

27 July 2022
Term 3 Week 1

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers & Whanau,

Welcome back for Term 3.

Construction.

Over the holidays there has been construction taking place at school with the new modular classrooms being readied for use and the new junior playground being installed.

It is fantastic to finally see progress in these areas & we are looking forward to their completion.

A reminder that these areas are out of bounds while the construction is underway.

ATTENDANCE:

Last term you received a brochure on attendance.

This will be a huge focus for us for the rest of the year. Attendance is an issue for all schools throughout New Zealand.

At our kura we would like to change the trend of poor attendance and so far this term we are doing really well. Yesterday one class, Room 9 had 100% attendance. Our data shows us that the average attendance across our kura for the first 3 days of school this term is 76%. We would like to lift that figure to 90%. The only way to make sure that this happens is for your child to come to school.

We understand that when a child is unwell they must stay at home.

Please make sure you contact the office to let us know the reason for your child's non-attendance.

Week 1 Term 3 attendance

Female **75%**

Male **77%**

Y0 **78%**

Y1 **83%**

Y2 **76%**

Y3 **74%**

Y4 **74%**

Y5 **78%**

Y6 **71%**

Congratulations to our Year 1 cohort they are leading the way.

Let's hope next week more cohorts will be in the 80-90% range.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ELECTION 2022**

Are you interested in becoming a BOARD of TRUSTEES member.

We are looking for parents & community members to join our Board of Trustees to make a difference to our school & for our tamariki.

Nomination forms have been sent out.

Nominations must be in by 12noon on 3 August 2022.

Please come & see Jan Honey in the school office if you would like some more information about this.

Our inquiry this term is for students to identify, sort and compare healthy and unhealthy food options & to discuss the importance of 5+ a day and its benefits. Room 5 began their inquiry by visiting Bay Venues who are the caterers that make our school lunches. They became part of the food production line.

The morning was finished with lunch and a quiz. Stephan the Healthy Schools Kai Operations Manager sent an email to me which said " I wish to commend you and your team for such enthusiastic, well behaved, and great children we had today – our team enjoyed having them. All senior classes will be visiting Bay Venues over the next two weeks. Yesterday we were delivered hot chicken pasta for lunch. This was enjoyed by all our students.

Please make sure your child has returned their permission slip so they can go.



Sports News:

Basketball:

Friday 29 July 22

Seniors vs Pongakawa
Trustpower Arena, 4.45pm

Tuesday 2 August 22

Juniors draw not available yet

Netball:

Saturday 30th July at Tauranga Netball Centre, Mt Maunganui.

Merivale Magic vs PPS Lightning
Court 3, 2.55pm

Basketball World Cup Year 5 -6

The Basketball World Cup was held at the end of last term. Our teams country was Norway and they had a great day playing basketball. The team were fantastic ambassadors for Merivale School.

Thank you to the many parents/caregivers that came along and supported the team, the students loved having you all there.

