



# Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

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## PĀNUI

6 September 2023

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Exciting to watch the students learn some building skills

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>WEEK 8</b>	4 Sept	5 Sept <b>SWIMMING</b> <b>RF &amp; Skin Nurse</b>	6 Sept	7 Sept	8 Sept <b>RF &amp; Skin Nurse</b>	9 Sept	10 Sept
	11 Sept	12 Sept <b>SWIMMING</b> <b>WINTER TOURNAMENT- Touch, Football &amp; Netball</b> <b>Kapa Haka NOHO tonight</b> <b>RF &amp; Skin Nurse</b>	13 Sept	14 Sept <b>WBOP Girls Rugby 7's - Arataki Park</b>	15 Sept <b>Girls Sports Day - Blake Park</b> <b>Winter Tournament Basketball</b> <b>RF &amp; Skin Nurse</b>	16 Sept	17 Sept
<b>WEEK 9</b>							

### **West Cluster Winter Tournament- Tuesday 12 September**

We have a busy sporting week next week with the winter tournament involving football, netball, touch rugby and basketball.

Teams are currently in the process of being selected.

Notices will be coming home soon with more information.

<b>Football</b>	Morland Fox Park, Greerton	9.30am-2.15pm
<b>Touch Rugby</b>	Greerton Marist, Greerton Park	9.30am-2.30pm
<b>Netball</b>	Tauranga Netball Courts, Mt Maunganui	9.30am-2.15pm

**Basketball- Friday 15 September** at QEYC 11th Ave 9.20am-2.30pm

### **WBOP Girl Code Rugby 7's-**

Thursday 14 September at Arataki Park, Mount Maunganui, 9am-2.30pm.  
Further details to follow.

### **WBOP Girls Playing Sports Day-**

Friday 15 September at Blake Park, Mount Maunganui, 9am-2.30pm.  
Further details to follow.

### **Last weeks Sporting Exchange with Greerton Village School.**

Three sporting codes were played in the exchange, rugby, netball and football. All the teams showed the V.A.L.E way and it's wonderful to see the friendly rivalry between the schools.

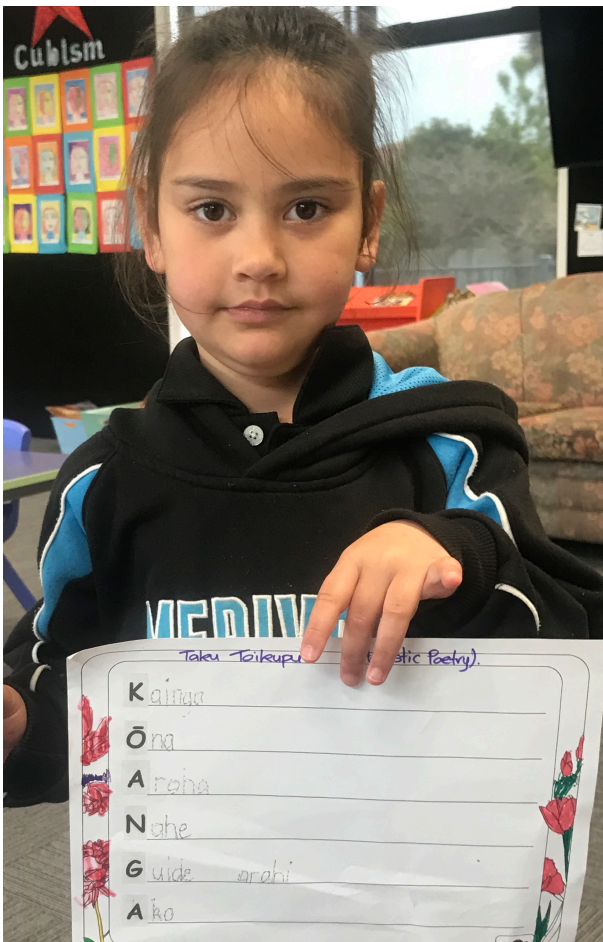
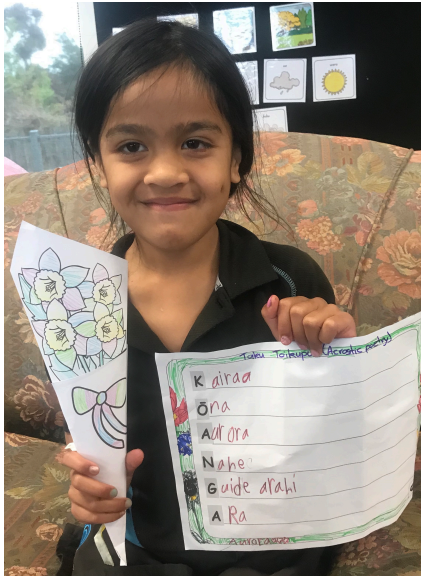
Thank you to the whanau who came to support the different teams, the players love having you there and thank-you also goes to Matua Owen and Matua Paora for organising these events.

Merivale School definitely has some very talented sports people.

Te Awaiti have been looking at Spring.  
The word for spring is 'Kōanga' and to go with it they have coloured a bouquet of flowers.

The students have also been writing an Acrostic poem.  
*(An acrostic is a poem in which the first letter of each new line spells out a word - for example)*

- Sun is shining
- Playing outside
- Running around
- I love spring
- New flowers
- Green grass



**Tauranga Intermediate Prospectus.**

All Year 6 students who are going to be attending Tauranga Intermediate in 2024 have received their Intermediate pack. Please make sure you read the pack carefully.

All enrolments are to be made online, if you are having trouble with this then we may be able to help you or you can pop into the Intermediate.

We have sent copies of birth certificates to the Intermediate already so you do not need to worry about that unless you have had a message from us to say we do not have a copy of your child's certificate. In this instance you will need to supply one.

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

We are now in Week 8 with only two and half weeks to go before the end of term. These last weeks will be extremely busy for us all.

### Week 8

Stencil painting games on the concrete path and Board of Trustees meeting.

### Week 9

Winter Sports Tournaments. Please keep an eye out for notices coming home to let you know about your child's involvement if they are picked for a sports team.

Noho at school for the Kapa Haka group. Notices have been sent home.

Please make sure you complete them and send them back to school.

### Week 10

**Staff only day with the school closed on Monday the 18 September.**

Sports exchange with Gate Pa School.

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

### Remembrance Garden

A huge thank you to Matua Richard for his work on this project.

The pou that had been removed from the front of the school have been positioned in the garden and will now be kaitiaki for the area. After discussion with the students from Awanui they have decided they would like to repaint them in red, white and black. Awanui students have also been very busy finding out how to make decorative cobblestones that will become part of the garden.

I watched them making the moulds, mixing the concrete, dyeing it, embedding a variety of objects into their mould and pouring in the wet concrete. Keep an eye out for these in the garden.

Another addition to the garden has been the planting of a kowhai tree.

We are hoping that in time this will attract tui to sit in its branches and sing.

Please visit the garden to see the changes occurring and sit and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere.

### Play on the Way

Last week our whetu Manaakitanga, **"I can make an impact on my community,"** was shown by our Year 6 Students Leaders. The Student Leaders worked with three Sport Bay of Plenty staff to choose the stencils, then chalk them onto the path that leads from our kura to the Aroha Centre.

Over the day I watched students from different classrooms enjoying the opportunity to play, there was even the occasional adult using the path who stopped to play.

This week the stencils will be coming back and our Student Leaders along with Matua Richard (our grounds person) and Teacher Assistants will be painting the games in bright colours onto the concrete.

If you would like to help with this project please pop in and see me.



### Noho Wānanga-Kapa-ā-Tuakana

Excitement is building for the Kapa-ā-Tuakana group. They have been attending weekly practices and now are being invited to attend our noho wānanga on Tuesday and Wednesday 12-13th September. This is an opportunity for these students and kaiako to learn about each other and make connections outside of the classroom while learning about kapa haka. Huge thank you to Whaea Tarnz, Whaea Bex, Matua Tre and Matua Paora for making this happen. A notice has been sent home with all the details.

Please read this carefully and make sure you return the signed tick list to Whaea Tarnz

### Road Safety for our Tamariki.

This term I attended a meeting with representatives from the Tauranga City Council looking at more ways to move in Merivale, Tauranga South, Gate Pa and Greerton. The main driver was making improvements so our tamariki could move more safely around our roads which are in close proximity to our kura. I was very pleased to receive an email that stated that our kura is the only kura that has had funding secured for the below upgrades to take place:

- ● Raised Crossing on Kesteven near roundabout
- ● New Footpath on the opposite side of the road
- ● Another raised crossing near roundabout on Fraser Street
- ● Relocating existing bus stop and bus shelter 1 block down

This is great news for us all. We will keep you updated on when this work will begin.

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Whaea Heather