



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtara wānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

13 September 2023



Room 1 trying out the new balancing blocks bought with a grant from Pub Charity.

We have lots of new balls, sports uniforms and kit bags as well. Very exciting! Thanks Pub Charity :)

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 9	11 Sept	12 Sept SWIMMING WINTER TOURNAMENT- Touch, Football & Netball Kapa Haka NOHO tonight RF & Skin Nurse	13 Sept	14 Sept WBOP Girls Rugby 7's - Arataki Park	15 Sept Winter Tournament Basketball RF & Skin Nurse	16 Sept	17 Sept
WEEK 10	18 Sept	19 Sept SWIMMING RF & Skin Nurse	20 Sept	21 Sept Netball & Rugby teams to play Gate Pa School	22 Sept LAST DAY OF TERM RF & Skin Nurse	23 Sept	24 Sept

West Cluster Winter Tournament - Netball, Touch Rugby & Football

We had 4 teams competing in the 3 different codes yesterday.

The day was a huge success for our small kura.

Our social football team and netball team taking our their championships for the second year in a row and the touch team and competitive football team both finishing on the podium as well.

A big mihi to Whaea Sarge, Whaea Eva and Matua Owen who were the successful coaches and to all our students & whanāu who made the day such a success.



WBOP Girl Code Rugby 7's-

Tomorrow, Thursday 14 September at Blake Park 9am - 2.30pm
(note this is a change of venue) Whanau are welcome to attend.
All players have received notices about this.

West Cluster Winter Basketball Tournament -

Friday 15th September at QEYC, Memorial Park, 11th Avenue
9.20am - 2.30pm Whanau are welcome to attend
We have a Year 5 & a Year 6 team competing.
All players have received notices about this.

WBOP Girls Playing Sports Day-

Friday 15 September at Blake Park

This event is no longer going ahead, sorry for any inconvenience.

New sports equipment.

Great news.

We were successful in our funding application to Tū Manawa Active Aotearoa. This funding has been achieved through our tamariki making suggestions to Sport Bay of Plenty on what activities they would like to do at interval times. Watch out for these new pieces of equipment appearing in our playground. Please if you are at school and sports gear has been left out can you please keep it safe and return the next day. This would be really appreciated.



NOHO WĀNANGA-KAPA-Ā-TUAKANA

This was held overnight and throughout the day today, an exciting time for all the tamariki involved.

We will have a full wrap on this in next weeks newsletter but here's a glimpse of some of the girls last night.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Day: Tuesdays
Time: 5pm - 6pm
Venue: Merivale Action Centre
25 Kesteven Avenue
Cost: Gold coin donation

YEAR 6 LEAVERS - TAURANGA INTERMEDIATE 2023

Some of you are yet to complete the enrolment process for next year, it is important that you do this ASAP as the Intermediate are in the process of placing students in classes now. This is all done on-line. All students have brought home an information pack to help with the process however there are spares at school if you have misplaced it.



STORY TIME at the Library

During the September/October holidays, there will be Sensory Storytimes running at Greerton and Pāpāmoa libraries. These will consist of 30 minutes of songs, rhymes, and interactive stories/picturebooks in a calm environment, followed by 20 minutes of Sensory Play. Sensory Storytime is designed for those who are neurodiverse but is open to all. There is a session at Pāpāmoa Library at 1.30pm on Monday September 25, and another at Greerton Library at 10am on Monday, October 2. Each session will have different stories.

Registration is required. Email penny.guy@tauranga.govt.nz to register.

Holiday STEAM-ED programme

STEAM-ED would like to hold a 'Girls Rock at Robotics' day on the first Wednesday of the school holidays. They will have a visit from a woman engineer from BECA with the hope of inspiring the girls and loads of 'Girl Powered' giveaways to those who attend.

Contact 022 3773209 if you would like your daughter to attend.

The cost for this day is \$55.

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

We are now in **Week 9** and what an incredibly busy week it will be.

Whaea Bonnie has headed away overseas and we welcome Dolly Rall who is joining us in Room 1. We have Winter Sports Tournaments over the week and Kapa Haka practice after the Noho on Tuesday night. Thursday is the last Robotics session for the term. Thanks to the STEAM-ED team, especially Toni de Rijk and Kimberlie Cording for working in Room 5. Amazing learning and thoroughly enjoyed by the tamariki.

A huge thank-you to the volunteers from KPMG who came in today (Wednesday) and helped us get our gardens weeded and ready for planting next term. Thanks to Kennards Hire Centre for delivering a chipper so we could mulch the branches that had been cut down from trees on our boundary.

Week 10 - Please remember we have our **STAFF ONLY DAY on Monday 18 September**

with the **school closed for the day** so please make arrangements for your children.

On Thursday our netball and rugby teams will play against Gate Pa.

School finishes for Term 3 on Friday 22 September at the normal time of 2.50pm.

An update on what has been happening around the kura in the past week.

Remembrance Garden.

Our garden continues to develop. A huge thank you to Matua Dene who gave of his time to get the boxing organised for concreting and digging out a path so that we will have wheelchair access into the garden. The path will have concrete pavers laid which will make for easy access. Many people who were walking past, stopped to chat about the garden and to say how good it looked. The concrete mosaic tiles that the students and teachers have been working on have been grouted by Whaea Bex. These will be embedded in a concrete strip that can be walked on. The mosaics have been designed so when walked on in bare feet they will have a sensory effect. A group of students under the tuition of Whaea Bex have been working on smaller mosaics in the shape of koru or hearts and these will be attached to the planter boxes. They will certainly brighten up this space.



Room 1 was out and about celebrating Tongan week with Tai O Fenua Kindergarten.

Three students in Bonnie's class went to this kindergarten. They sang to us, we sang to them and then we enjoyed Keke Isite (fried donut).



Play on the way

The sun was out on Friday and so were three wonderful staff members who painted the play stencils on the concrete on the path leading to the Aroha Centre. It certainly brightens this area up. Adults and tamariki were seen playing hopscotch, weaving through the maize and not stepping on the lines. We will be booking the play stencils next term so we can brighten up our kura and get the tamariki active.



Mauriora!
Whaea Heather