

16 February 2022 Term 1 Week 3

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Our first full week has come with a few changes due to our move to Phase 2.

Please ensure you keep updated.

Red Light Rules. These are in place to protect us and have been directed by the Ministry of Education. As a government organisation, Merivale School must follow the rules so please do not be offended if asked to abide them. They are as follows:

- Please keep children at home if they are unwell. Should they arrive at school unwell we will be contacting caregivers to collect them.
- Safe hygiene practices must be followed when at school - washing hands regularly, using sanitiser on entry to the school and classes, coughing etiquette and distancing when possible.
- **No one is permitted on to school grounds** with the exception of students and staff OR at the discretion of the Principal. **All visitors**, including parents, caregivers and whanau, must check in on arrival.
- Face masks are to be worn by **all visitors**.
- Students and staff **may** choose to wear masks when outdoors.
- When dropping off or collecting children, parents/caregivers must wait in vehicles or if on foot, waiting at the front entry of the school **maintaining a safe distance from others AND wearing masks**.
- If you have any concerns in regard to a child's return, we encourage contact with the office

Uniforms. These are compulsory for all students and can be purchased at the office. For an invoice, please ask Whaea Jan in the office. If you have any concerns regarding uniforms, please contact me directly. Students must also wear a school hat on fine days. These are also available to purchase from the office.

School Stationery Packs. Stationery can be purchased from the office and must be done by the end of this week. The stationery packs are between \$20 and \$25 which are significantly cheaper than other options. Should you require an invoice, please contact Whaea Jan. If you have any concerns, please contact me directly.

SENCO Support. Whaea Heather is currently on medical leave, recovering from knee surgery. Any concerns regarding your child, contact the office.

Outside Learning. On fine days, classes have been conducting learning in groups or as a whole class, in shaded areas outside. It has been very successful and we will continue to do this in Term 1 where available.

School Hui. Because of Red Light Rules, we are holding school hui in three groups. They are Nga Hau E Wha (Rumaki Classes), Junior School and Senior School. Unfortunately we cannot celebrate our successes as a full school but at least we can still celebrate in some form. Each group will hold hui, at separate times, under the shade sail on fine days. On wet days, hui will take place in the Action Centre but social distancing between classes will be adhered to. If you have any concerns, please contact me.

Houses. The school is currently involved in the selection process for House Captains. We have had an awesome response from Year 6 students who are wanting to be our school leaders. These will be announced on Friday. Good luck to all those who are vying for a position!

Mauriora!
Matua Tom



Our sailors had their first outing yesterday, they had a great day and were amazing. Such a beautiful day to be on the harbour.

UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2022

Polo shirt	\$30
Skort	\$35
Shorts	\$35
Bucket Hat	\$20
Hooded Sweatshirt	\$65
Winter Jacket	\$65
Beanie	\$20

PARENT/ CAREGIVER

PHONE NUMBERS & ADDRESSES –
If you have a change of phone number or address please make sure you update the school office so we are able to contact you when needed.

WATER BOTTLES

While we are in **RED LIGHT RULES** the water fountains are out of use, please make sure your child has a drink bottle at school, these can be refilled from the tap.