



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

31 July 2024



This looks fun - great photo Room 1

Term 3 : Week 2

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
29 July	30 July SWIMMING Basketball Year 4	31 July	1 August	2 August Basketball Year 5/6	3 Aug NETBALL	4 Aug
5 August	6 August SWIMMING Basketball Year 4	7 August	8 August	9 August Basketball Year 5/6	10 Aug NETBALL	11 Aug

Sports News - 31 July 2024

Basketball

Seniors: Merivale Carvers play this Friday 2 August vs GSS Pacers
Mercury Baypark 4pm Court 7

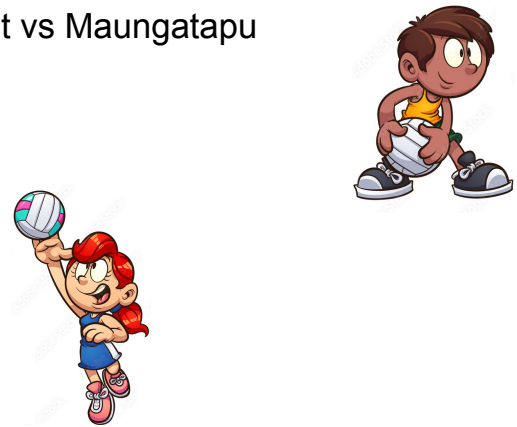
Juniors: Merivale Breakers play next Tuesday 6 August vs Maungatapu
Memorial Hall 4.30pm

Netball -

The draw for this Saturday 3 August :

Juniors: (Year 4-6) - Merivale Stars vs SR Diamonds
Court 3 2pm

Seniors: - Merivale Magic vs St Mary's Magic
Court 3 10am



Netball & Basketball Season 2024 - FEES

Thank you to all the team who have been paying their fees, a reminder that fees need to be paid to the office during the season, and can be paid by part payments.

NETBALL SEASON 2024: \$50 per player

BASKETBALL SEASON 2024: \$80 per player.

Inter-school Sport

Our last inter School sports exchange will take place on Friday 16th August 2024 at Greenpark School.



Term 3 Swimming Lessons.

We are excited to once again participate in the Water Skills programme offered by Bay Swim at the Greerton Pools as part of our Physical Education programme.

All classes started this programme last week.

Swimming will be **EVERY TUESDAY** for the first 8 weeks of the term.

Students will be transported via bus to and from school.

PLEASE ensure that your tamaiti / tamariki come to school prepared with togs, towel and a bag for wet clothes every Tuesday.

Please make sure all swimming gear is named.

If your child is sick and unable to swim on any particular Tuesday, please inform your child's teacher.



Attendance:

To begin Week 2 our attendance for Monday was 88% & Tuesday 91%.

Great to see our attendance percentage improving.

Please keep this up & thank you to the whanau who contacted the school informing us why their child would be away.

If you don't contact us they are marked as truant.

Lateness:

We seem to be having a number of tamariki who are arriving late to school. If any student is late they must come to the office & let Whaea Jan & Whaea Karen know they have arrived.

They will be given a **"I am here ticket"** to take to their classroom teacher. Doing this will make sure that rolls are marked correctly.



Pasifika Festival:

Last year, much to our disappointment we were not able to perform in the Pasifika festival.

This year the Pasifika Festival is on the 2nd November and is being held at Katikati College.

We would love to be able to take a group to this but we need volunteers to help to teach the group. Elisa Latu has volunteered but she needs more tutors to help her.

We would like to start meeting as a group to practice every **Thursday at 11.45.**

If you are available please contact me, Whaea Heather on 0210450070 or pop into the school office.

Kia ora parents, caregivers and whanau,

Week 2 and already the term is getting busy.

Lots of activities for our tamariki but equally as busy are our staff, some of whom are stepping out of kura this week.

Please keep updated with what is going on.

Parent/ Teacher Conferences. Thank you to all whanau who attended conferences last week. Teaching staff reported that it was a great opportunity to connect and discuss tamariki goals and aspirations. Those families who were unable to attend are welcome to contact their child's teacher to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Matua Darren will be making contact with Te Awanui whanau next week.

Te Akatea/NATSIPA Conference. From today the annual Te Akatea conference kicks off at Baypark.

This year the conference also has a trans-tasman element with native Australian and Torres Strait Island educational leaders also in attendance.

The kaupapa for the 3 day conference is on surviving and sustaining in education. This is in reference to Nga Potiki who are hosting.

The staff who will be attending are Whaea Shirralee, Whaea Los, Whaea Melissa, Matua Owen, Matua Darren, and myself.

Whaea Heather will be leading our kura for the rest of the week.

Principal Professional Learning Development. As part of my growth as a tumuaki, I have joined the Education Review Office in 2024 to assist in a leadership role in reviewing schools.

I have been given my first posting so I will be away all of next week in that capacity.

Whaea Shirralee will be acting Principal in my stead.

If you have any issues or concerns please contact the office or

Whaea Shirralee directly.

Visitors. As whanau are aware, all visitors must either sign in or check in at the office when coming on to school grounds during operational hours. As part of our mahi to strengthen safety procedures for our tamariki and staff, visitors who are either collecting or meeting students during school time must now wait at the office while that particular child is sent for. No child will be released to any adult who visits classes unless they have been cleared at the office to do so. Again, we wish to clarify that this has been done to strengthen the safety of our tamariki and staff. In some instances such as cross country or conferences, signing in will not be required but if you are unsure please come to the office anyway.

Mauriora,
Matua Tom