

## 1 March 2023 Term 1 Week 5

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Week 5 and we are halfway through the term already. We have started our week with an initiative to help others and are part of a support network from Tauranga schools who are banding together to send aid to ravaged areas. More details are in this week's newsletter.

### **Cyclone Gabrielle Support.**

We are pleased to announce that our school, along with Merivale School Board support, raised \$500 for Cyclone Gabrielle relief. As mentioned last week, we had not determined where our funds would go but the majority of schools in Tauranga have passed their funds on to the Western BOP Principals Association to distribute. Merivale School will also follow suit. Thank you to everyone, particularly our students, who supported this kaupapa.

### **Whanau/Teacher Hui**

Next **Wednesday 8 March** we will be holding a Whanau/Teacher hui here at school from 3.45pm to 5pm. From 3.45pm to 4pm I will be speaking about 2023 and future aspirations. At 4pm to 4.30pm classes will be open for you to meet your child's teacher and to hear about this year's learning. From 4.30 to 5pm we will have a free sausage sizzle. We look forward to seeing you here. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

### **Uniforms.**

These are compulsory for all students and can be purchased at the office. Hats are also compulsory in Term 1 and 4 for shadeless work or play. For an invoice, please ask Whaea Jan or Whaea Karen in the office. If you have any concerns regarding uniforms, please contact me directly.

### **NZEI Paid Union Meetings.**

As mentioned on our website and Facebook pages, tomorrow **Thursday 2 March**, there are NZEI Paid Union Meetings scheduled during school time .

The majority of our Merivale School teachers have chosen to attend the afternoon sessions from 1.30pm.

In the past, we have been able to remain open for instruction but unfortunately, due to teacher numbers, we are needing to close early.

**This means that parents and caregivers will need to collect children at 1pm. No children are to walk home unaccompanied.**

Please make necessary arrangements for your child. All children are to be collected by a parent, caregiver or a designated adult.

Those remaining at school will be supervised until 2.50pm. If you have any concerns, please contact the office.,

### **School Leaders 2023**

***Congratulations to the following students who are our 2023 manukura (leaders):***

#### **HOUSE CAPTAINS –**

Etivise Li, Desaiyah Puaha, Jaedyn Warner, Flames Thompson-Taikato, Chaunce Johnson, Shamia Moeke, Felicia Hennings, Praiselaye Saua

#### **AMBASSADORS –**

Nikau Kioa, Jacqueline Haswell, Lilly Frost, Kade Fraser, Calvin Aumoe, Te Kotuku Poharama

Have a great week everyone.

Mauriora!

Matua Tom

## House Captains 2023



### **WHAITERE :**

**Chaunce Johnson Shamia Moeke**

### **TOHORA:**

**Felicia Hennings Praiselaye Saua**

### **TUATARA**

**Desaiyah Puaha Jaedyn Warner**

### **RURU**

**Etivise Li Flames Thompson-Taikato**

## Ambassadors 2023

