



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

20 September 2023



Holidays WEEK 10

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
18 Sept Staff Only Day	19 Sept Final day of SWIMMING RF & Skin Nurse	20 Sept	21 Sept Interschool Sports vs Gate Pa School 12.30pm	22 Sept LAST DAY OF TERM 3	23 Sept	24 Sept
25 Sept SCHOOL	26 Sept HOLIDAYS	27 Sept	28 Sept	29 Sept	30 Sept	1 Oct

SPORTS NEWS:

Inter-school sports:

We have our final inter-school sports tomorrow against Gate Pa school. Rugby and netball will be played here at school and football at Gate Pa School. All games start at 1pm. Whanau are welcome to come support the teams.

Merivale Carvers Basketball team:

Basketball has come to an end, our senior team 'Merivale Carvers' came 5th out of 18 teams in the Tauranga Basketball Competition held on Friday nights. They also came 3rd in the West Cluster Basketball competition held last week. A big mihi to coach Matua Tre and all our supporters who turned up every week.

BOP Girls Code Rugby 7s:

These girls are the 2023 Champions:

They played against some of the top kura from throughout the Bay. Reaching the final they played Arataki for a 7-2 win. They showed the V.A.L.E way on and off the field. These girls are true champions. Many thanks to all our whānau who came out to support the team.



Photos of the West Cluster Winter Tournament Football teams from last week



Sensory/Remembrance Garden:

There has been a hive of activity in this area over the past week.

Woodchips that were mulched from the garden area have been used.

A concrete path laid with the students artwork embedded and more artwork glued onto the planter boxes. This area is really coming together.

A group of students worked on making the wooden seat which will sit under the pohutukawa tree.

A variety of plants have been planted around the edges of the garden.

These include highly scented and colourful plants.

All that is left to do is another concrete strip to be laid and the seat installed. Thank you to all those who have worked hard on this project.

This is really creating the perfect space to sit, relax, read, enjoy the sun or chat with friends.

(Huge thanks must go to Whaea Heather who has worked tirelessly to make this garden happen, along with her husband Dene they have put in so much extra work behind the scenes... thank you from everyone that will love spending time in this special garden)



PhotoLife

TUESDAY OCTOBER 17, Week 2 of Term 4

Next term on Tuesday 17th of week 2, Photolife will be at school. All students will have class and individual photos taken and you will receive a keycode a couple of weeks after the day so you can view and order them online.

SIBLING PHOTOS: In week one of next term we will send home forms for sibling photos, these will need to be filled out and returned to school before the photo day.

Reminder: All students must be in **CORRECT UNIFORM** on photo day.

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.

Week 10

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau, Week 10 at the VALE and it is our last week for Term 3. We have had a very busy term, sports events, weekly swimming, EOTC trips, and a lot of learning going on. The tamariki have taken every opportunity that has been offered to them. The V.A.L.E way has certainly been followed.

Thank you for your support in the various activities.

Term 4 begins on Monday 9th October.

It would be great if we started Term 4 with 100% in attendance on the first day back.

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

On Monday our kura joined with over 1560 Early Childhood, Primary, Intermediate, and Secondary schools for the launch of the Te Tai Whanake ki Tauranga Moana Te Ao Māori local curriculum.

This development of a curriculum through the collaboration of Tauranga Moana Iwi, 67 kura, all ECE's and Kohanga reo is a huge achievement. The purpose of the meeting at Mercury Bay Park was to share the content and structure of this local curriculum and instruct the gathered teachers / kaiako on how to use it. This project has generated huge interest among our iwi, hapū and whānau who have been partners in the development of this taonga for future generations of students, teachers and the wider Tauranga Moana community.

Noho wānanga:

Last week for the first time in 7 years a noho wananga was held at our kura.

What a fantastic experience for the students in the Kapa-ā-Tuakana (Senior Kapa Haka).

A huge part of training a successful kapa is the ability to gel together. We achieve this by using wānanga as a time to learn about each other and make connections outside of the classroom while learning all about kapa haka. The following day the Kapa-ā-Tuakana spent the day practicing.

Huge thanks to Whaea Tarnz, Whaea Bex, Whaea Toni, and Matua Paora for all their hard work in making this possible and for either staying the night or organising kai.

Vegetable Gardens:

Many thanks to the K.P.M.G volunteers who managed to tame the very overgrown gardens and orchard area. They weeded the gardens and mulched branches into wood chips.

The wood chips have been used in our sensory garden. Over this term RTLB have been supporting two teachers to develop the gardens by creating and sharing a digital gardening resource.

This resource has been shared with teachers, who now feel confident to begin the gardening project in Term 4. If you would like to support the students and kaiako who will be gardening next term then I would love for you to get in contact with me.

**Mobile reading library:**

For the past two years PriceWaterhouse Coopers (PWC) have worked with our Year 5 and 6 students to deliver a virtual literacy programme using the stories of young writers.

We have had students' work published in their Toitōi magazine.

At the beginning of the term kaiako came up with an idea to create different spaces around our kura so that students could have different activities to do in the intervals.

With this idea PWC very generously funded a mobile book trolley which we have turned into a mobile library.

This trolley can be wheeled out during intervals for students to relax and read.



Mauriora!

Whaea Heather