



# WATERLEA SCHOOL

*He nui te akoranga ki Waterlea Great learning happens at Waterlea*

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

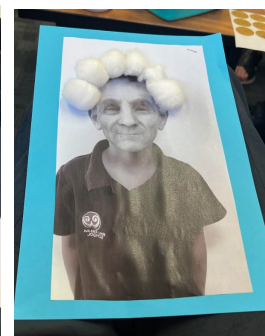
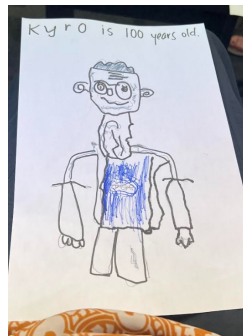
## Newsletter 1 March 2023

### Important Dates

- 1 March - Board of Trustees Meeting  
5.30pm @ Te Papapa School
- 2 March - Interschool Cricket (Girls)
- 9 March - Interschool Cricket (Girls) Rain Date
- 10 March - Feet First Whaanau Day (walk to Ambury Farm)
- 10 March - PTA AGM 2.30pm
- 15 March - Tree Adventures Rooms 5 & 8
- 17 March - PTA Casual Clothes Day
- 24 March - MANA Assembly 9.15am-10am
- 28 March - Tree Adventures Rooms 9 & 9
- 4 April - Tree Adventures Rooms 7
- 6 April - PTA Sausage Sizzle
- 6 April - Term 1 Ends
- 24 April - Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
- 25 April - ANZAC Day (School Closed)
- 26 April - Term 2 Begins
- 26 April New Entrant Cohort Starts
- 29 May - New Entrant Cohort Starts
- 5 June - King's Birthday (School Closed)
- 30 June - Term 2 Ends
- 17 July - Term 3 Begins
- 22 September - Term 3 Ends
- 9 October - Term 4 Begins
- 15 December - Last Day of School 2023

On Monday a new group of Year 1 students had their first day at school in Room 22 and Room 4. We welcome these new tamariki and their whaanau to Waterlea School and look forward to building a strong partnership for the coming six years. Samia Mahmood is the teacher in Room 22 and she says everyone is settling in well.

Another group of Year 1 tamariki had an exciting day last week. It wasn't their first day but their 100th day at school! To celebrate this anniversary, tamariki in Room 2 (who are residing in Room 21 this term) drew portraits of themselves at 100 years old and wrote stories about what they would like to be doing when they turned 100. They also celebrated with a special 100 cake! Counting the first 100 days of school also provided lots of opportunities to learn foundational maths knowledge such as counting in 1s, 2s and 10s to 100 in a fun and authentic way.



The teaching and learning of maths has changed considerably since the adults in the Waterlea community were in primary school. While learning the basics in maths will always be important, it is no longer sufficient just to know your times tables - our tamariki are supported to apply the basics to solve everyday maths problems by collaborating with their peers. Teachers themselves have had to engage in new learning, in order to set up classrooms where tamariki can be successful, collaborative problem solvers. Over the past couple of years, even during lockdowns, our Kaiako engaged in quite intensive professional development involving working alongside mentors from Massey University. We call the approach we use to teach maths, DMIC - Developing Mathematical Inquiry Communities. Next term we are planning a Whaanau Day and will invite you into your child's classroom to see a DMIC lesson in action. You'll also get a chance to have some hands-on experience of collaborative problem solving. To find out more about DMIC please click here:

[Ministry of Education](#)

### New Zealand Curriculum Refresh and Teacher Only Days

The NZ curriculum is going through a refresh process which will impact the teaching and learning in all schools throughout the motu. In order to prepare for the changes coming, schools have been asked to hold two Teacher Only Days this year during the school terms. Waterlea's first Teacher Only Day is straight after the school holidays, on 24 April which is also the day before the ANZAC Day public holiday. On this day we will collaborate with our Kahui Ako partnership schools to do this mahi. The date for the second teacher only day has not been confirmed but as soon as it is we'll let you know. As well as these planned nationwide teacher only days, Waterlea will use team meetings and holiday call back days to make the necessary changes to our existing curriculum.

### Boys Interschool Cricket Competition

On Tuesday 28 February the boys cricket team went to the inter schools competition. There were 14 schools that took part. There were 16 boys from Year 5 and 6 who had been preparing and training at Morning Tea and Lunch. We used our free time to train and improve our cricket skills.

We were a little nervous before the games started but after we started playing our first match we felt really confident. There were 4 teams in our group and we won three matches to make the semi-finals.

In the semi-final we lost by only 6 runs against Nga Iwi school. We all had a really fun and enjoyable day. The best part was that we gave it our all. Thank you to the parent helpers for all the great help you gave us.

Well done to the 4 boys who played in a combined team with St. Mary McKillop for the day.

Boys Pool Stage results:

Waterlea 104 - 102 Mountain View = Win

Waterlea 88 - 85 Mangere Central = Win

Waterlea 119 - 84 Jean Batten School = Win

The girls team play on Thursday 2 March at Centre Park, Robertson Road, Mangere East.

By Logan and Caleb Rm 6







Last week's MANA Award recipients.  
Top - Juniors, Middle - Middles,  
Bottom - Seniors

Thanks to those who came along to support us in our first second-hand uniform sale of the year. If anyone has any items they would like to donate, please let us know. We are more than happy to take them off your hands at any time!


In the next few weeks, the PTA have got some fun events lined up, so keep your eyes peeled to the newsletter and our socials for more information closer to the time.

**As a quick heads-up:**

We're having our **PTA AGM on Friday 10 March at 2:30pm** in the school hall. All are welcome to attend this event.

**Friday 17 March** is set for our first **casual clothes day** of Term One. Think green for Saint Patricks Day!

**Thursday 6 April** is our first **sausage sizzle**. As well as the sausages (vegetarian too), our local Anchor Franchisee has donated chocolate CalciYum milk drinks to us. We hope this suits the extensive palates of your tamariki! More details will follow closer to the time.



## Meet the Waterlea PTA

Nau mai, haere mai 2023

Kia ora e te whānau

Welcome to 2023! Nau mai, haere mai to the new and seasoned parents and caregivers of Waterlea School. Last week was our first full week of school, and what a week it was! We want to thank our Waterlea kaiako for being so fantastic and taking our tamariki through the week and coming out the other end with smiles and some new found learnings.

We wanted to tell you about the Parent and Teachers Association at our kura.

Lead by Selena Dixon and Rebekah Hoeft, the PTA are a group of parents who are eager to take responsibility for organising various fundraising or community spirit activities to support the school. Last year our efforts included Sausage Sizzles, Casual Clothes days, Second-hand uniform sales and the School Disco, which collectively raised \$17,000. We were also proud to be able to donate enough funds to the school towards Chromebooks, school furniture and headphones.

The PTA still have a \$50,000 fundraising goal for 2023; raising enough funds to gift to the school so they are able to co-fund works on the David Lange Hall to meet the standards of 'weather-tightness'. Read more about this on the Waterlea School website: <https://www.waterlea.school.nz/our-people/pta/>

As well as our fundraising efforts you'll see throughout the year, the PTA also play a key role in keeping parents informed and involving parents in supporting their children at the school. The PTA offers a great opportunity for both teachers and parents to enjoy a better understanding of each other. Everyone is welcome to join or attend our meetings, and any level of contribution is always appreciated.

In 2023 we have some pretty big events in the pipeline and are looking for more helping hands to support the PTA. There are multiple ways you can do this:

- **Joining the PTA:** we are a friendly bunch and love working together towards common goals to support our school
- **Joining Friends of the PTA:** assisting with particular events; baking for baking sales, discos, volunteering on disco night or quiz night, helping with set up and pack down of events
- **Sponsorship opportunities:** we have multiple sponsorship opportunities we would love to discuss with you which can provide different levels of exposure and advertisement for your business.
- **Donations for a silent auction on our quiz night:** this can be items, vouchers or experiences.

To find out more about us and how you can help, or to get in touch and keep informed, find us on any of these channels here:

Facebook: @Waterlea PTA | Instagram: @waterleapta | Email: waterleapta@gmail.com



FREE ENTERTAINMENT & ACTIVITIES!



# ONEHUNGA FESTIVAL 2023



SATURDAY 4 MARCH  
10:30am - 3:00pm  
Onehunga Bay Reserve

# MANGERE BRIDGE KIDS MARKET

12th March 2023

9am-1pm

NAOMI AND BILL KIRK PARK

CORONATION ROAD,  
MANGERE BRIDGE

FOR STALL ENQUIRES  
CONTACT

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Mangere Bridge Vipers Netball Club

Registrations are now open for our Mini Vipers (year 1 to 4).

If you have a child interested in playing netball this season, please register online [here](#)

Or alternatively, contact Michelle on 0274 810 396 for more information.



11 MARCH 3-8PM



ALL  
AGES

FREE  
EVENT



BREAKDANCING  
BATTLES

LIVE MC  
PERFORMANCES

PUKAPUKA

COMMUNITY HALL

23 CANNING CRES, MANGERE

