



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PANUI

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House Captains 2023

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

A huge thank you to all parents and caregivers who attended last week's Goal Setting Conferences. A fantastic turnout ensured it was a very successful day. Just a reminder that if you did not make it last Friday, there are still opportunities to meet before the end of term by contacting your child's teacher to arrange a time to meet.

There are a few notices this week to be aware of.

ERO Visit. This **Friday 31 March**, Whaea Nikki Edwards will be visiting our kura as part of our Education Review for the Ministry of Education. This is the beginning of a year-long journey. Over that time she will be meeting with leadership, visiting classes and talking with students and staff. If you have any queries about the review, please feel free to contact me.

Peer Mediators. Last week we implemented peer mediators into the junior school playground during breaks. This has been very effective in resolving minor conflicts. Our peer mediators are primarily school ambassadors who have been trained by Whaea Heather. We may look at extending this to other Year 6 students later. Accompanying this newsletter are some of the techniques that are being used in mediation.

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.

Have a great week everyone.

Mauriora!
Matua Tom



RESTORATIVE PRACTICE:

At our Kura we firmly believe in Restorative Practices. All teachers are familiar with restorative conversations and soon our student ambassadors will be trained to follow the script of a restorative conversation.

A restorative conversation is an approach that we used to deal with pupil conflict and behavioural issues. It encourages pupils to reflect on an incident and consider how their actions affected other people. Here is the script that our staff use when talking to students when minor incidents occur.

As you can see all we do is embedded in the V.A.L.E way. We thought this might be a useful tool for you to use at home.



Tell the story

- Tell me what's happened
- What were you thinking when you did that?
- How does that fit with The VALE Way?

Explore the harm

- Who do you think has been affected?
- In what ways?
- What do you think it must have been like for them?
- Was that a fair or unfair thing to do?

Repair the harm

- What needs to happen to put things right?
- What do you think _____ needs to hear/ see from you right now?
- Is there anything else that you can think of that might help?
- What will sorry look like in action from here?

Reach an Agreement

- What do you need to stop doing, stay doing, start doing?
- If this happens again – what could/will you do differently?
- From now on how will you show The VALE Way?
- What do you need from me/us to support you?

Plan follow up

- When shall we check in with you to see how you're going?
- What will happen if our agreed outcomes haven't been reached?

Amazing artwork created using bubblewrap by kids in Room 4.



WEEK 9

WEEK 10

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
27 MARCH Passion Learning	28 MARCH RF & Skin Nurse	29 MARCH	30 MARCH	31 MARCH RF & Skin Nurse	1 APRIL	2 APRIL Daylight Savings
3 APRIL Passion Learning	4 APRIL RF & Skin Nurse	5 APRIL	6 APRIL Last Day of Term 1	7 APRIL EASTER GOOD FRIDAY	8 APRIL School	9 APRIL Holidays

Our woodworking group have been very busy making a Pātaka. The Pātaka will be outside the office with left over lunches & fruit for you to collect. Please help yourself.

