



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 26 February 2025

Important Dates

28 February	Mana Assembly 10am
3 March	Board Of Trustees Hui 7pm
4 March	Girl MOSA Cricket
10 March	New Entrant Cohort Start
14 March	Mana Assembly 10am
21 March	Feet First walk to Ambury Farm 9am - 11am
28 March	Mana Assembly 10am
11 April	Mana Assembly 10am
11 April	Last Day of Term 1

Last Friday our Kaiako attended a teacher only day with the other teachers from our Kahui Ako. This was an opportunity for our staff to dive a little deeper into Te Mātaiaho, The New Zealand Curriculum for English. This working document has been in development for the past couple of years and is now at a stage where we are using this as the basis for our planning and understanding of progression.

We had the opportunity to hear from a Ministry of Education curriculum specialist who guided us through making connections between our existing planning and the curriculum document. As we have been on the structured literacy journey over the past couple of years, we are well set up to be working towards the progress outcomes of the curriculum.

As a staff we will continue to deepen our mahi in this space along with Te Mātaiaho, The New Zealand Curriculum for Mathematics and Statistics. More information will come out around mathematics at Waterlea at a later date.

There is likely to be another teacher only day later this year where the Kahui Ako will get together for some further professional development. This is only available to us as a Kahui Ako, rather than as an individual school. This date 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.



Feet First Whaanau Walk to Ambury Farm

On Friday 21 March we are planning to walk to Ambury farm for our Feet First Whaanau Day. This is a great opportunity for us to explore our local environment as a community as part of our local curriculum. If you're interested in coming along, we will assemble on the court at 9:15am and aim to set off by 9:30am. The Year 1-3 tamariki will walk via Muir Ave and the Year 4-6 tamariki will walk along the foreshore pathway.

We will have morning tea there, play some games and then head back, aiming to arrive back at school around 11:00am.

We would LOVE to have parents or any whaanau members come along with us if you are available. Younger siblings are welcome to accompany their parents. More information will come on this closer to the time.



Yesterday, room 6 and 7 went to tree adventures. Everybody was excited when we got on the bus.

We had to go on the motorway then we went on a gravel road and it felt like the bus was going to shut down and we would have to survive in The wild!

When we finally got there then we put on our helmets and harnesses. Then we did a practise, it's where you learn how to clip and unclip your carabiners.

We couldn't go on number ten, we could only go to number six.

I went on number one everything was going good until I got stuck on the zipline I forgot to put on the thing that makes you slide then a guy helped me get down then I went straight to number six The zip line was 7 meters long. After that we had one more lunch break and got back on the bus. After tree adventures I felt like a monkey!

By Beau Room 6





The first course I did was course 3. The ladder had a rope next to it. We would connect our carabiner and this other clip, then we had to say “safety check”. Once I got up the ladder, I connected my carabiner to the other rope for the course. I saw a couple of wasps, but it didn’t matter. When I got to the tightrope my dad shook the rope on purpose. My favourite bit was the zip line, we had a bit on our harness that we would use for the zip line. I went so fast down the zip line.

By Xander Room 7

Cricket Zones

On Tuesday 25th of February we met in the hall before our cricket field day. When Mr Jones arrived he gave us a quick briefing. We drove over to Papatoetoe Cricket Club. We got ready for our first two games of the day and we demolished both teams. Then we were against our rivals Mangere Bridge School. They played well but we played better. The score was 18-27 and we won. While we had lunch someone yelled “tornado” and we all went in it. Then it was the semi final where we were playing Kora school. It was a super close game but miraculously we won by 4 runs. We made it to the finals, we smoked them and won the trophy! The boys in the team were Aiden, Will, Lewis, Nate, James, Conner, Jackson, Angus, Charlie.

By Aiden and Will Room 8



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Xander Rm 7

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.

TE ITI KAHUIRANGI-LALAGA
PRESENTS

BACK TO SCHOOL FEST

Friday 28th
Feb
4PM-6PM

VENUE: TE PAPAPA
SCHOOL
(219 Mt Smart Rd)

SERVICES EXPO
FOODSTALLS
FUN ACTIVITIES & MORE

For more details Contact us on
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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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