language and personal interests so that the teacher can plan learning programmes that might better reflect these in the coming year. These individual interviews will be held on the 1st of February starting at 8.30am until 4.30pm.

On Monday 4 February all children will be at school starting at our usual time of 8.50am This will be followed by our Waterlea Welcome Assembly at 9.15am. We would welcome any whanau who wish to join us.

We realise this may be an inconvenience to your workplace hence this advance warning to arrange this with your employer. Next week we will let you know your child's/children's 2019 class teacher and send you the electronic link to book these interviews with the teachers. SKIDs will be open that day for childcare. Contact 0800 900 754 for more information from them.

MOSA Athletics 2018 Results

In last week's newsletter we brought you the news of our great success at the MOSA Interschool Athletics—coming 2nd place out of 17 schools. The results have been confirmed and we wanted to celebrate all the place-getters who did so well. In particular, special mention must go to superstar athlete Zach Nannestad from Room 11 who came first in a number of events... no mean feat given he was running all day in heats in addition to his final races!

Well done to everyone to competed!

- Zach Nannestad – 800m – 1st place, Long Jump—1st place, 100m – 1st place
- Brooke Sorenson – High Jump – 1st place
- Louie Du Plessis—800m -1st place
- Breeze Stretch-Roberts—Long Jump -2nd place, 4x 100m Relay – 3rd place
- Lauren McCormick – 800m – 2nd place
- Joshua Smith – 800m – 2nd place
- Hannah Lynch – High Jump—2nd place, 4x100m Relay -3rd place
- Esther Dunning – High Jump – 2nd place
- Izzy Coe – High Jump -2nd place
- Pascall Holden-Tufele—800m—3rd place, 400m Relay - 2nd place
- Ava Barrington-Tulaga - 4x100m Relay – 2nd place
- Chase Aloua—4x100m Relay—2nd place
- Shae Findlay—4x100m Relay—2nd place
- Samuel McCormick—High Jump—2nd place
- Liana Rapana—Long Jump – 2nd place
- David Delena—100m - 2nd place
- Loloko Lulia—High Jump—3rd place, 4x100m Relay – 3rd place
- Nava Te Heuheu - High Jump – 3rd place
- Amaya Smith-Mulivai - 4x100m Relay – 3rd place



Right: Zach in action

Junior Athletics Sports this Week

Come along and cheer on our smallest sports stars at their athletics mornings! Year 2/3 tomorrow, 9-11.30am and Year 1 on Friday, 9-10.30. Children will need suitable footwear, hats, water and sunscreen. Cancellations will be posted through our school app... search 'skool loop' in your app store and follow all the prompts. Make sure you allow notifications as this means you'll receive our updates and reminders!

Happy Hour

This Friday, children who have been looking after their learning and following the Waterlea Way will get to celebrate at Happy Hour. The Year 1s and Year 3/4s will be playing at Waterlea Park from 11.00-12.30pm and the Year 2s will be watching a festive movie—the Polar Express. Year 5/6s will undertake a range of activities.

Year 5 Parents

Next week on Thursday evening we have our Dine and Dance for our Year 6 students who are graduating. Every year we put out a call for Year 5 parents to help out from 5.30 to 7pm with serving food and clean up. This is so the Year 6 children don't have to have their parents present.

To date we have had a small number of responses so would be delighted if we had a few more volunteers to assist us on the night. Thanks for your support.

Year 6 Graduation coming up

On Wednesday next week we have our Year 6 Graduation ceremony at 11.00am.

All parents are invited to join us... in particular the parents of Year 6 children are encouraged to attend.

After graduation you are welcome to spend time with your Year 6 child for a special lunch or to take them home with you. If you choose to do this, please sign your child out at the office. (This applies only to Year 6 children).

Year 1 and 2 Imagination Experience

Huge thanks go to our PTA for organising the Imagination Experience science team to come and visit the Year 1s and 2s last week. The children were captivated by the scientific concepts that were demonstrated by lots of loud bangs, explosions, balloons, fire, foam and expanding marshmallows!



PTA News

Mufti day This Friday

This Friday is our last Mufti Day for 2018. Instead of coins, please send canned food to school. We'll make a huge can trail at morning tea time then collect them all up to deliver to the waterfront on Saturday as our Waterlea contribution to Cans on the Esplanade. All cans will go to families in need this Christmas. We'll need help to lay the cans along the Esplanade, so come along and look out for the Waterlea sign; we'll base ourselves near the beach and Mangere boating club.



