



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 5 February 2025

Important Dates

6 February	Waitangi Day (School Closed)
14 February	Mana Assembly 10am
14 February	Tree Adventures Room 8
19 February	Tree Adventures Rooms 6 & 7
20 February	Tree Adventures Rooms 5 & 9
21 February	Teacher Only Day (School Closed)
28 February	Mana Assembly 10am
3 March	Board Of Trustees 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

Nau mai hoki mai, welcome back to Term 1, 2025 at Waterlea School. We hope you have had a wonderful break with whaanau over the summer and you had the chance to relax. It was great to see that many of you were able to attend our Waterlea Waananga on Monday. For those of you who couldn't make it, feel free to make time with your child's teacher to have a beginning of the year chat. It was also wonderful to see so many of you at our Poowhiri where we formally welcomed our new tamariki, whaanau and kaiako who have joined us in 2025. A special welcome to Annabel Bird, Marty Puketapu, Andrea Des Forges, Joanna Laing and Mikey Nodder who have joined our teaching staff this year.

Please note that this Thursday (6 February) is Waitangi Day and school is closed. We will be open as normal on Friday 7 February. Also please note that we have a Ministry of Education planned Teacher Only Day on Friday 21 February. School will be closed on this day. Contact SKIDS directly if you are needing child minding on this day.



In terms of staff, here is a breakdown of our Waterlea team for 2025:

Senior Leadership Team

Acting Principal/SENCO for Yr 3-4 - Andy Jones andy.jones@waterlea.school.nz

Deputy Principal/SENCO for Yr 5-6 - Camilla Jackson camilla.jackson@waterlea.school.nz

Acting Deputy Principal/SENCO for Yr 1-2 - Helen Wedde helen.wedde@waterlea.school.nz

Year 5 & 6 Team

Room 5 - Judy Edwards

Room 6 - Emma Dutton

Room 7 - Miriam Kamsteeg

Room 8 - Georgina Robb

Room 9 - Jenny Corkill

Year 3 & 4 Team

Room 10 - Annabel Bird

Room 11 - Aroha Buchanan

Room 12 - Shumin Liu

Room 13 - Megan Lundberg

Room 24 - Bridget Kent (Team Leader)

Room 25- Anna de Heer

Year 2 Team

Room 14 - Alana McKay

Room 18 - Marty Puketapu

Room 19 - Sally Bierens (Team Leader)

Year 1 Team

Room 2 - Janelle Smith

Room 3 - Andrea Des Forges

Room 4 - Samia Mahmood

Room 22 - Kimberly Nieborak

Part-time Teachers

Classroom Release Teachers - Joanna Laing, Mikey Nodder, Rachel Davies, Josephine Hunt, Prem Sharma, Linda Curtis, Donna-Maree Gilmour

BSLA Support - Therese Bakker

Support Staff

Office Manager - Christine Judd
Office Assistant - Anita Hundborg
Librarian - Lisa Anania
Caretaker - Eric Haslam

Learning Support Staff

Lisa Anania (Kids Kai), Lisa Harrison, Helen McCormick, Louise Lam, Barbara Stark, Pratika Pillay, Stephanie Buncuga, Kristen Talbot, Emily Wilson, Sela Ahokovi, Justine Burgess and Karen Huddleston.

Poowhiri Highlights



Playgroup spruce up

We are almost there with the big outdoor projects around school. Another thing ticked off the wish list is the playground marking. Thanks to our wonderful PTA, and the generosity of our school whaanau, we have been able to blast off the old and tatty markings and cover our concrete with joy! New line marks for netball and tupawae, lots of new 4 and 6 squares, number grids and alphabet lines, a map, hopscotch and lots more. (Special prize if anyone finds the spelling mistake...don't worry, the line marking company will be fixing it soon!) It is so lovely to see how excited our tamariki are about the new designs.





In your neighbourhood

At **Māngere Bridge Kindergarten** we have great relationships with our local kura, and through our own research have developed a strong transition programme that supports our tamariki and whānau.

We celebrate the beauty of diversity and appreciate that each tamaiti have their own unique kete of knowledge that we can learn and grow from as a community.

If this sounds like you and your whānau, and would like to experience the Kindergarten difference, get in touch and pop by for a visit!



Come learn with us!

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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



DailyLunch & Catering are adding the following to their menu from Term 1, 2025

Spaghetti with meatballs
Cheese burger
Chicken Nuggets and wedges (air fried)



- Do you enjoy swimming? Are you keen to join a fun competitive swimming club?
- Onehunga Swimming Club offers a squad team, targeted at those children interested in swimming competitively.
- We also provide swimming lessons to enhance swimmers' abilities and support their progression into squad training
- The squad is generally ages 8-18 and all swimmers are invited to join. We have a suitable class for all levels and abilities.
- Squad training is up to 4 evenings per week.



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**Onehunga War Memorial Pools,
Jellicoe Park**



<https://uk.gomotionapp.com/team/ohsc/page/home>

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 be 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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