WATERLEA WEEKLY



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15 May 2019

Calendar

May:

16th Rm 3 & 18 Ambury Farm 11-12.30 18th PTA Quiz Night 22nd Rm 2 & 20 Ambury Farm 9-10.30am 23rd Rm 4 & 19 Ambury Farm 11-12.30 23rd Puberty Plus Education Parent Information Evening 5.30pm

24th Nominations Close for Board of Trustee Elections

26th– 1 June Samoan Language Week 27th Puberty Plus Education Years 5 & 6 27th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm 28th Interschool Rugby League Competition 29th *Nationwide Teacher's Strike—school closed* 30th Interschool Rugby League Rain Date

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June:

3rd Queens Birthday—Public Holiday 4th New Entrant Cohort starting 5th Science in a Van shows 7th Board Member Voting Closes 6th SLC for Room 8 and 10 10th onwards: Matariki 11th Interschool Netball 11th Reports going home 13th Interschool Netball Rain Date 13th Student Led Conferences and Book Fair 2-7pm (School finishes early at 12.50pm) 14th New Board of Trustees takes office 18th Pasifika Fono for Year 1 5.30-7.30pm 19th Interschool Hockey 21st Interschool Hockey Rain Date 21st PTA School Disco 24th Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm 25th Nathan Wallis Developing Brain Seminar 28th PTA Mufti Day

July:

2nd and 3rd Junior School Tree Planting at Ambury Farm 2nd Parent Evening Digital Curriculum 7-8.45pm 5th End of Term 2

Hello, Kia Ora, Kia Orana, Talofa Lava, Taloha Ni, Bula, Malo e Lelei, Deea awit, Fakalofa, Lahi Atu, Ni Hau, Namaste, Vinaka, Dia daoibh

We have started the term with a few temporary changes in our staff. Room 9 has Allan McDonald covering for Judy Edwards who is currently on sick leave. Allan is doing a great job ensuring great learning happens in Room 9 until Judy returns in a couple of weeks. Linda Sanderson also did a great job covering Bridget Kent whilst she was in Europe for the first two weeks of term. We are really fortunate at Waterlea to have such wonderful release teachers available to cover when unexpected things occur. From 10 June Hannah Armstrong will be taking parental leave until the end of the year and we are in the process of appointing a replacement for her. We take this opportunity to thank Hannah for her hard work and for the contribution she has made to the students, parents and teachers at Waterlea. We wish her and her partner Nick all the very best as they embark on this new and exciting part of their lives. We will keep you informed when we appoint a teacher to cover for Hannah in her absence.

If you're walking around the grounds at Waterlea School you will notice that our wonderful long summer is coming to a close. Many of the leaves of our deciduous trees are changing colour and falling to the ground. Autumn is always a great season to write about because it lends itself to some great descriptive writing and we have some lovely examples from Room 13 of such writing—check out Burton's great work below.

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Speaking of great writing there is a publication entitled Toitoi which features writing and illustrations of primary school aged students. We are delighted that our budding author Mason in Room 7 will feature in the next publication of Toitoi along with Kevin also from Room 7 as the illustrator for this writing. Well done to both of these boys and we will feature this writing and illustration in the newsletter after it is has been published.

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As well as authors and illustrators, Waterlea also has an accomplished filmmaker on staff—Hamish Bennett, teacher of Room 8. Hamish's film "Bellbird' has been selected for the Sydney Film Festival Official Competition happening in the week of 10-14th June. This is quite an achievement as 'Bellbird' was one of twelve films to be selected from approximately 200 films submitted. The Sydney Film Festival Official Competition 'celebrates that rare but thrilling film that truly moves the art form forward. Innovative, provocative or controversial. thev broaden our understanding of the world and say important things in original ways.' Well done to Hamish and your whanau. You can find out more about Bellbird at https:// www.sff.org.au/program/strands/officialcompetition

<u>Planned Industrial Action—Teacher's Strike</u> The Board of Trustees have decided to close the school on Wednesday 29 May due to the full day teacher's strike. We ask families to make other arrangements for their children on that day. A notice will be going out to each child today—please fill it in and return it to school as soon as possible. This way we can ensure that all our families have been informed of the school closure and that all our children are safely accounted for. SKIDs will be available on this day so contact them directly to book in. www.skids.co.nz



Gliding from the past, rising in the present and soaring to the future Rere hau I nga wa o mua, piki atu inalanei, tere kite wa e heke mai nei

Date: 30 May 2019

Venue: Royal Oak Intermediate School

Time: 5:30 pm

Year 7 2020 Parents' Open Evening

Parents/Caregivers and prospective students are warmly invited to attend an Open Evening and learn about the opportunities on offer at our thriving school.

A presentation will be held in our school library and you can hear about the enrolment process; hear from our students and staff and ask questions that you want answered. This will be followed by an opportunity to mix and mingle with our staff and student leaders/prefects. We will have a variety of performances detailing many of the activities which take place in our school. Supper will be served during the evening.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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PTA News

Kiwiana Quiz this Saturday Night

There are loads of amazing items that have been donated, from some very generous local businesses and residents, to auction off at our upcoming guiz night. If you simply can't wait, or are not able to come on Saturday night you can still bid. Use the ballot form going out with today's newsletter and either drop it in to the school office by 3.30pm Friday 17 May, or email waterleapta@gmail.com with your top bids by Friday evening. We will announce winners for each item on Saturday night.

Community News

Friends of the Farm May Events

This is a first for us, we are organising a clothes swap! REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL - email friends@fof.nz Freshen up your wardrobe this autumn and give a new life to those items you love but never wear! Come to our local clothes swap for women.

We ask that you ensure that your items are clean, in good condition and suitable for the season ... that way everyone will go away with a great find!

Date: Friday 17 May from 7pm for clothes drop off, refreshments and nibbles @ The Barn, Ambury Regional Park. Koha please. Registrations essential, numbers limited - email friends@fof.nz

There is also a Mangrove event— Sunday 26 May at 8.30am. Let's maintain our bird roosts and harbour views. It's on rain or shine, we provide bags, gloves and arrange for disposal. Meet– by the new toilet block by the playground on Kiwi Esplanade. Dress- for the weather and wear shoes that won't get stuck in mud (sneakers or wet booties) Bring- A water bottle, a bucket and gardening gloves if you have them. For more info email friends@fof.nz





15 May 2019

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

On Thursday 13 June we be holding our Student Led Conferences (SLC). Please note that all children will go home at 12.50pm on that day.

SLC are an opportunity for students to lead a conversation about their learning at Waterlea. Each SLC lasts for 25 minutes and the teacher will also be available to answer questions during this time. The SLC start at 2.00pm and finish at 7.10pm and there will be 3-4 conferences happening at the same time within each classroom.

If English is not the language used in your home we invite you to conduct your child's conference in the language with which you feel most comfortable.

Booking a Time

Please visit the school interviews website to select a time that suits your family <u>www.schoolinterviews.co.nz</u> code: 9dcp7. If you do not have access to a computer, our office staff will be able to help you.

<u>Please complete by Monday 10 June</u>. After this date conference times cannot be changed electronically. To change after this date please contact your classroom teacher.

If you would like siblings to be looked after during your child's SLC, please fill in the form below and return to your class teacher.

Yours sincerely Andrea Jamieson Principal

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Need Child Minding:
I would like child minding for children
Names and ages of children to be looked after:
Name of child having SLC SLC Time: Rm:
Name of child having SLC SLC Time: Rm:
Signed: Phone
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Please tick the applicable box below and return this form to school as soon as possible.

i understand the school will be closed on Wednesday 29 May and I will make other arrangements for my child that day.

The closure of the school on Wednesday 29 May causes my family undue hardship and I need help to make other arrangements for my child that day.

Name of my child: _____ Room: _____

Parent signature: _____



