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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

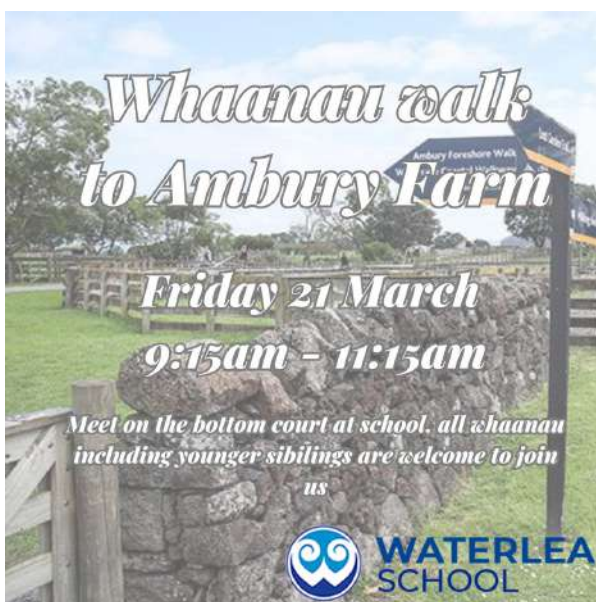
20 March	Softball Zones (Save Day)
21 March	Feet First walk to Ambury Farm 9am - 11am
28 March	Mana Assembly 9:45am
07 April	Board of Trustees meeting 7:00pm
11 April	Mana Assembly 9:45am
11 April	Last Day of Term 1
28 April	First Day of Term 2
1 May	Science in a Van Y5&6
02 May	Royal Oak School Visiting 9:30am

This week is Neurodiversity Celebration Week. This is a global movement to recognise, celebrate and support neurodivergent minds. It is an opportunity for us all to develop a greater understanding of the different ways that brains work and focus on the strengths that are inherent in all people. In our akomanga, kaiako have some resources to share with their tamariki that highlight some well known people who are neurodiverse. It provides an opportunity for discussion around how we use all of our MANA values to be kind, supportive, respectful and inclusive of all.

In Maangere Bridge, there is a whaanau support group for those who have tamariki who are neurodiverse. You can find more information on this through the flyer below. For anyone who would like to find out more information about neurodiversity and neuro-affirming education practices, there is an expression of interest google form you can fill in [here](#) which will keep you updated about an upcoming event in Term 2.

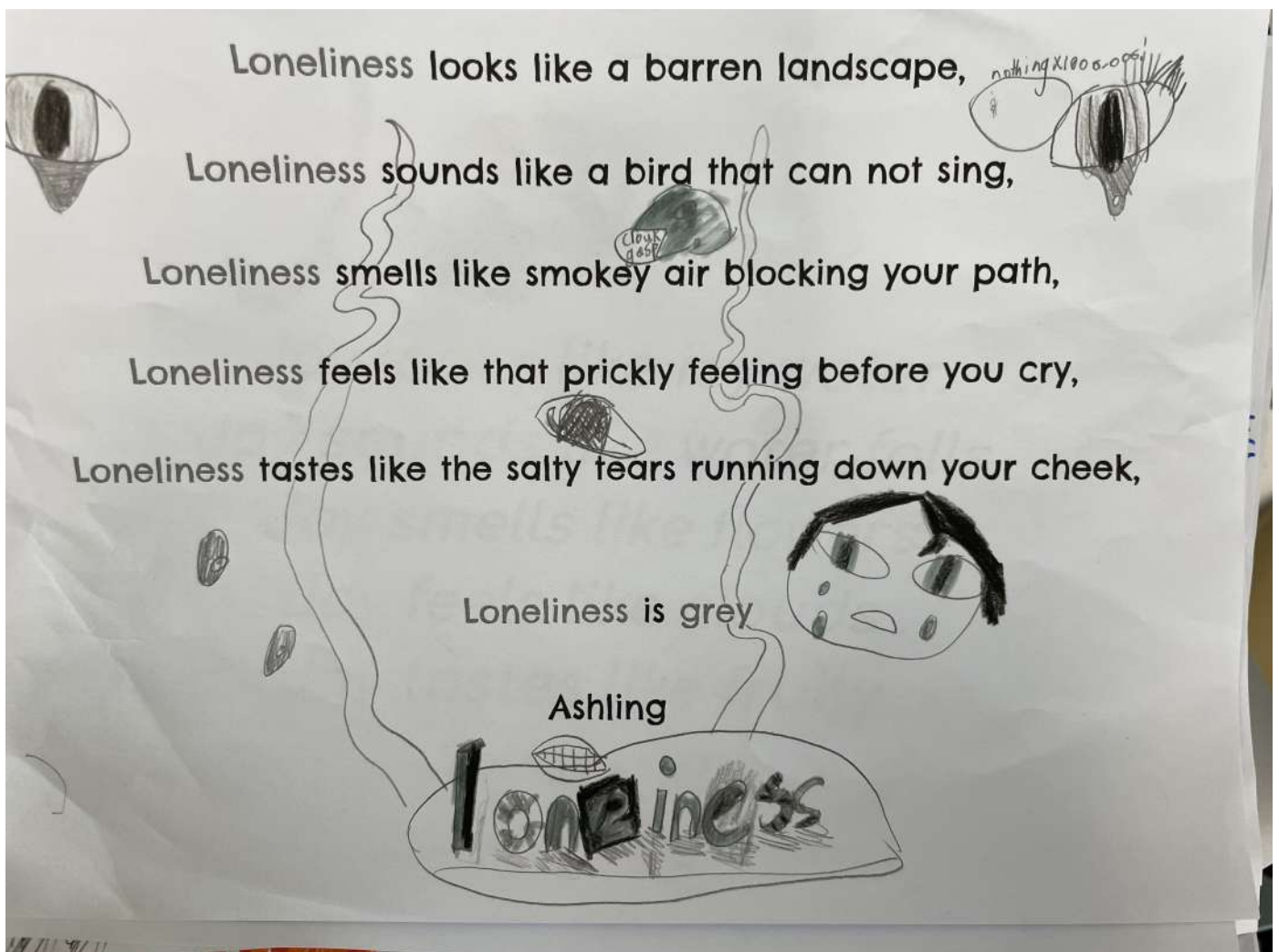
Don't forget that this Friday we are walking down to Ambury Farm as a school and we would love to have you join us if you are able. We will meet on the court at 9:15am.

In order to help us ensure the smooth running of our administration, we ask that all communication regarding absences is directed to the office along with any messages that need to be passed on to tamariki during the day. Also please remember that all children who arrive after 9am must come to the office for a late pass and anyone leaving before 3pm must be signed out through the office. Thanks for your help with this.



Cricket Zone Winners

Congratulations to our boys who came first place in the MOSA Zone Cricket day a couple of weeks ago.



Tree Adventures

By Gage

Whoa that's so high!

My first impression of Tree Adventures was when I saw the tall trees, then one minute later there were trees with ropes and platforms attached to them. On Thursday the 20th of February Room 5 and Room 9, went with our teachers and parents to Woodhill Forest for Tree Adventures so we could have fun and challenge ourselves.

When we got there we started eating as soon as we got off the bus. We ate for about ten minutes then we lined up for the people to help us put our harnesses on.

Once we got our harnesses on the guy showed us how to clip onto the wire with our carabiners then we did the practice course which was really easy.

Now we could explore. The first course I did was Course 1 which was easier than the practice course, then we did Course 4. My mum did that one with me but she didn't do any more after that. Then I did Course 6. My body was pumping with energy when I was climbing up the ladder. Course 6 was the best so far and Course 4 was pretty fun because you had to walk across a wire and the zipline was pretty fast.

After lunch the last courses I did were numbers 2, 3, 4 and 6. I did Course 2 next and we zoomed through that then I did Course 3. That one was easy too but a little bit harder than 2 then we did Course 4. Jackson really wanted me to do that one with him. Finally I did Course 6 again. Once we finished that one we got on the bus and left.

After all that I felt really tired but my favourite course was number 6.

Acts of Service in the Seniors

In week 6 the seniors had to do acts of service for the school. We did this to learn to be a kaitiaki and to have responsibility. After the teachers explained the jobs we went off to do them. Cleo and I had to pick up rubbish in the school. Although the rubbish job was probably not the best, I liked the company of my friend. When we finished we helped some people to put bark back in the playground. We saw kids doing other jobs like sorting out lost property and some people were in the classrooms making cards. I really enjoyed doing acts of service.

By Claire, Room 8





Acts of Service
In Pictures



Rubbish pick up.

Wet plastic, broken metal,
Bits of paper, crinkly rubbish,
Rusty lids, cardboard bits.
Stinky rubbish all around,
wet soil on the ground.

Rubbish picking, bags opening,
check in cracks, no time for snacks.
Rubber gloves on our hands,
we've all got to help the land.

Our rubbish bags are full,
we look around the school.
All the rubbish gone,
a clean school is born.

BY: Georgia and Hazel

Sorting out the sports shed

Bent cones, tangled ropes,
Scrambled balls, dusty bags,
Sweaty bibs, damp wood

Squeaky doors, balls bouncing,
Bags dropping
People lifting, sorting, tidying

Sets of ropes, bags of balls
Straightened cones
Everything organised

By Connor and Tayla

Acts of Service

Poetry

Scrubbing the tables

Dirty tables
paint, graffiti, bird poop
Talking, burning wood smell,
sandpaper scraping, sandpaper dust,
Dirty water, buckets,
wet cloth, soap
Scrubbing, splashing,
sweeping,

By Eden T, Faith, Kalia, Ethan, Elijah and Micaiah.

MESSY ARTS

Messy art cupboard filled with dyes
the dusty dye smell filling the room.
jars dropped making a clunking
sound.

some jars with rock hard dye
some with smooth powdery dye.
Sorting, pouring

The art cupboard was neat again.

By Elle





Acts of Service
In Pictures



Mana Assembly Certificates



Room 1 New Cohort at School



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?



PTA NEWS



PTA Annual General Meeting 2025

2.00pm - 3.00pm, Wednesday 26th March 2025
Staffroom, Waterlea School

Please email waterleapta@gmail.com if you
would like to attend

SAVE THE DATE

**BEATS BY
BINGO**

**BEATS BY BINGO FUNDRAISER
IS COMING ON 24 MAY 2025.**

MORE INFO TO COME....

WANTED

We need items for our online auction at the Beats by
Bingo event. All proceeds go towards supporting
Waterlea school; donations are recognised on social
media and newsletter.

Email waterleapta@gmail.com if you can help!

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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.

FREE Rippa Rugby

6 WEEK PROGRAMME
Starts Monday 3rd March

Ages 4-6 (Boys & Girls)
MONDAY

3:30 PM – 4:15 PM @ Waterlea 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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