



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

23 August 2023

Healthy Active Learning

Last week the kaiako and tamariki looked at the play and stay stencils that Sport Bay of Plenty provided. They will be used on concrete areas inside and outside our kura. The idea is to get students active hence the name Stay and Play. The first area that will have stencils on is the path that goes from the school towards the Aroha Centre. These are some of the popular ones. We need your help to make this a reality. On the 6th, 7th and 8th of September we will be painting the play activities.

If you can help please drop into the office and chat to Heather.



	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 6	21 August	22 August SWIMMING RF & Skin Nurse	23 August	24 August INTER SCHOOL SPORTS	25 August RF & Skin Nurse	26 August	27 August
	28 August	29 August SWIMMING RF & Skin Nurse	30 August	31 August	1 Sept RF & Skin Nurse	2 Sept	3 Sept
WEEK 7							

SPORTS NEWS:

All whanau are welcome to come and support the teams in their games.

BASKETBALL:

Draw for this **Friday 25th August**
Merivale Carvers vs Pahoia Destroyers
Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre, Court 1, 4:00pm
**This is the last game for the season.*

NETBALL:

Senior Netball :

**This is the final week and we have 2 games this week.*

Draw for this **Saturday 26th August**

Semi final: Merivale Magic vs St Mary's Magic
Court 4, 10:30am.

+ If we win our semi-final, the final will be on court 1 at 1:30pm.

Junior Netball : *Season has finished.* What a fantastic season for our Merivale Stars Junior Netball team. The season ended with a comprehensive victory. A big mihi to our coach Matua Terry and Manager Whaea Kate who looked after the team every Saturday. We are very thankful for your support, time and dedication to the team. Ngā Mihi nui.



SWIMMING - Every Tuesday during Term 3

Swimming is going so well, the students are loving it and learning so much.
REMINDER swimming is every Tuesday so students must remember their togs.

INTER SCHOOL SPORT

We have our first inter-school fixture at Greenpark School tomorrow Thursday August 24th with a 12.30pm start. Our senior netball and rugby teams will be involved.
Whanau are welcome to go and support the teams.

Kakahu Pekepeke Rugby 7s tournament.

Last week we sent a team to participate in this tournament. What a great rugby experience for our tamariki. After a day of tough competition our team was placed 5th overall. Many thanks to Matua Owen for training and supporting the team.





Waterworld is coming to Greerton in the holidays...check it out at wipeout.co.nz If you are keen it would pay to get booking.



THANK YOU
for making our work possible.

A thank you note from [Waipuna Hospice](#) for the donation made from the shorts fundraiser last term

Dear Merivale School,
Thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00.
It's through the support of people like you that Waipuna Hospice can continue providing high quality end-of-life care and support to people in our community. Your donation today means Waipuna Hospice can continue doing their amazing work. So, from all of us at Waipuna Hospice, thank you for working together with us for the wellbeing of everyone. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Tauranga Intermediate Prospectus.

On Friday all Year 6 students who are going to be attending Tauranga Intermediate in 2024 received their Intermediate pack. Please read this carefully. All enrolments are to be made online. Birth certificates are still required. We will check our files and if we do not have your child's one we will contact you.

Merivale Seniors
Nau mai haere mai

You are invited to a Morning Tea at Merivale Community Centre

Guests will include:
Age Concern
Sport Bay of Plenty Keep On Your Feet
Walky Talky Walking Group

Date: Tuesday, Aug 29
Time: 10:30am
Place: 10 Kesteven Ave

To register your interest RSVP for catering purposes by Aug 25th 07 578-6450

*Please let us know if you have special mobility needs or require transport

"Merivale Community Centre is hosting a morning tea for the seniors in its community. The morning tea will take place on Tuesday, August 29th at 10:30am at 10 Kesteven Avenue. We will also have guest speakers including Age Concern who will talk about their services, Sport Bay of Plenty who will talk about the Keep on Your Feet strength and balance programme, and the coordinator of a neighbourhood walking group, Walky Talky. This is a free event but we would appreciate anyone interested in attending to give us a ring at the centre on 07 578 6450 by Friday, August 25 for catering purposes."

Kaiako Learning Focus this week.

We are never too old to learn. This week all staff worked with Nik Smith a Resource Teacher of Learning Behaviour looking at the Five Pillars of Belonging. These are, feeling welcomed, being known, included, supported and connected. We looked at what they look like, feel like and sound like for us as a kaiako at Merivale School Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga.

Using the Five Pillars of Belonging we looked at the ways we make our tamariki feel a sense of belonging when they are in our kura. From this the kaiako will ask the tamariki what they do to ensure when working and playing alongside their peers and other tamariki that they have a sense of belonging. This is building onto the V.A.L.E way which is our foundation for our behavioural expectations.



Our whetu from our Tūtarawānanga Learner- Kaitiaki Te Ao.

At Friday's hui-a-kura the Tohu Kaitiakitanga award was awarded for the first time. After school each day Whaea Bex has been closely looking at the decks outside each classroom.

Over the week each class can earn up to 40 points. Points are taken off if there is rubbish, clothes etc left on the deck at the end of the day. Last week was amazing, all decks were much improved. Whaea Bex saw very tidy decks with clothes, food scraps, paper etc put into the correct place.

The Tohu Kaitiakitanga award was awarded to 4 classes - Awanui, Awaiti, Room 7 and Room 2. Congratulations.



Attendance

Last week's school wide attendance was certainly something to celebrate. Whaea Shirralee has been working with some tamariki and whanau to encourage more regular attendance.

It looks like it is working. Remember Attendance = Achievement.



Safety First

After school please make sure you have told your child where you are going to meet them or if there is a change in plan please phone the office. Last week a couple of students decided to go home with friends or go to a different place in the school and attempt to walk home. This then creates a very stressful situation until the child is located.

Please talk to your child about road safety when they are on Kesteven Avenue. The road is for cars, the footpath is for them if they are walking or scootering. We continue to see the possibility of a child being hurt owing to not following this simple rule.

Sensory Garden Update.

The seats and planters have been completed. The tamariki are already using this area to sit in. We now have a splash of colour, but need a lot more. Thank you Room 5 for planting the plants. The area is coming alive.

Last week many of the classes started work on making sensory paving stones which will be embedded in the ground.

These will certainly add more colour.

