

20 March 2019
Term 1 Week 8

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

We are rolling into some upcoming busy weeks. There are a few issues, important dates and events to be aware of.

Absenteeism and lateness. While mentioned last week, there has been a slight improvement but not enough to say we are doing well. Please help us by ensuring your children are at school on time or if they are away, it is for legitimate reasons.

Top Schools takes place tomorrow with Merivale entering a team for the first time in 8 years. The team has been practicing over the last two weeks and are looking forward to being competitive but also having fun. If you are able to come along and support, it would be great to see you up there.

ERO visit in the last week of term - Monday 8 April. As previously mentioned, there is a hui scheduled for parents. For those interested in attending, please contact the office to register your name. As yet, a day and time has not been put in place but once it has, a notice will be sent home to those who wish to attend.

Next **Friday 29 March** is our 'On The Go' Fundraiser. It is really gaining momentum with sponsorship climbing steadily each day. Our local and baywide businesses have also come to the fore raising funds for our kura. The day will officially commence at 11am and conclude at 1pm. At the end of the event, parents and caregivers are welcome to take their children home.

Finally, thank you to all whanau who attended the goal setting conferences this week. For those that were unable to make it, teachers will be in touch to schedule other times to meet with you.

Ko te pai tawhiti, whaia kia tata. Ko te pai tata, whakamaua kia tina
Seek out distant horizons, and cherish those you attain

Nga Mihi,
Matua Tom

'ON THE GO FUNDRAISER'

Our Merivale School 'Give a Little' page has gone a little quiet.....come on whanau dig deep for this very worthwhile cause.

All money raised goes towards much needed mathematics equipment and other learning resources. The more money we have donated the more we will be able to buy.

Get onto the Give a Little Page and donate. Our On the Go Day is next Friday 29th March. We would love to see as many whanau at school as possible. The students start being active at 11.00 and carry on until 1.00.

There will be food to buy on the day for student lunches and snacks. Please come into the office and see the very generous sponsorship and motivational messages that students have received from businesses and community groups. We are looking forward to a fun filled day.



Ice cream making ☺

ESOL Talanoa

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa atu, Salam-alaikum, Greetings.



This year I'm supporting ESOL children in class and in small literacy withdrawal groups. Some students are on the early words programme and I really appreciate your support in reading and completing any worksheets that come home.

Our Pacifica tutors Ana and Lolo have shared reading from Tongan and Samoan dual language books because we know bilingual students learn better when they are able to use their home language at school. We are also working hard to learn new songs and dances. In study support we have been doing an inquiry around the sights, smells and sounds of Summer. Our activities have included ice cream making, designing packaging for jelly, organising a bbq and currently we are making sherbet and jelly cups for our Merivale School fundraiser 'On the Go.' See you there!

Nga mihi
Whaea Sandra

