

# WATERLEA WEEKLY



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

**18 December 2019**

## Calendar

### February 2020:

3rd Wananga Day (Short meeting with child's teacher)  
4th First full day of school  
4th Waterlea Welcome Assembly 9.15am  
6th Waitangi Day (Public Holiday)

### 2020 Dates

Term 1—Monday 3 February to Thursday 9 April  
Term 2—Tuesday 28 April to Friday 3 July  
Term 3—Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September  
Term— 4 Monday 12 October to Monday 14

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

As this is our last newsletter for 2019 I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the wonderful support you have given our staff and tamariki this year. There are so many ways you have demonstrated your support for the teaching and learning that has happened at Waterlea this year. You have generously given your time to support us by coming to sports events, class trips, Whanau days, assemblies, Choir performances, Quiz Night and many more school functions. Thank you for supporting our tamariki throughout the year. Many of you took the time to participate in school surveys,

Student Led Conferences, Kapahaka performances, Year 1 visits and Hui performances, Year 1 visits and Hui throughout the year. Many of you took the time to participate in school surveys about different aspects of the learning at Waterlea and that feedback will be used next year to make changes which will make a positive impact on our children's learning. I personally would like to thank the members of the Board of Trustees under the leadership of Andrew Dunning for their thoughtfulness and commitment to the careful governance of our school. Additionally I would like to thank the members of Waterlea's PTA under the leadership of Gee Taylor for the huge contribution they have made over the year. We all appreciate the partnership we have with whanau at Waterlea and we look forward to strengthening this partnership next year.

On behalf of the team here at Waterlea we would like to wish you a very happy, safe festive time with your friends and whanau and a restful holiday.

Today we farewell Room 15 teacher Alana McKay and wish her all the best on the birth of her second child early next year. Jane McMaster of Room 20 is retiring from full time teaching after 18 wonderful years at Waterlea!! We are pleased she will be returning next year, teaching two days a week in Room 19 with Ms Nieborak.

We were disappointed to have to cancel the Year 1 and 2 performance on Monday but appreciate your understanding of the uncertainties of Auckland weather! As it's all about what's best for the children we had to make a judgement call. Nevertheless it has been such a worthwhile experience for them to learn and practice performing their songs—they've

had a lot of fun!

Kirihimete koa  
Andrea Jamieson  
Principal

### Start of 2020 School Year

Yesterday your child would have brought home a notice about the Waterlea Wānanga on **Monday 3 February**. It is also attached to the end of this newsletter. Please go on now and book your 15 minute hui at [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz). The code for this event is **Drms**.

The PTA will be holding a second hand uniform sale from 10-12pm that day—see the PTA notices newsletter for more information.

On **Tuesday 4 February all children will be at school for their first full day**, starting at our usual time of 8.50am This will be followed by our Waterlea Powhiri at 9.15am. This is an opportunity for all whanau, tamariki and staff new to Waterlea to be formally welcomed. We will send home an invitation to new families providing more information regarding the powhiri.

### 2020 Stationery

Stationery packs for next year can be purchased from Onehunga Books and Stationery, 175a Onehunga Mall (between Westpac and the gelato shop). You can either purchase them from the store from 15 January or order online at [www.obsonline.co.nz](http://www.obsonline.co.nz) (best to go to the search function and search Waterlea). You can have it delivered to your home. Online orders can be preordered now for a mid January delivery. Just choose the pack for the year level and class that your child is in.

Please note that for Year 1 if your child is new to school choose 'New Entrant Pack' or 'Year 1 Pack' if your child is returning to Year 1 in 2020.

For Middle School children (Year 3 and 4) make sure you select the correct pack for their room number.

### Year 6 Chess Tournament

On Monday we held Waterlea's first Year 6 Chess Tournament final. Whaea Angelique and the chess club have been organising and playing the Tournament matches these last few weeks, leading up to the final with Joshua Drake (Room 5) and Loloko Lulia (Room 9). We want to acknowledge everyone who participated and of course our Winner - Joshua Drake, and Runner up - Loloko Lulia. Well done, Joshua and Loloko! You have started the beginning of a new Year 6 Waterlea Tradition. Thank you, Whaea Angelique and Anita (our lovely Librarian) for your efforts in the Chess Club and the Tournament. A special mention to Lily Ross (Room 5) who designed, 3D-printed, and painted the Tournament Trophy.

Interested in joining a fun and challenging lunchtime club? Join the CHESS CLUB on TUESDAY at 1:00pm. See you next year!



## PTA News

### Remember the PTA During the Holidays

If you get any unwanted gifts, one too many boxes of chocolate or any other non perishable items this holiday season that you don't need, please put them aside for the PTA. In Term 1 we will put a call out for donations for our raffle table for the Waterlea Summer Festival. Any contributions of new gifts/toys/books, pantry items, body products etc will be

greatly appreciated. Thank you and enjoy the holidays.

### Second Hand Uniform Sale on WānangaDay

Our school second hand uniform sale will be on between 10am and 12pm on 3 February 2019.

So while your meeting and greeting your new teachers get in quick to grab yourself a bargain!

You can find us under the canopy outside Room 1



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Dear Parents and whānau,

In last week's newsletter we gave [the](#) heads up for the Wānanga to start the 2020 year. Here are more details.

The 2020 year will start for your child with our Wānanga - a personal 15 minute family conversation with the teacher on Monday 3 February.

Our Wānanga is a great opportunity to start building positive relationships between the teacher and family/whanau so that our 2019 learning gets away to a great start. In this time we want to hear from you about your child so that we understand a bit more about them before the year starts. It will also provide an opportunity for children to share their culture, language, and personal interests with the teacher so they can plan learning programmes accordingly.

When: Monday 3 February - bookings can be made between 8.30am - 4.30pm

Venue: your child's classroom (the children met their new teachers today)

**Please make your booking as soon as possible by going online [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) – the code is [drrms](#)**

We realise this may be an inconvenience to your workplace so we are giving this advanced warning to arrange time with your employer to attend the Wānanga. Should you not be able to book a time in the allocated time slots please contact the office to arrange a more suitable time.

For those who do not have access to computers, come and visit us at the office so that you can make your electronic booking here at school. For those wanting to book at the school office this service will be available Wednesday 18 December from 8am-4pm and again on Thursday 30 and Friday 31 January from 8am-3pm.

It is important to note that the first full day of school is Tuesday 4 February at our usual time of 8.50am. Our Waterlea Pōwhiri will follow at 9.15am in the David Lange Memorial Hall and all are welcome to attend.

SKIDs, our after school and holiday childcare provider, are able to provide childcare for Friday 1 February. Please contact 0800 900 754 or 09 275 3458 or visit [www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz) (go to parent log in) for availability and fees.

If you have any queries regarding these Wānanga, please contact the DPs ([andy.jones@waterlea.school.nz](mailto:andy.jones@waterlea.school.nz) or [therese.bakker@waterlea.school.nz](mailto:therese.bakker@waterlea.school.nz)) or myself.

Ngā mihi

Andrea Jamieson  
Principal

## Update from your Board of Trustees for Term 4 – 2019

As I reflect on the year that has been, the speed at which it has drawn to a close and the hive of activity around our community at this time, I am reminded of how fortunate we are to be in community with you all. There has been some amazing input into the life of the school from so many of you. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to say a **big thank you**.

Thank you to:

- Our Waterlea students for taking care of their learning this year. For thinking, having a go and growing.
- Our parents for being engaged in your child's learning, supporting our community initiatives and supporting the school financially.
- Our staff team for taking care of our children and helping them along this journey.
- The PTA for supporting our community, being involved, visible and fundraising to support the school.

All of the above feed into a community that supports our children's learning, achievement and overall success. It also helps to make our community a great place to live and raise a family. Thank you for your efforts in support of this. If you can think of anything more we can do to help you help your kids on this journey moving into 2020, please feel free to let our staff know.

As a trustee of the school, one of my favourite days of the year is the year 6 graduation assembly. I have been attending this as a trustee for the last four years and, every year, I am blown away by how articulate and capable our young people are after 6 years of primary school. I am also reminded of how lucky we are to have a diverse and engaged community here in Mangere Bridge. If your children have just finished their time with us, congratulations on their progress and growth. I am sure they will do well as they progress to their next steps in their education journey.

Once again, on behalf of your Board of Trustees, thank you for your continued support of your community, your school and your kids this year.

I wish you a safe and happy Christmas break and hope you get the opportunity to spend some quality family time together and get refreshed as we head into 2020.

Nga mihi nui



Andrew Dunning  
Chair – Waterlea School Board of Trustees