



## *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 5 March 2025

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#### Important Dates

10 March	New Entrant Cohort Start
10 March	Middle School Pedal Power Everyday Week 6
12 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

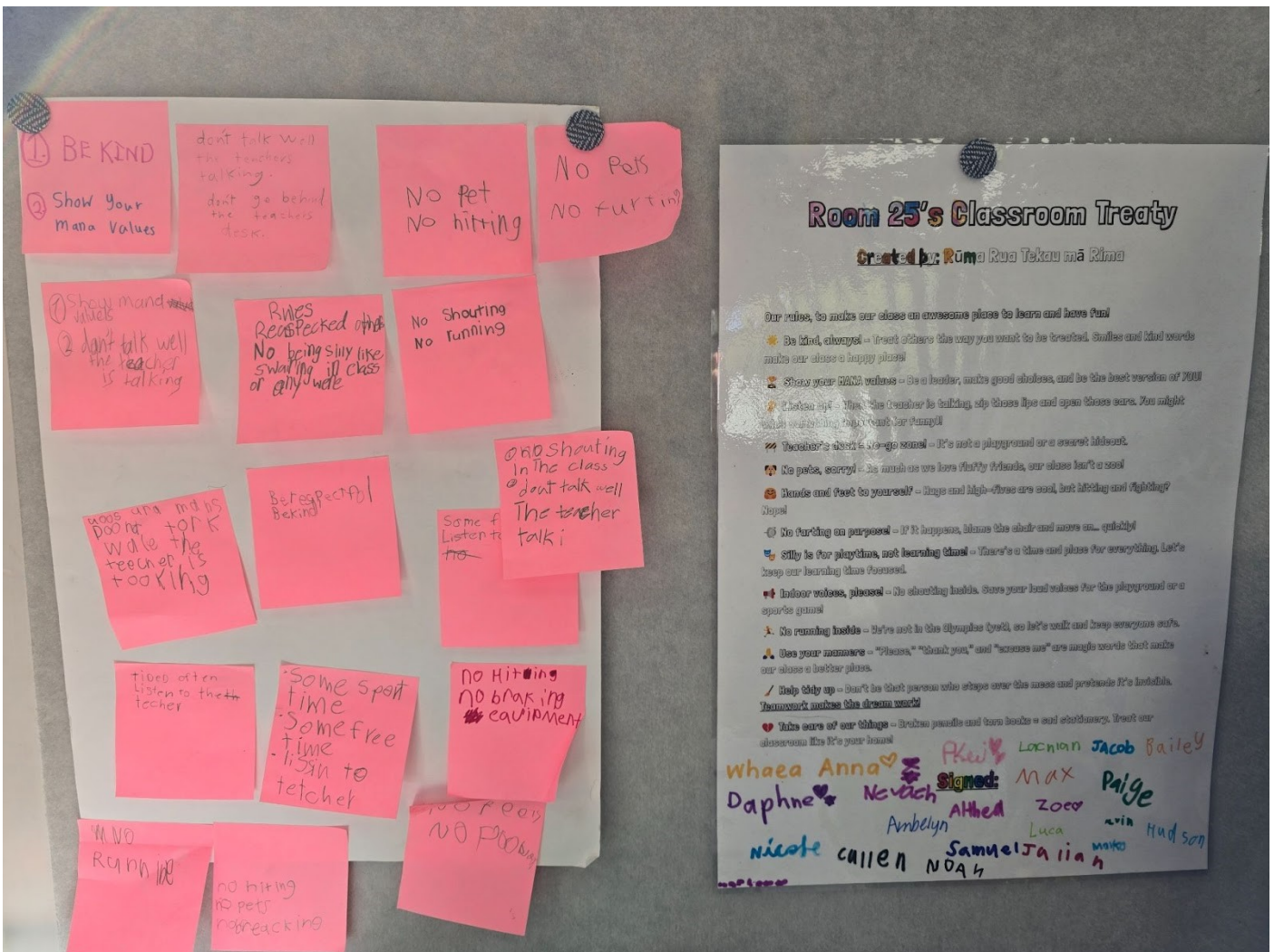
At Waterlea School, we track and monitor our attendance rates. Attending school regularly is critical to gaining the essential skills needed to experience success and has a significant impact on student achievement. Regular school attendance is when children are attending school more than 90% of the time. If children are attending about 89-90% of the time it means that on average they are absent from school one day every fortnight. This in itself might not sound like it would have much impact on learning. It is when we look at this rate over time that it paints quite a different picture. One day a fortnight over a whole year adds up to missing about 1 month of learning. Over 6 years of primary school, this adds up to about half a year of learning. Last week our overall attendance rate was 93% which is within the 90% or more sweet spot. This is positive news because being at school everyday gives our tamariki the best chance of making progress in their learning and developing good routines which will set them up for lifelong learning. Even though our overall attendance rate is good, we are keen to work closely with families who might be struggling to get their children to school regularly. If you would like to chat with us regarding how we might support you in this please contact your child's teacher or email [principal@waterlea.school.nz](mailto:principal@waterlea.school.nz) so we can explore solutions together.

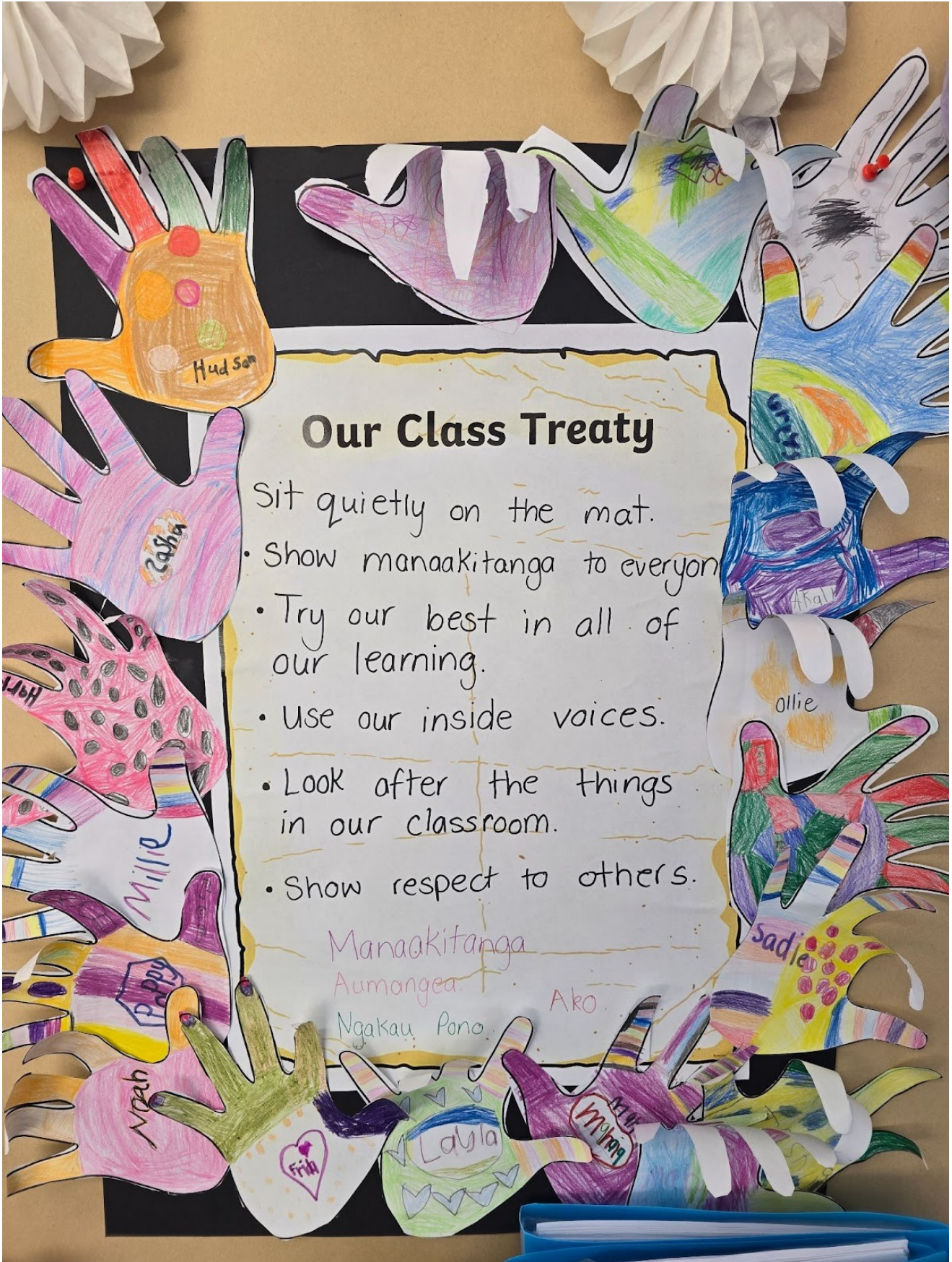
At this time we would like to acknowledge all of our kaiako and whaanau who are celebrating Ramadan which this year began on the evening of Friday 28 February and ends on Sunday 30 March. Ramadan Mubarak, we wish you and your family a happy and blessed Ramadan. As this is such an important celebration for our Muslim families, this article might be useful if you'd like to learn more about this significant time. [Ramadan explained](#)



## Teamwork at Waterlea

At the start of every year, tamariki work with their kaiako to create a class treaty. This is a co-constructed agreement of how the class will work together, based upon our school MANA values and using lots of student voice. It is lovely to visit classrooms and see all the different examples around the school, noting how the ideas about how we show our MANA values progress across the different age groups. Having a shared understanding of what makes a happy and productive learning space is a really important part of setting up the year for success.





# Our Class Treaty

- Sit quietly on the mat.
- Show manaakitanga to everyone.
- Try our best in all of our learning.
- Use our inside voices.
- Look after the things in our classroom.
- Show respect to others.

Manaakitanga  
 Aumangea  
 Ngakau Pono. Ako.

Hudson

Zaha

Harper

Millie

Pippa

Noah

Fifi

Layla

Myra

Sadie

Ollie

Ahal

zoe Edjie  
**Room 14's Treaty**  
 Toash Nathan Callum  
 We follow the mana values.  
 We are kind James  
 We are resilient Kelly  
 We are respectful Fergus  
 We try our best to learn.  
 We share classroom toys and activities. Bppy  
 We are brave. Tayla  
 We walk inside. Fabian  
 We sit on the mat.  
 We keep our hands to ourselves.  
 We listen to the teacher and our classmates.  
 We have fun together! Gryn  
 Signed by: Mason Levi Juliet Ivy  
 Joseph Maci Juliette Ruby

Our class Korowai



# Room 7 Class Treaty

- \*Communicate with and listen to your group
- \*Be respectful of people and property
- \*When the teacher is talking, make sure to listen
  - \*Include other people
- \*Treat others as you would like to be treated
- \*Keep the classroom and school grounds clean
  - \*Encourage other people
  - \*Do your best work
  - \*Ask for help if you need it
  - \*Zip up your bag
  - \*Push in your chair

Logan

Hannah

Angus

AMELIA

Alfred

matthias

James

Xavier

Dan

Xander

Mia

ANNABELL

Nette

Ariah

Jessie

Bege

Sign

Elouisa



Lewis

NOVA

Lachy

# MANAAKITANGA

- We are kind
- We are caring
- We are Supportive

BE KIND EVEN IF  
THEY AREN'T KIND  
TO YOU

EXAMPLE:

Someone hasn't  
been kind to me  
but I will still  
be kind to them!!

As a senior...

Group the fights and  
ask them their side  
of the story to  
put everything  
together

- Amber, Scout Yard Max

If the kids are  
making wrong  
choices tell them  
\*nicely\*

Be Supportive!

for a middle schooler if they  
get in a fight help the  
problem or get a judge

teacher  
Izzat will

Invite someone to  
play with you if they  
are alone.

if someone is lost  
help the person find  
where

If somebody is trying  
their best help them  
out & say encouraging things

BE SUPPORTIVE!

WHEN SOMEONE  
IS TRYING  
SOMETHING NEW  
BE SUPPORTIVE

someone is  
crying so you  
can help them

When this kid had <sup>blood</sup> bleeding  
out of his head we got a  
teacher and helped him  
to the sick bay  
Supportive

if someone isn't nice  
to someone you need  
to...

Stand up  
for them



## Cricket Day

On Tuesday 8 girls went to Papatoetoe cricket grounds for MOSA cricket. None of us girls had ever played before so it was super exciting! We were in pool D and played 3 games. One of our games we played against our biggest rivals, Mangere Bridge school! They played very well and so did we. In the end we won 40-42!! We only lost 1 game so we were the runner ups for our pool. Soon after we battled 3 other teams for 5th place, 6th place, 7th place and 8th place. We hoped we would defeat Mountain View school but instead they smoked us!! In the end we came 6th place!!! On the way home we all felt proud of what we achieved at cricket. Shout out to Whaea Jenny and Hannah's Dad for driving us. Also thank you to all parents who came to support us.

By Amaliya Room 8





# Tree adventures

On Thursday the 20th of February, Room 9 and Room 5 went to Tree Adventures for a school trip.

We hopped on the bus and headed towards Tree Adventures. The ride took about 40 mins. When we got there we had a snack for energy. Then the staff called Room5 over for the safety briefing so our class had to wait. After a while we had the safety briefing which was boring.

We started climbing the trees. I did the first and second levels with my friend Jack. But for levels 3,4,5 and 6 I climbed it with my friends Atticus and James. Level six was so fun because the last obstacle was a spiral ladder that twists when you cross it.

The end of the day was coming soon so the teacher called us back and did the roll. A few minutes later we hopped on the bus and started heading home. On the way home I fell asleep. When I woke up we were already at school so we hopped off the bus and walked back home.

So that's what happened at Tree adventures. It was really amazing!

By Nico



MOTH PLANT POD UPDATE

We have received our first delivery of moth plant pods from our school community. The count is at 141. Keep them coming! let the office know if you see any out and about that we could access.



# Mana Certificates



## 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.



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](http://WWW.MANGEREESTHAWKS.CO.NZ)

**FREE**



**REGISTER ONLINE**

**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



# 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.



# 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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