

25 May 2022 Term 2 Week 4

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers & Whanau,

Week 4 already and still lots to cover this term. We are really looking forward to upcoming events but need support from whanau to ensure they are successful. The best support would be getting our students to school. Please help us to achieve this goal.

Attendance. Just a reminder that this term we are encouraging all whanau to get children to school after a long period of unsettled attendance. If there are any concerns, issues or obstacles, we want to know so we can support whanau getting back to school.

Monitoring & Isolation. As usual, we are again keeping to Ministry guidelines regarding our Covid approach. If your child or a household member tests positive for Covid 19, all household members must isolate for **7 days**. We have also sent out on our website and Facebook page a guide for parents and caregivers of what to do should your child become a positive case or be exposed to a positive household member. Please read through these carefully as they will give advice on whether your child should attend school or not. These can be activated through the following:

Merivale School website -
<https://www.merivale.school.nz/>

Merivale School Facebook page -
<https://www.facebook.com/merivaleschool/>

Orange Light Rules. As a government organisation, Merivale School must follow MOE rules so please do not be offended if asked to abide by 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.
- **All visitors**, including parents, caregivers and whanau, must check in on arrival. We are now allowing limited access to school by some of our external agencies.

- Face masks are to be worn by **all visitors on school grounds**.
- Students and staff **may** choose to wear masks when outdoors.
- When dropping off or collecting children, parents and caregivers must wait in vehicles or if on foot, waiting at the front entry of the school **maintaining a safe distance**. Masks do not need to be worn at these times, only when entering the office.
- If you have any concerns in regard to a child's return, we encourage contact with the office.

Have a great week everyone.

Mauriora,
Matua Tom

**REMINDER:
TEACHER ONLY DAY**
Tuesday 7 June
Staff Training
School will be closed for instruction on this day so please make arrangements for your children.
We apologise for any inconvenience.



Sports News:

Basketball:

Friday 27 May

Seniors vs Matua

Memorial Hall 4pm

Tuesday 24 May

Juniors vs ?

Draw not available yet

Netball:

Netball starts on Saturday 11 June.

Permission Slips & Fees:

*Please make sure your child's permission slip is returned ASAP so they are able to play and a **reminder that the fees need to be paid**. It is fine to pay these off in instalments.*

Cross Country:

This is tomorrow, Thursday 26 May :

Unfortunately during the Orange Light setting we are UNABLE to have spectators at school

Rippa Rugby:

Qualifying tournament to be held at Greerton Marist Rugby Club for Year 5 – 6 students.

Friday 27 May 9.30am – 2.30pm

Whanau are welcome to attend this event.

PRE SCHOOLERS:

Do you have any pre schoolers at home that will be attending Merivale School this year? If so we would love to hear from you so we can plan towards them starting school and organise pre-school visits before they turn 5. Please contact the school office and give us their details.