



*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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## Newsletter 19 February 2025

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### Important Dates

20 February	Tree Adventures Rooms 5&9
20 February	BSLA Parent Hui 3:10pm
21 February	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
28 February	Mana Assembly 10am
3 March	Board Of Trustees Hui 7pm
10 March	New Entrant Cohort Start
14 March	Mana Assembly 10am
28 March	Mana Assembly 10am
11 April	Mana Assembly 10am
11 April	Last Day of Term 1
28 April	First Day of Term 2

Last week we touched on our 4 MANA values and how they are used and acknowledged in the playground and in the classroom. We also use our MANA values more specifically with our tamariki when we are teaching them to use devices in the classroom and when learning online. Over the coming weeks teachers will be supporting our tamariki to develop a sense of what being a good digital citizen looks like.

Every school has a responsibility to teach the Digital Technologies Curriculum and Waterlea has developed a shared understanding amongst our teachers as to how we do this. In the senior part of the school the students have access to chromebooks. We don't adhere to the 1 device per student ratio, but have put in place a ratio of devices which promotes student online/offline collaboration. The Year 4-6 school children have a signed agreement with their parents regarding device use and have a shared set of chromebooks that they can access for particular learning activities. The younger students have ipads in the classrooms that they can use to capture learning and use online learning tools. Being a responsible user of technology looks different according to the age and stage of our tamariki.

Further information is coming out on this topic later this week, giving more detailed information about our device use and measures we have in place to help ensure the safety of our tamariki when using devices.

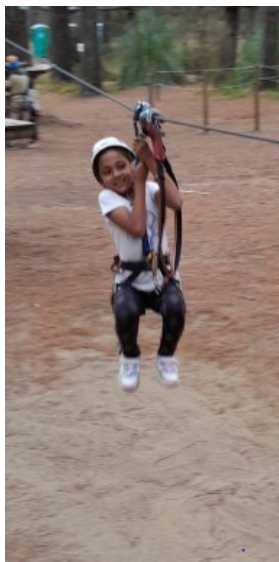
**Reminder**  
**School Closed**  
**This Friday**  
**Teacher Only Day**



## Tree Adventures

On Friday, Room 8 went to an awesome park called Tree Adventures in Woodhill forest!! Everyone felt super nervous going and also a little excited. Before we started our first course we had to put on a helmet and safety harness and have a safety briefing. There were 6 courses we could go on and 6 was by far the highest and best. The obstacles were all different, some swung, some were wobbly and others stayed still. There was a zipline at the end of each course to get down and it was a blast! Before we knew it the day was done and everyone went home feeling proud of their achievements at Tree Adventures!!!

By Aria & Amaliya in Room 8





## **Zone Sport for Year 5&6**

Each term we have the opportunity to take some of our Year 5 and 6 tamariki off to the Mangere Otahuhu Zone Sport days. This term we have cricket and softball. As these sports always generate a lot of interest, we have to make selections which naturally ends up with some of our tamariki feeling disappointed. Unfortunately we can't take everyone, however we will endeavour to provide some ongoing opportunities to participate in lunchtime sport activities at school.

## **Moths Plant Competition 2025**

The Moth Plant Busters are at it again! Moth Plants are destructive weeds. They are blooming and fruiting all over South Auckland at the moment. We have a group of 10 eager Year 5 & 6 students who are part of this year's team. This is a great opportunity for these students to demonstrate kaitiakitanga by caring for our local environment.

But, WE NEED YOUR HELP TOO!

Last year our school community brought in a massive number of pods to secure a 1st place win with \$500 prize money. This year there is \$1,000 up for grabs. We will use any prize money to put towards school beautification projects like murals and our school gardens.

Please bring in any pods you find. There will be a bin placed outside the school office. Make sure you pull out any existing plants and be careful of sap making contact with your skin or clothes.

Thank you for your help.





## sKids Waterlea

Before School Care | 7:30 – 8:30 am

After School Care | 3:00 – 6:00 pm

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If you are looking for childcare for the upcoming teacher only this Friday 21 February, Skids would love to hear from you!



**NEXT MEETING: 12 MARCH 2025 | 7:30PM**

# JOIN OUR TEAM

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**



The **Waterlea PTA** are looking for new people to join the team and help out with fundraising activities in 2025. We're a bunch of parents who enjoy working together to creatively make money for our school. Come along to our next meeting on 12 March in the Waterlea Staffroom, and find out if you're interested.

🔍 Calling all young food explorers! 🌟

[Book Now!](#)

Join us for **Flavour Detectives** and discover the secrets of your favorite cuisines! 🍷🍷

- ♦ **Feb 19** – Italian 🍝🍷
- ♦ **Feb 26** – Indian 🍛🌶️
- ♦ **March 5** – Mexican 🌮🥑

Your little chef will **chop, mix, and taste** their way through delicious recipes while learning essential cooking skills.

#FlavourDetectives #KidsCooking #FoodAdventure #LittleChefs #sKids

# Flavour detectives



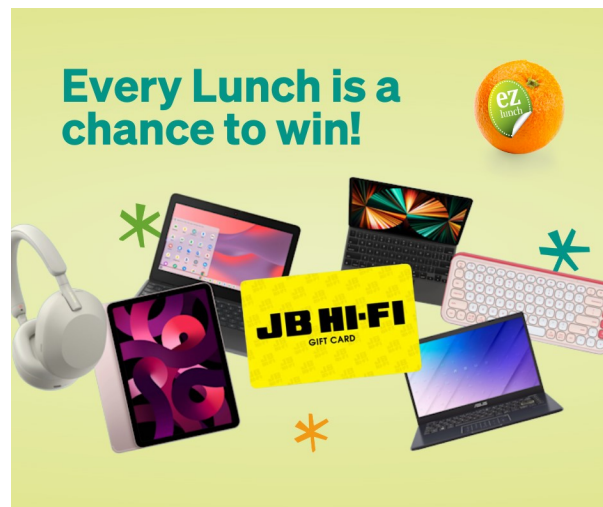
Join us in Term 1 as we explore the yummy foods of Italy, India, and Mexico! Learn new cooking skills and take home recipes.

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PRESENTS

# BACK TO SCHOOL FEST

Friday 28th  
Feb  
4PM-6PM

VENUE: TE PAPAPA  
SCHOOL  
(219 Mt Smart Rd)

SERVICES EXPO  
FOODSTALLS  
FUN ACTIVITIES & MORE

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# MUSIC LESSONS

## at Waterlea Public School

**Does your child want to learn to play music?**

Would you like in-school lessons with a professional Music Tutor with many years of teaching experience? You can enroll your child in guitar, ukulele, drum or keyboard lessons at Waterlea Public School!

We deliver a fun, varied and structured curriculum. Students learn songs in styles ranging from traditional to contemporary.

For more information on guitar, ukulele, keyboard and drum lessons, contact **Paul Barry**  
paul.barry@musiqhub.co.nz  
Ph 022 198 0044

**MUSIQHUB**



## COLLECT YUMMY STICKERS AND GET SPORTS GEAR FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Collect the Yummy cut-out labels from bags (each cut-out label is worth 10 stickers) and individual Yummy apple stickers for Waterlea School's share of the \$200,000 free Sport sports gear prize pool.

Yummy apples are available from New World, PAK'nSAVE and participating Four Square stores. The more you collect, the more sports gear we can get so get going and start collecting your Yummy cut-out labels and stickers now!

**All stickers/cut-outs along with your school's Total Tally Sheet must received by us by Tuesday 24 September.**

[Download your sticker collection sheet here or pick one up at the office.](#)



## SECONDHAND UNIFORMS

If you are after any secondhand uniform items, such as tee-shirts, polo shirts, skorts, shorts, or sweatshirts, please get in touch with the Waterlea PTA and we will do our best to help you find what you need.

All items are \$2, except the fleece sweatshirts which are \$10.



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