

WATERLEA WEEKLY



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SCHOOL

With Learning We Grow

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

20 May 2020

Calendar

May:

25th Board Meeting 7pm

29th *Teacher Only Day POSTPONED*

June:

1st Queen Birthday Public Holiday

2nd New Entrant cohort begins

11th *Student Led Conferences*

POSTPONED

July:

2nd PTA Non-Uniform Day

3rd Last day of Term 2

20th Term 3 begins

20th New Entrant cohort begins

September:

25th Last day of Term 3

October:

12th Term 4 begins

December:

14th Last day of school for 2020

**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, Jó Napot
Sagutom, Konichiwa, Guten Tag, Здравствуйте**

Welcome back to school everyone—we have missed you all. There is no doubt that in the last couple of months you will have experienced some form of change. Many of you would have experienced positive changes and for many, your experiences have been very challenging. As a school we acknowledge that our community is not in the same place we were before lockdown and we need some time to adjust to our new normal—both the positive and the challenging. For the next few weeks we will be taking things slowly as we reconnect and find our new pathway.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank different groups of the Waterlea School Community. Firstly our whanau - thank you for all the learning support you gave your children and each other while we were in our bubbles.

Secondly, a big thank you to all our staff. I think we would all agree that the shift from learning at school to learning from home was done swiftly and smoothly. As we began our transition of slowly reopening the school, a small group of teachers and support staff paved the way by returning to support about 20 students in 3 learning bubbles. During Level 4 & 3 our staff demonstrated all four of our Waterlea MANA values and we are now much further along our digital journey than before. The deep connections that were made with our tamariki and whānau during this time were also really appreciated.

Our third group to thank and acknowledge are our tamariki. We thank them for giving some new things a go, engaging in new ways of learning and enthusiastically participating in our Weekly Waterlea Challenges. Talking of these challenges, we haven't forgotten about the last challenge about pets whether real or imaginary. When we were learning from home our weekly Waterlea videos would come out on a Monday. Due to the very high ratings of these videos and the fact we can't have assemblies just yet, we have decided to keep them going- so look out for them on Fridays.

Under Level 2 we introduced some new ways of doing things and the most notable are around entering and exiting the school grounds. Thank you for adhering to these changes, as it helps us do what we need to do as a school for the purposes of contact tracing. Today is the third morning whereby these changes have been in place and I must say that it all ran very smoothly. These new processes will be in place for the foreseeable future and we will take our guidance and direction from the Ministry of Education and Health before we go back to how it was before lockdown.

There is now a new app available which will help with contact tracing and we will have details of this in the next newsletter.

Change in Term 2 Dates

Given that we are slowly transitioning back to school and needing to manage the number of people onsite there will be no Teacher Only Day on Friday 29 May or Student Led Conferences on Thursday 11 June. We will reschedule these dates and communicate them in the coming weeks.