

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

8 May 2019

Calendar

May:

9th Rm 2 & 4 Ambury Farm 11-12.30
13th Community Swim Lessons begin Years 5 & 6
14th Community Swim Lessons begin Years 3 & 4
15th School Show 'Hiwi the Kiwi Goes Fishing'
9.10am
15th Rm 2 & 19 Ambury Farm 11-12.30
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 Rm 1 & 20 Ambury Farm 9-10.30am
30th Interschool Rugby League Rain Date

June:

3rd Queens Birthday—Public Holiday
4th New Entrant Cohort starting
5th Science in a Van shows
7th Board Member Voting Closes
10th onwards: Matariki
11th Interschool Netball
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
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 Parent Evening Digital Curriculum 7-8.45pm
5th End of Term 2
22nd Start of Term 3

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

As we discussed in last week's newsletter we have Student Led Conferences (SLC) coming up on **25 June**. A supporting letter outlining how you book a time for your child's conference is accompanying next week's newsletter. The week before the SLCs on Friday 7 June a school report will come home regarding the progress made this year in your child's learning. These reports will look different to the reports that usually come home during the year. Last year we consulted our families about our reports. Overwhelmingly your feedback was for the reports to be more personalised and reflective of the whole child. We have listened to this feedback and are attempting to be responsive by including more comments about your child's social interactions, ability to work in groups, individual interests and general wellbeing.

Another change in the format is that every child's report will also have a means of accessing some of your child's learning at home digitally through a sharing platform called Seesaw. A number of our classes have trialed Seesaw and now it is time for all classes to become digital users of this platform. The reports will have an information sheet attached to them with instructions as to how to access Seesaw on your smartphone or device. We will have help available in the library on SLC night for anyone who might need additional help with this. This is an exciting move forward for our school community and a means of us achieving our Strategic Plan school goals. We will work together to make sure this digital shift happens for everyone so make sure you keep a lookout for the parent information evening on 2 July where we will share some more digital learning with you.

Board of Trustees Election Info

Here is the timeline for the Board of Trustee election process:

10 May—Nomination papers being posted out
24 May—Nominations close at midday
If voting required...
29 May—Voting Papers being posted out
7 June—Voting closes at midday
13 June—Final results declared
14 June—New Board of Trustees takes office

Information for nominees:

Write a brief statement (up to 400 words) letting voters know who you are, why you feel you are the right person for the role and what you aim to achieve for the school and parent community. You may include a photo so voters are able to easily identify you.

If you would like any further information about wanting to stand for the Board please email the Returning Officer, Yvonne Biggelaar, at waterleareturningofficer@gmail.com.

Paid Union Meetings for Teachers

This week the teachers will be attending Paid Union Meetings to discuss the next steps in their negotiations with the government regarding issues of pay, conditions and recruitment. The meetings are happening today and Thursday afternoon. Children will attend school as usual because school will be remaining open. If it is decided at these union meetings that strike action will happen, further information will be provided next week regarding this. The proposed strike day is Wednesday May 29th.

Gardening Club's Latest Harvest

Last term we introduced you to our Waterlea Gardening Club which meets every Monday. This week our kaitiaki (caretakers) harvested an outstanding crop of kumara! All children are welcome to join in—every Monday lunchtime.



PTA News

Entertainment books

These are back for 2019. Comes as a book of vouchers or an online app—the physical book will be available in May. Go to www.entbook.co.nz/9691y8 when you purchase your book, and a percentage of the cost will go to Waterlea School.

The Entertainment Book contains vouchers for all sorts of places eg McDonalds, Butterfly Creek, Coronation Café, movie tickets, Snow Planet and much much more! You usually recoup the cost of the book just by using 2 or 3 vouchers!

Bridge Fruit n Vege Receipts

A reminder to collect your receipts from Paul at the Bridge Fruit and Vege shop on Coronation Road. Drop them into the PTA mailbox in the office. Paul kindly donates a portion of the cost to our school.

Yummy Sticker Collection

Keep up the great work collecting yummy stickers for our school. Drop them in to your teacher or the PTA mailbox in the office. Later this year we'll cash these in for school sports gear.

PTA/Ray White Easter Colouring Competition

At the end of last term, Jared Hards from Ray White came to assembly to announce the winners of the Easter colouring competition and present their prizes. The winners were Isabella Cathro, Evie Dutton, Kobe Nicholas, Josh Rippey, Flynn Campbell and Aria-Jane Nicholas. Well done to all—there were so many fabulous entries! And thanks again to Ray White for their assistance and generosity!



Community News

Shine Speech and Drama—starts Tomorrow (Thurs)

Shine Speech & Drama is a specialist, high-quality, fun speech & drama programme designed to build spoken excellence and self-belief in school children. It is held at Waterlea on Thursdays at lunchtime or after school.

Shine combines world-class content and student engagement with imagination and creativity to achieve excellent results. Shine offers coaching for both Trinity and Speech New Zealand exams. Shine students do exceptionally well in examinations but they are optional. Shine Speech & Drama website: www.shine.school.nz
To enrol: <http://www.shine.school.nz/enrol-waterlea>

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

We are also running two May Mangrove events—dates to be confirmed. Let's maintain our bird roosts and harbour views. It's on rain or shine, we provide bags, gloves and arrange for disposal. Meet- at the boat club near 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

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