



# 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

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## Important Dates

28 June	Matariki (school closed)
1 July	Board of Trustees Hui 3:30pm
5 July	Dawn hikoi up Te pane o Mataoho
5 July	Matariki Assembly 11am
5 July	PTA Sausage Sizzle
5 July	Last day of Term 2
22 July	First day of Term 3
22 July	New Cohort starts school
31 July	Year 4 - 6 Swimming Starts
1 August	Structured Literacy Workshop for whaanau 3:00pm

What a fantastic night we had on Saturday at the Waterlea PTA Quiz Night. It was such a fun event and the costumes were amazing. The winners on the night were team 'Flying Low' so congratulations to them. Many thanks to Sel Dixon, Bex Hoeft and all the PTA team for such a well organised and smooth running event. Photos of the night and the final total of funds raised will be in next week's newsletter. Over the past few weeks the Middle School has been learning more about our local stories and how the first Maaori came to this area. In response to their learning they designed and created kaiwhare and waka. On Monday, the tamariki took a stroll down to the waterfront to float kaiwhare and waka. They had a lovely time exploring the moana and developing a greater understanding of what is required to get things to float successfully. See the stories and photos below. We also took some of our tamariki to the Inter School Hockey Tournament at Lloyd Elsmore Park this week. Waterlea School had one girls and one boys team enter and they had a great time and demonstrated fairplay. Thanks to Dave Maplesden and Georgina Robb for helping with the coaching. Well done to the girls team who came fourth and the boys team who came first. Check out some great photos below. Just a reminder that tonight is Teacher Led Conferences and if you haven't managed to book a time yet, please contact your child's classroom teacher so you can make time before the end of the term. Don't forget school is closed this Friday, 28 June as it is a public holiday to celebrate Matariki. We wish everyone a lovely Matariki Day and invite you to our Matariki hikoi at dawn and assembly next week on Friday, 5 July at midday. Keep reading for further details.



## The **EXITING** morning at school

Squelch, squelch, squelch! "OH NO MY SOCKS!" You will NEVER guess what happened at school today. Today room 25, 24 and 13 all went waka sailing with our boats we made in class. I'll tell you a bit about later. My waka making group was Faith, Tawera and myself. A little while ago, Whaea Anna put us into groups. I looked up on the screen and... "YAY IM WITH TAWERA & FAITH!!!" I yelled. We all got to work and we used... an olive oil bottle for the bottom base, orange juice bottle also for the bottom base, butter container in between the two bottles, cellotape, hot glue and string to hold. We called our waka feather queen queen coral (yes there is meant to be 2 queens). When Faith was holding the string at the water I was going to throw it in the water so it would go far but when I threw it faith wasn't holding it properly and it went quiet. It was so fun you should give it a go! No need to be fancy... just use recycling bottles and plastic!

**By Skipper Laban  
Room 25**





## Waka sailing

Do you know about Waka's?

Because I went to the water to sail my waka that I made.

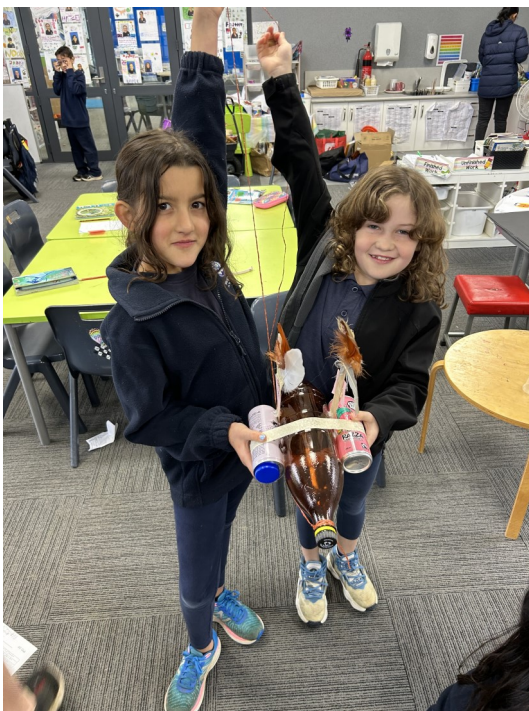
A waka is a boat but they look different because they are made of wood and were used way back but are still used right now.

Last week we found out we were going to make waka's at school. We also had groups and my group was: Phoebe, me, and Jamie. We finished the waka using recycled materials and it looked amazing. First, we put bottles on the side of a strawbery cartain, then put a whāre on it and lastly its sails and decorations.

Guess what.... When we went to the water our waka broke when we put it in! Then phoebe took the other bottle off and put it in the bin. We thought about what we could do differently next time so the waka doesn't break.

It was still a great day.

By Harper  
Room 25







# New Zealand Maritime Museum





## Interschool Hockey Tournament

On Tuesday 25 June, our boys and girls hockey teams went off to the MOSA Zone tournament at Lloyd Elsmore Park.

Both teams played round robin games against each of the other schools who were there. The girls had a win, two draws and two losses putting them into the playoff for 3rd and 4th place. The boys had four wins and one draw putting them through the the final playoff for 1st and 2nd.

A tight game for the girls ended in a draw which meant the girls placed 4th overall. A fantastic result for our team, many of whom were having a go at hockey for the first time. Thanks to Mrs Robb who spent some time getting the girls ready for the tournament.

The boys carried their great form into the final and won 2-0, taking out the top spot overall! An amazing result for our boys. Special thanks to David Maplesden who coached the team leading up to, and on the day.



# Moth Plant Busters

This year, five students participated in the Māngere Ōtāhuhu local board moth plant competition. We worked extremely hard collecting all of our moth plants, it was a whole school and community effort. Moth plants are an invasive species, they strangle and kill our native plants. They have a sticky white sap which can cause rashes. We went around classrooms educating students about what moth plants do to all of our native trees. Most weekends we all got together and went out and collected lots of moth plant pods.

Recently we attended the Pest Free South Auckland moth competition at Papatoetoe High School. There were 1,136 Warriors and everyone collected 128,936 pods overall. With Ngā Taonga Aroha ECE winning with over 18,000.

We collected 8,223 and won \$500. This money will go towards our school gardens or perhaps some outdoor artwork.







# MATARIKI HIKOI

JOIN US FOR A HIKOI UP TE PANE O MATAHOHO  
TO SEE THE WONDERFUL MATARIKI STARS

DATE: FRIDAY 5 JULY

TIME: 6:00AM!!

MEET AT MANGERE MEMORIAL HALL, DOMAIN ROAD.

WE WILL NEED TO START WALKING PROMPTLY, SO PLEASE DON'T BE LATE.

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS A WHAANAU EVENT, ALL CHILDREN MUST COME WITH AN ADULT



## FRIDAY 5 JULY | TERM TWO | SAUSAGE SIZZLE

To end the term with a bang, we're finishing off with a sausage sizzle on Friday 5 July.

Remember: Vegetarian sausages are available too – cooked and served separately.

### What you need to know:

On **Wednesday 3 July**, simply **send in \$2 per sausage** wanted **in a named envelope** to your teacher. Please clearly indicate how many sausages in total your child wants.



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*The lantern is a symbol of lighting and brightening the path for the Māori new year. Traditionally, the star Puanga (Rigel) and the star cluster of Matariki (Pleiades) appears as a sign of the new lunar cycle in Aotearoa.*

# Matariki Moonlight Lantern Walk

SATURDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2024 5:30-8pm  
at the Ambury Regional Park Farm Barn



Friends of the Farm invite you, your friends and family to join in a foreshore lantern walk to celebrate Matariki at Ambury Farm.

Meet at 5.30 at the farm barn to make lanterns or bring your own lantern. All you'll need is an empty tin can per person full with frozen water (we will have spares). We'll have a rewarding sausage sizzle before the walk and hot chocolates after, yum!

Join us for free family fun on the farm - come prepared for the winter weather.



**See you there for a great night!**

details at [www.aboutmangerebridge.nz](http://www.aboutmangerebridge.nz)





Ollie from room 5 was recently interviewed about the recycling his family does around our neighbourhood.

The article is here <https://aboutmangerebridge.nz/caring/the-recycling-bug/>



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**WATERLEA PTA**  
**2024 QUIZ NIGHT**  
LET'S TAKE A TRIP AROUND THE WORLD!

The Waterlea PTA would like to thank our sponsors for the 2024 Annual Quiz Night. We are so grateful for the generosity of these businesses and the resounding and continued support they provide for our school and tamariki. Please take the time to go and support them also.

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Rata Creek	Hubbards
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