



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



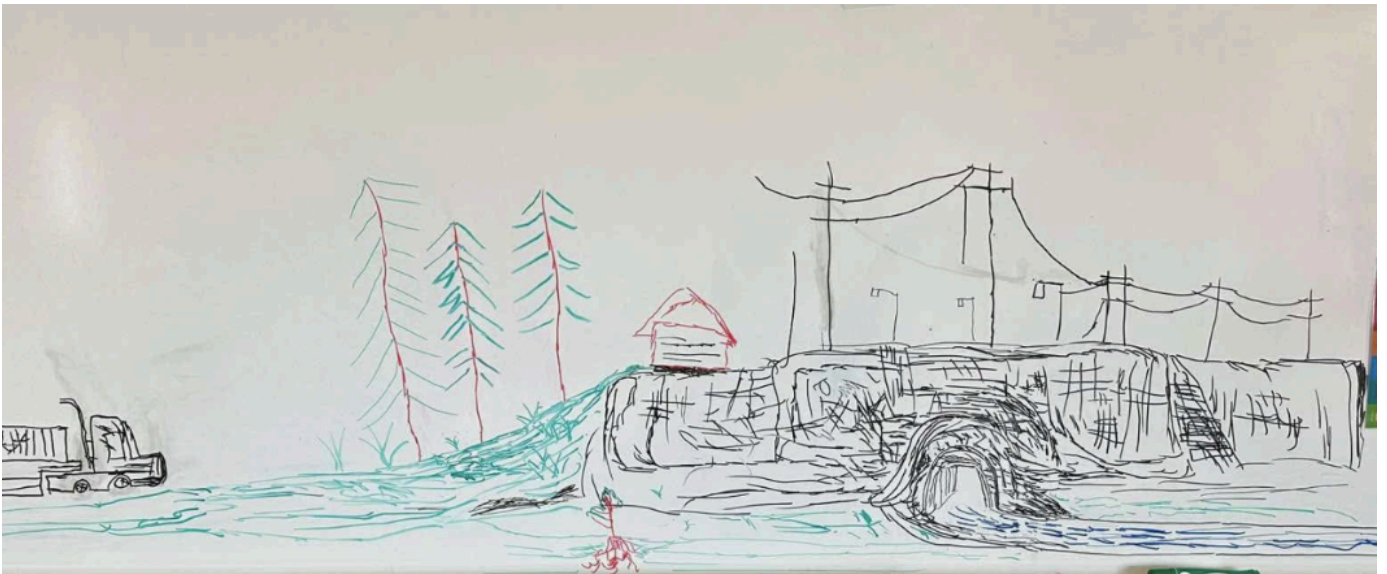
Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

26 February 2025



Amazing art work by Sirius Mitai in Room 5

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 4	24 Feb	25 Feb Throat & Skin Nurse	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb Throat & Skin Nurse	1 March	2 March
WEEK 5	3 March	4 March Throat & Skin Nurse	5 March Estuary Clean-Up	6 March	7 March Throat & Skin Nurse	8 March	9 March



Room 1 and Room 4 having so much fun with the 'Beat Station'. Ask your child all about it and how awesome it is.



Newsletter week 4.

Attendance.

Attendance continues to be one of our focuses this year. At Friday's hui our attendance trophy is presented to the akomanga with the highest percentage of students attending for the week. This week the trophy went to Room 8 who had 91% attendance. Congratulations akomanga 8. We will be continuing to track the attendance of every tamaiti. If they have attended 5 days in a row their name will be put on the celebration window for you all to see. Please check it out.

Average weekly attendance.	
Week 1	87.3%
Week 2	91.25%
Week 3	89.2%

We are aiming for 90% weekly attendance. We can do it whanau. Please remember to contact the school office if your tamaiti will not be attending kura that day.

Road Safety.

It's great to see an increasing number of tamariki walking in groups to kura. We now have pedestrian crossings on Fraser Street and Kesteven Ave so our tamariki can cross the road safely. If your tamaiti needs to cross the busy Fraser Street please talk to them about using the pedestrian crossings for their safety. With the fine weather we are experiencing at the moment we would like to encourage those who live relatively close to kura to walk. To support this idea the Tauranga City Council has offered to help us make a large topographical map showing different distances that tamariki live from our Kura. This involves us sending the address only (no names) of where our tamariki live.

School Garden and Orchard.

This year we are very fortunate to have Jess Hubbard from "Your Garden" coming to school on Friday mornings to help us continue our vision of creating a sustainable orchard and gardens that can provide kai for whanau and tamariki to cook with at school. Jess has worked with groups of tamariki from our kura at the gardens in the historic village for a number of years.

Last week Leeanne and Doug from Tui garden products visited the orchard and gave us advice on pruning and caring for the fruit trees. We are very appreciative of their advice and the donation of fertilisers to keep our trees healthy. If you would like to help us further develop the gardens with this group on Friday please contact Whaea Heather.



Date and time

Sun 02 Mar 2025 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

Location

Tauranga city centre
The Strand
Tauranga 3110

[Open in Google Maps](#)

Pricing

Free

Kids, Under 5s

Tena Koutou Katoa,

It is Week 4 and things do not look like they will be slowing down anytime soon. In fact we are only just hitting our stride and it is very noticeable that we are busy, active and thriving at The Vale.

There are a few notices this week to be aware of.

School Stationery Packs. All stationery should be purchased now. The stationery packs, depending on classrooms, are \$20. Again, should you require an invoice, please contact Whaea Jan or Whaea Karen. If you have any concerns, please contact me directly.

Uniforms. These are compulsory for all students and can be purchased at the office. Hats are also compulsory in Term 1 and 4 for shadeless work or play. For an invoice, please ask Whaea Jan or Whaea Karen in the office. We understand that there may be issues for some tamariki. If you have any concerns, please contact me directly.

Water Bottles. As a water drinking school we please ask parents and caregivers to provide your child with a named water bottle. We would also like to remind whanau that all other drinks, particularly sweet drinks, are not to be sent to school.

Kahui Ako Scheduled Teacher Only Day. Our Tauranga Peninsular Kahui Ako has a scheduled Ministry of Education approved Teacher Only Day on **Wednesday 12 March, 2025**. The purpose of the Teacher Only Day is to receive professional development in numeracy and literacy which are targeted priorities of our government. All staff from Tauranga Peninsular schools will be attending this event which is being held at Tauranga Intermediate School. Our kura will be closed for instruction so please make the necessary arrangements for your child on this day.

Mauriora,
Matua Tom

SCHOOL LUNCHES:

Reminder that free school lunches are provided for all students if they would like them.

There is a nutritious and exciting hot menu for them to try.