

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 12 March 2025

Important Dates

10 March	New Entrant Cohort Start
10 March	Middle School Pedal Power Everyday Week 6
14 March	Mana Assembly 9:45am
18 March	MOSA Softball Zone Day
21 March	Feet First walk to Ambury Farm 9am - 11am
28 March	Mana Assembly 9:45am
11 April	Mana Assembly 9:45am
11 April	Last Day of Term 1
28 April	First Day of Term 2
02 May	Royal Oak School Visiting 9:30am

This week both the Year 3 and 4 children are taking part in the pedal power, a programme run by Counties Manukau Sport. This programme gives our tamariki opportunities to learn about bike safety, becoming more confident riding bikes and in some cases learning to ride a bike for the first time. It has been lovely to walk around the school and see the way our tamariki are engaging in Health and PE activities, making the most of the settled weather. This includes whole class games, seniors practising for interschool sport, fitness based activities and lunchtime sports set up by some of our senior school students to name a few. You can see some photos of these activities on the next page.

We would love for you to join us next week as we continue this theme of physical activity and walk down to Ambury Farm as a school. We are aiming to meet on the bottom court at 9:15am and should return to school by 11, or just a little after.

This week we welcomed our newest tamariki to school in Room 1 with Mrs Gilmour. Four new students have started in this space and they will be joined by the next cohort that will arrive at the beginning of Term 2. Haere mai ki Waterlea Kura tamariki!



Pedal Power Week for Middle School





Parking outside the school

It's a good time for us to reflect as a community about our driving habits, particularly when it comes to school pick up and drop offs. Our school is full of bikes and scooters parked up everyday so lots of children aren't being dropped off in cars and it would be great if this number could increase. There are, however, a lot of cars on the streets for our children to negotiate. Have a think as a family if walking to school could be an option, even if it means parking a little further away from the school and meeting children at a regular spot that they become familiar with.

Please be mindful and look out for the bright yellow 'no parking' lines which are painted next to the pedestrian crossings. These are painted there for one purpose, to keep our tamariki safe when using the crossing, so let's not park on them even for a short time. We often have to remind folks not to park on these lines so if we do have a chat with you about this, we are doing it out of our concern for children's safety.

We are in regular communication with the project manager who is looking after the building site next to the school and have asked that they limit their vehicles coming and going during drop off and pick up times. If you have concerns about child safety around this location, or any other space as children make their way to school, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

Lucky Book Club

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Many thanks for your continued support enabling us to purchase new books for our
School Library





Sports Uniform Amnesty

We are looking for any Waterlea school sport uniforms that need to be returned to school. Shirts will have Waterlea printed on the back of them. If you find one at home could you please return it to the office as soon as possible?



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. All tamariki will walk along the waterfront pathway with their buddy classes

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.



Tree Adventures By Amelia

The bus was packed with excited kids everywhere including me. Thirty minutes later we had made it to Woodhill Forest where Tree Adventures lies up in all the trees. "WOAH OH MY GOSH, I'm going there first," screeched the kids from Room 9 and Room 5 when they saw Tree Adventures. My first impression of Tree Adventures was "Holy moly I'm definitely doing Course 6."

Once we unloaded we rushed over to get our harness on plus a strong helmet. After everyone got their harness and helmet on we had a safety briefing on what we should and shouldn't do. We also learned about two main clips called carabiners that should ALWAYS be clipped onto the rope before you can climb. Before a little practice course we had to practice clipping on our carabiners and clipping them off. On the safety course, once you got your carabiners clipped on you had to yell out "SAFETY CHECK!" and a parent would have to check you.

A few minutes later I wandered off to challenging Course 1. You had two options "THE HARD WAY or THE EASY WAY." Obviously I took on the challenges of Course 1 and I instantly regretted that decision because before I could get to the zipline I had to wobble and crawl my way through 3 rough jiggly wooden tunnels. Once I got to the zipline I went "ZZZZzzzzzzzzzip" down and trotted off to Course 4. I was overjoyed as I climbed up the wobbly jiggly ladder. As I glared at the obstacles ahead of me, I clipped my two carabiners on the wire and my jaw dropped in fear to see the zipline. I went here, there and everywhere looking at the obstacles in front of me. When I got to the zipline tears fell down my face as I saw my poppa pulling kids up the ladder instead of videoing me going down the zipline. "Weeeeeeee" I yelled as I went down the zipline. Then I boosted off to my delicious lunch waiting to be gobbled down.

My body was so energised as I marched proudly down to Course 6, where I patiently waited for my poppa. I anxiously made my way up to the unsteady platform. I nervously turned around to hear my friend say "Ummm Amelia don't look down." But of course I looked down and I froze in horror but then realized I should be brave and carried on which was a HUGE mistake. I was ominous about Course 6.

Surprisingly I made it to the third to last obstacle and..... I FELL!!!! I was nearly fainting in terror, as I was about to make it to the fierce zipline the height of the sky tower until I fell off the ladder because it flipped on me and it decided to ruin my day by doing that. I yelled as loud as a frustrated grizzly bear but I finally made it to the zipline platform. "Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaagh" I screamed as I went "Zzzzzzzzzzip" down the zipline.

Sadly we had to pack up and leave. I was so exhausted I slept the whole way back. I also felt a bit traumatized. As you can tell I'm a huge enemy of Course 6. After that day my hands felt broken and my feet felt dead.



From Rm 25



Love Your Maunga – celebrating Tūpuna Maunga, mātauranga Māori, and the community

Get ready for a day of fun, knowledge sharing, and kai! The Tūpuna Maunga Authority, with the support of the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board, is excited to invite everyone to the second Love Your Maunga community event on Saturday, March 22, 2025. Join us at the award-winning Whānau Ātea at the base of Te Pane o Mataoho/Te Ara Pueru/Māngere Mountain.

This Love Your Maunga hāngī fundraiser event is a series of local community events, which has started on Te Pane o Mataoho. It is an exciting opportunity for the community to reconnect with the Maunga. Paul Majurey, Chair of the Tūpuna Maunga Authority says, "This event embodies manaakitanga and kaitiakitanga, reinforcing our shared responsibility to protect these sacred places for future generations. It is especially important to celebrate these events, especially after the devastating fires earlier this year".

This Love Your Maunga event will offer a range of activities designed to engage, educate, and inspire visitors of all ages. For our second event in the series of three, the Authority is also partnering with ETū Rākau and Uru Whakaaro to explore ways to reduce waste at events, marking the first step in a broader sustainability initiative for the Authority.

What's happening?

Community hāngī fundraiser: Onehunga Māngere United Association Football Club will be dishing out 300 mouth-watering hāngī meals for just \$12 each. All proceeds go towards supporting their club initiatives.

Traditional weaving and history: Dive into the rich history of the area with the Māngere Mountain Education Centre's pop-up, featuring traditional weaving and fascinating stories.

Māra hūpara workshops: Get ready to play! Harko Brown is back with his awesome Māra Hūpara (traditional play) workshops.

Kī-o-rahi sessions: Experience the fast moving, traditional Māori sport kī-o-rahi on a specially designed field featuring the seven stars of Matariki and niho taniwha patterns. Sign up for one of the two sessions hosted by Kī-o-rahi Tāmaki Makaurau and join in the fun.

Conservation efforts: Discover the conservation work happening on the maunga across Tāmaki Makaurau. From native planting days to pest control initiatives, learn how you can help protect these sacred sites. Plus, there will be games and prizes to make it even more fun!

"This event highlights the deep connection between our people and their local communities and how we can strengthen that bond", says Majurey. "We encourage everyone to come along, celebrate, and take part in this kaupapa."

Event Details

Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025

Time: 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

Location: Whānau Ātea, Te Pane o Mataoho / Te Ara Pueru / Māngere Mountain

For more information, visit the Tūpuna Maunga Authority's website <https://www.maunga.nz/>



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**ROYAL OAK
INTERMEDIATE**
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Royal Oak Intermediate Visiting Waterlea School, 2 May 2025 9:30am

Prefects from Royal Oak Intermediate will visit Waterlea School to showcase skills learnt at Royal Oak Intermediate and answer any questions asked of them.

MANGERE EAST

HAWKS *Rugby League*

GIRLS 4 - WEEK PROGRAM

AGES: 9YR, 10YR, 11YR, 12YR

START DATE MON. 10 MARCH 2025

WALTER MASSEY PARK - MANGERE EAST

LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF RUGBY LEAGUE

- Fitness,
- Ball skills,
- Co-ordination,
- Tackle Technique
- Landing in a tackle
- Basic rules of Rugby League



FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.MANGEREESTHAWKS.CO.NZ

FREE



REGISTER ONLINE

TONIGHT!!

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.

FREE

Rippa Rugby

6 WEEK PROGRAMME
Starts Monday 3rd March

Ages 4-6 (Boys & Girls)

MONDAY

3:30 PM – 4:15 PM @ Waterloo Park, House Ave, Māngere Bridge (coaches will be present from 3pm)
5:00 PM – 5:45 PM @ Williams Park, Manukau Rovers Rugby Club

Ages 7-12 (Girls)

WEDNESDAY

5:00 PM – 5:45 PM @ Williams Park, Manukau Rovers Rugby Club

Ages 13-17 (Girls)

WEDNESDAY

5:50 PM – 6:45 PM @ Williams Park, Manukau Rovers Rugby Club

TACKLE/CONTACT SESSION

Ages 11-15 (Girls)

WEDNESDAY

6:45 PM – 7:30 PM @ Williams Park, Manukau Rovers Rugby Club

Contact 021 251 2802 for more info



Netball Registrations

For Years 5 & 6

Registrations are open for the **upcoming netball season...but close soon!**

We have some spots left in one of Waterlea's Year 5/6 netball teams. All year 5's and 6's are welcome!

If you would like to register a player, please message **Helen on 021 283 4088.**

Games are played on Saturday mornings. Practice will be one afternoon a week (day TBC), after school at Waterlea.

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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