

3 June 2020 Term 2 Week 8

Kia Ora Parents, Caregiver and Whanau,

Week 8 at Merivale School has been a great week for us to settle in and get on with our mahi. While the majority of our school are back, we would like to encourage as many more students as possible to return to school now as there are some awesome learning opportunities coming up. This week's newsletter addresses a few of those.

House Competition.

This kicked off again yesterday and it was fantastic to see all students thoroughly involved and competitive.

A reminder that this is held at the beginning of every school week and that just by turning up, students receive a point for their houses. Kia kaha tamariki ma!

Passion Hour.

This kicks off again this Friday 5 June in the afternoon. Staff have created a large list of activities for our students to select from. Some new activities are woodwork, origami and fitness. We look forward to having fun on Friday afternoons.

Uniforms.

As discussed previously, our uniforms should be arriving any day now. Thank you to all our whanau for your patience and perseverance over this time. We will endeavour to get these out ASAP. A reminder that from the date that uniforms arrive, there will be a two week grace period while whanau acquire winter uniform. More details will follow once they are here.

Alert Level 2. A reminder that we are still in Alert Level 2 and that the following rules apply:

- Please stay home if you are unwell.
- Safe hygiene practices must be followed when at school - washing hands regularly, coughing etiquette and distancing when possible.
- **No one is permitted on to school grounds** with the exception of students and staff. **All visitors**, including parents, caregivers and whanau, must check in at the office on arrival.
- When dropping off or collecting children, please wait in your vehicle or if on foot, waiting at the front entry of the school maintaining a safe distance from others.
- If you have any concerns we encourage you to contact the office.

He timatanga hou e kawe mai ana nga tumanako me nga moemoea hou
New beginnings bring new hopes and dreams

Nga Mihi
Matua Tom



Look at the awesome new sign Ana has created for the school office.... It looks fantastic 😊

THROAT SWABBING

The Public Health Nurses are coming back into school twice weekly to continue with swabbing throats for Group A strep as part of the rheumatic fever prevention programme. There has been an increase in the number of cases over the past 6 weeks. If your children have not returned to school and they have been complaining of a sore throat please contact Jan in the school office and she will make arrangements for a public health nurse to visit your home to swab their throat if you are unable to take them to the doctor.

Please note that this is **not** a COVID test.

HEADLICE

As we get back into school life, please remember to be regularly checking your child's hair for headlice and treating if necessary. We have free treatment shampoo and combs in the school office available to all.

WINTER UNIFORM PAYMENTS:

We have our fingers crossed that the new winter uniform order will be here very soon.

Thank you to those of you who have been making payments towards these items ready for when they arrive. Uniforms must be paid for before they can be collected or a payment plan discussed with the school office so if you are waiting on hoodies, jackets or trackpants and you are yet to make any payment towards them it would be great if you could do so soon.

We apologise for the delay in these items arriving, unfortunately it was out of our control.