

7 May 2019
Term 2 Week 2

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

The school newsletter is a day early due to the Paid Union Meeting tomorrow. It is week 2 and we are well into our mahi here at Merivale.

Our roll continues to grow with a host of new students enrolling over the last few weeks. Classroom numbers are creeping up so we may well look at alternative options in Terms 3 and 4.

The PUM (Paid Union Meeting) takes place **tomorrow morning, Wednesday 8 May**, for our teaching staff in Otumoetai.

As mentioned last week, school will open at the later time of **11am** so alternative arrangements must be made for your child. Please **DO NOT** send your child to school any earlier than **10.45am tomorrow** as, for health and safety reasons, we will not have the staffing to cope with school numbers until then. School will conclude at the normal time of 2.50pm. If you have any concerns, please contact the office.

This Friday 10 May, we will be unveiling Nga Kaitiaki, our guardians designed by revered artist Tertius. The ceremony will take place at 10.30am with students,

staff and members of our local community participating.

A karakia for the art will be delivered by Matua Charles Rahiri.

As an added extra, we will be visited by members of parliament who will not only take part in the ceremony but also talk with our senior classes about the workings of parliament.

All in all, Friday looks to be a very exciting day!

A gentle reminder to whanau to please sign in to the office when coming on to school grounds between 9.30am and 2.30pm. By law, we must ensure that all people coming onsite are recorded on to our systems register.

Our new uniforms are finally here and look fantastic. The new hoodie and jacket are quite popular.

With the winter months approaching, the old uniform polar fleece is still a great option as well. Can we please ensure that either uniform is worn correctly to school. Alternative colours and items apart from those stipulated, are strongly discouraged.

He taonga rongonui te aroha ki te tangata - *Goodwill towards others is a precious treasure*

Nga Mihi
Matua Tom

SPORTS NEWS:

All Basketball and Senior Netball start this week

Basketball:

Tonight Tuesday

2 games at Trustpower Arena, Baypark

Game 1: Year 3-4

Merivale Flyers vs TAKP Court 6 4pm

Game 2: Year 3-4

Merivale Flyers vs Omanu Court 6 4.30pm

Friday:

Year 5-6 Merivale Carvers vs Fairhaven

Court 8 5pm

Netball:

Saturday 3 games at Harbourside

Game 1: Year 5-6

Merivale Marvel's vs Maungatapu, Court 13 8am

Game 2: Year 5-6

Merivale Marvel's vs Bellevue Court 14 9am

Game 3: Year 5-6

Merivale Marvel's vs Selwyn Ridge Court 14 10am

Year 3-4 netball starts next week Sat 18 May.

All players need shoes for basketball and netball.

Merivale School Cross Country

Will take place on Tuesday 28 May on our school grounds starting at 10am.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION 2019

Are you interested in becoming a BOARD of TRUSTEES member. We are looking for parents & community members to join our BOT & make a difference to our school & tamariki.

Nomination forms will be sent out shortly. Please come & see Jan Honey in the school office if you would like some more information about this.