

4 November 2020 Term 4 Week 4

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Next week marks the halfway point for Term 4 but there are lots of activities and events still to come. There is a real push on our theme - Whakapae Ake/ Improvement at present so please get in behind and support our kura in these initiatives.

Uniform/Hats. With summer almost upon us, the weather is becoming increasingly warmer and finer (although this week has yet to prove this!). We thank the large majority of whanau who are sending children in correct school uniform. However lately, there has been an increase of students continually borrowing uniform from the office. We remind you that as parents and caregivers it is your responsibility to ensure your child is dressed entirely in the correct uniform as stipulated by Merivale School Board Of Trustees. This includes sun hats outside in Term 1 and 4. If you are having any issues obtaining uniform items, please contact us to discuss options.

Athletics. Tomorrow, the senior school athletics (Year 4 to 6) will take place from 10am to 1pm. We encourage whanau to come and support our senior students. Should the weather be undesirable, the event will be postponed till Friday.

Head Lice. At this time of year, head lice are often in schools. It is school policy that treatment is the responsibility of parents and caregivers. When head lice are detected at school, the teacher contacts the school office, and notification and treatment information is sent home to the affected student/s.

School Roll. Word is getting out that Merivale School - Te Kura o Tutarawananga is the place to be at. With that in mind, it is no wonder we are now at 197 students! According to our office records, this is our largest roll in over a decade. Currently, the Merivale School BOT are in discussions about roll growth and options for more learning spaces. We will keep you updated.

Principal Absence. I will be away next Monday 9 November to Wednesday 11 November at the annual Te Akatea Maori Principal's Conference in Auckland. Whaea Heather will be acting Principal during that time. Please contact her through the office if there are any issues.

He maurea kai whiria! - Ignore small matters and direct effort toward important projects

Nga Mihi
Matua Tom



Ngāti Ranginui Iwi

Get your free health check with our Mauri Ora team

Complete a full health check and go into a draw for a \$200 prize pack and grab a free drink bottle as well.
Health checks consist of:

- blood pressure, pulse rate, height, weight
- Also available
- smoking cessation
- Bookings for breast and cervical
- contraception information
- Diabetes information

tama tū, tama ora, tama noho, tama mate





Sports news

Athletics

Senior athletics will take place tomorrow Thursday November 5th at 10am (weather permitting) Postponement day will be Fri 6 November. Whānau are welcome to come and support

West Cluster Athletics

These will take place on Monday 16 Nov at Gordon Spratt Park, Papamoa
This is for our Year 5 & 6 qualifiers.

Rippa Rugby

This weeks draw -
Year 3-4 Merivale Flyers NO GAME
Year 5-6 Merivale Chiefs vs Gate Pa
Field 5 4.30pm

TE WAKA PERERUA 2020 KAPA HAKA this Saturday PLEASE READ THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS BELOW AND FOLLOW THE TIME GUIDE.

Pānui: Kapa Haka

A few important things for whānau to note for this Saturday 7th.

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| 7am | Drop off your child/ren to school. Meet in Room 1 & 2. Girls – dressed in kakahu with hair done. Boys – with BLACK UNDERWEAR (NOT BOXERS) PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR AFTER PERFORMANCE. |
| 7.50am | Bus departs for QE2 carrying PERFORMERS AND STAFF ONLY. SPECTATORS \$5 entry fee for adults \$2 for children |
| 8.15am | Holding Tent |
| 8.30am | ON STAGE. |
| 8.55am | Off-Stage. Into holding tent *If parents want to take their children from here, parents need to make sure they have a change of clothes with them for their children. Performers will NOT be allowed to leave in performing kakahu. |
| 9.10am | Bus pick up outside QE2, group returns to School. Change out of kakahu. PARENTS COLLECT CHILD/REN FROM SCHOOL. |
| | Performers have all-day passes for the Regionals. Students need to be collected from school no later than 9.45am on Saturday. |