



8 March 2023 Term 1 - Week 6

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Week 6 and we have had lots of activities happening. Yesterday our Senior School took part in cleaning up our local estuary. A fantastic day was had by all and reports from the organisers and external help were that our students were exemplary in representing the Vale. Ka mau te wehi, tamariki ma! This is great to hear and cements our decision to continually send groups out that will portray the VALE Way.

Whanau/Teacher Hui.

This is happening tonight and begins at **3.30pm to 4.30pm**. We look forward to seeing you here. If you have any queries, please contact the office.

PLD Cancellation.

As previously mentioned, next **Thursday 16 March**, we were scheduled to have a Professional Learning Day for all staff. Unfortunately, due to possible strike action by NZEI, this day has been cancelled. As yet, results are not back with the union to inform schools if there is to be a strike so at this stage, school will resume as normal on Thursday 16 March.

Goal Setting Conferences.

On **Friday 24 March**, Goal Setting Conferences will be back in action after a two year hiatus. This means that school will be open but only for conferences with parents/caregivers, their child and their classroom teacher. An instruction sheet on what this will look like and how to book times online accompanies this newsletter. If you do not receive this sheet or have any queries or concerns, please contact the office.

Attendance. Our target for the whole school this year is for attendance to be 90% or better. We have a couple of strategies in place. They include a weekly class prize and an individual lunch draw for those students who attend a full week. The winner of the individual prize also gets to include a friend. Lunch is a choice and often involves takeaways. If your child wins this prize, please advise of any special dietary requirements.

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.

Have a great week everyone.

Mauriora!
Matua Tom



TUATARA HOUSE – week 5 house point winners

**Merivale Community Centre Invites you to:
After School @ the Action Centre 3-5pm**

The Community Centre have secured access to the Merivale Action Centre after school from 3pm to 5pm every term day afternoon during 2023 for Tamariki and Rangatahi from Merivale.

Volleyball, Basketball, Football, Rugby or just bouncing, throwing and kicking, it's all on in the afternoon.

To keep the energy up the centre provides cold water and a kai each day.

Enrolment forms are at the school office, Community Centre or pick one up at the Action Centre while you are there. Look forward to seeing you there. Parents always welcome.

Ngā mihi

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