



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

11 March 2025

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TAURANGA PENINSULA
KĀHUI AKO

TOD 12 MARCH 2025

REMINDER : TOMORROW Wednesday 12 March 25

Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day is tomorrow.

This is a scheduled Ministry of Education approved
Teacher Only Day.

Our kura will be closed for instruction so please make
the necessary arrangements for your child.

WEEK 6

WEEK 7

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
10 March	11 March Throat & Skin Nurse	12 March Kahui Ako Teacher Only Day	13 March	14 March Throat & Skin Nurse	15 March	16 March
17 March	18 March Throat & Skin Nurse	19 March	20 March	21 March Throat & Skin Nurse	22 March	23 March



FUN FUN in the junior school -
Boys and water
Girls and tools



Attendance:

Term 1 Week 5 Attendance

	Tamariki Present	Percentage
Monday	135/159	85%
Tuesday	139/160	87%
Wednesday	143/160	89%
Thursday	146/160	91%
Friday	147/160	92%

Akomanga with the highest % = Akomanga 2 on 92%

Average attendance across our kura for Week 5 is 89%

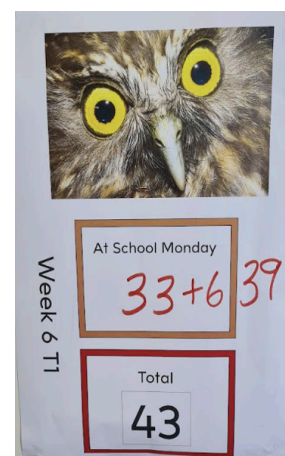
Congratulations Akomanga 2 for having the highest attendance last week. Remember whanau we are aiming to have our daily attendance in the 90%.

Monday Morning House Team Competition.

All tamariki who are at our Monday morning hui are counted and points are earned for their house team. This Monday Ruru had 39 students at hui out of a possible 43. That is 91% . Check Whaea Heather's office window to see how the other houses did. Our aim is to have 100% attendance on Monday mornings.

Sailing:

Last week the weather was a little windy for our optimist sailing group to sail solo. The group were given a special sailing experience. Haze even got to steer the sailing boat. Our thanks and appreciation go to Roger and his crew from Tauranga Yacht and Powerboat club for creating these amazing memories for our tamariki.



Tena Koutou Katoa,

It is Week 6 up at the Vale and over half the term has gone already! There are a couple of notices to be aware of this week.

Kahui Ako Scheduled Teacher Only Day. Our Tauranga Peninsular Kahui Ako has a scheduled Ministry of Education approved Teacher Only Day this **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.

Traffic Safety. Yesterday there was an incident after school on Fraser Street between a pedestrian and a vehicle. **The incident did not involve anyone from Merivale School.** However it does highlight the need for caution on such a busy stretch of road and is also a sobering reminder that safety must be paramount for our tamariki as they travel between home and school. At our staff meeting this morning it was discussed that there are some whanau who are not abiding by the laws of the road, including carrying passengers who are not restrained correctly. Please ensure that safety is a priority when operating in and around vehicles. If there are any concerns, please contact the school.

Mauriora,
Matua Tom

Road Safety / Walking to School

Merivale School has a Road Safety Policy and Procedure document.

The Board of Trustees has a duty of care to promote safe, sustainable practices and support a safe environment for travel to and from school.

A couple of things have been noticed that we need to improve on.

The first is that tamariki should always be secured by either seatbelt, child restraint/booster seat, as per law. Please make sure that all who are travelling in your car are restrained. Owing to us having no facilities to secure or keep bikes, scooters or skateboards we do not allow tamariki to travel to and from school using their wheels. This year we will be encouraging more tamariki to walk to and from school. We have discovered that 84% of our tamariki live within a 2 km radius of our kura, 75% live within a 1km radius and 58% live within 500m of our kura. With our sunny days, give walking a go and save the congestion around our gates.