

26 August 2020 Term 3 Week 6

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

With the announcement of Level 2 extended through to 6 September, at this stage operations will continue as they have been throughout the last few weeks. Please ensure you read carefully through today's newsletter as there is some important info to be aware of.

Alert Level 2 Rules:

- Please stay home if you are unwell. School is open for instruction therefore students who are not sick must be attending.
- 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 whānau, 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.

Postponements/Cancellations. All external sports and activities are suspended during Alert Level 2. That means no students will

attend events outside of school during this time. Once we are in Alert Level 1, further detailed information will be provided. Internal activities will still operate however strict procedures will be in place for any visitors who will be providing services for learning support which also includes our Passion Hour. Again, only those individuals and groups providing support will be given access to school grounds.

Student Led Conferences (SLCs).

These are scheduled to take place on **Friday 11 September**. A detailed notice will be sent out next Monday 31 August which will also explain booking online with your child's teacher and procedures of the SLCs. Remember, as with the last SLCs, school will not be open for instruction so alternative arrangements will need to be made for your child on this day.

Roll Increase. We are very excited to announce our school roll has jumped from 162 at the end of Term 2 to 182 now and with more students potentially coming, the school is looking at expanding (in every sense of the word). Some of our classes have swelled in recent weeks but we are on top of reducing these over this term and Term 4. We will continue to update our community of the changes as they take place.

Ma te mahi tahi ka taea e tatou te whakapakarite me te pono

By working together we can build trust and integrity

Nga Mihi
Matua Tom

SPORTS NEWS

There will be no sports exchanges or local competition involving our school during Alert level 2.

We will monitor the Covid situation. Thanks for your patience and understanding.

FREE LUNCHES AT MERIVALE SCHOOL

Yes the headline is true. We have been lucky enough to be chosen as one of the schools in the Bay of Plenty to receive Free Lunches under the Government's initiative. There will be a daily nutritional free lunch supplied by a caterer for your child if you wish. We will be working with a local caterer to create a menu of nutritional lunches that will be delivered daily. We are hoping that this will begin in Term 4. More information will be provided to you towards the ending of the term.

CONTACT NUMBER UPDATES

We have had a few situations recently where we have tried to contact parents and caregivers during the school day and have been unable to make contact. Please ensure we have your up to date phone numbers and contact information in case of emergency. Ngā mihi.

CLASS PHOTOS POSTPONED

Due to Alert Level 2 restrictions, our class photos have been postponed until further notice.