



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

22 November 2023



WEEK 7
WEEK 8

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
20 Nov	21 Nov RF & Skin Nurse	22 Nov WBOP Athletics	23 Nov Tauranga Intermediate Orientation Day for Year 6's	24 Nov RF & Skin Nurse	25 Nov	26 Nov
27 Nov	28 Nov RF & Skin Nurse	29 Nov	30 Nov	1 Dec RF & Skin Nurse	2 Dec	3 Dec

SPORTS NEWS :

ATHLETICS 2023 -

WESTERN BAY OF PLENTY ATHLETICS - Wednesday 22nd November

Congratulations to the following Year 5 & 6 students who represented West Cluster at the WBOP Athletics held at Tauranga Domain today.

Year 6's - Felicia, Etivise, Cyphero, Praise, Calvin and Mathew

Year 5's - Rangimaria and Shareen

They have had a great day and there were some impressive results.

Thank you Matua Paora for your mahi with these students. It has been a very successful season.

Health & Well Being :

There have been a number of students with sore throats who have tested positive for strep throat this term -

A reminder that we have the following school based

Throat-Swabbing - Rheumatic Fever programme and also the **Kiri Ora Skin Health** programme operating in our school.

The Strep A bacteria can lead to Rheumatic Fever and may be found in sore throats and skin infections. If left untreated it can lead to Rheumatic Heart Disease.

Rheumatic Fever and Rheumatic Heart Disease are highly preventable.

The Strep Throat programme will consist of a simple swab being taken of your child's throat.

The Kiri Ora programme will consist of an assessment of sore/s.

This service will be offered to all students at the school.

If you wish to **opt your child out** of this programme, can you please complete an opt-off form at the school office.

- School sores - we have had a few cases of school sores since we returned from the holidays. If your child is infected with sores they must come to school with them covered and please make sure you are getting treatment for them. The above programme can help with this.



PHOTOLIFE :

HAVE YOU RECEIVED YOUR KEYCODE

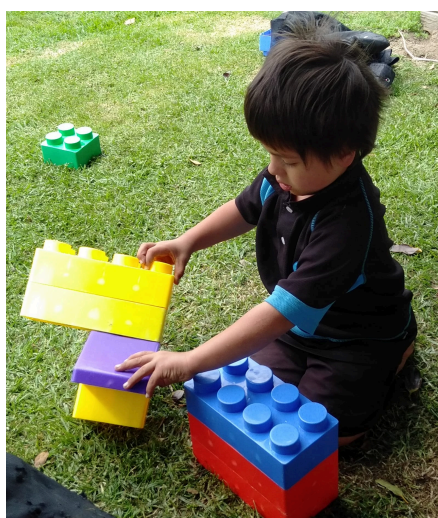
so you can access your child's class photos, individual photos and sibling photos?

These were sent out via email last week and we have also sent home personalised cards. You will be able to see the photos online and the website will give you plenty of options to choose from.

Go to photolife.co.nz and click on Order Online.

REMINDER Photos will be delivered free of charge up to **Sunday 26th November**, after that time there will be a fee to have them delivered to your home.

If you have not received your key code we have a master list at school so either pop into the office or call us on 0800825392



Let's play and learn. For the next 4 weeks Rm1-4 tamariki are outside every afternoon, (except Friday) using all the play equipment we have, to learn new skills and explore. Ask them about it. You can see from the smiles how much fun they're having.

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Western BOP Athletics.

Congratulations to all our athletes who competed today.

Early reports back as writing the newsletter are that we have some great results to share in next week's newsletter. A huge thank you to Matua Paora who took the team and Whaea Toni who helped out with transport.

Testing.

As mentioned, end of year testing is taking place.

Please ensure that your child's attendance is a priority so that teachers can organise correct placement for the further education next year.

Attendance.

It is with great pleasure that I inform our community that attendance has been outstanding this term with a class average of 88%.

This is fantastic news!

Thank you to whanau who have really helped us to achieve this goal.

Onsite Procedures.

While we thoroughly enjoy seeing whanau onsite during school hours, it is important that all visitors report to the office **before** going on school grounds.

The exception of course is during large events such as athletics or hui.

Also please remember that we do not allow dogs onsite at any stage for health and safety reasons.

If you have any queries, please contact the office.

Unwanted Visitors.

This week we have intercepted a number of people using the school as a shortcut, or in one case as a pitstop.

Please help us to inform our community that between 9.20am and 2.50pm our kura is closed for public thoroughfare and that the only access is through the walkway from Kesteven Avenue to Henderson Crescent (contrary to popular belief, the walkway is owned by the school as well and not by Tauranga Council).

If you have any concerns, please contact the office.

Mauriora,
Matua Tom

**YEAR 6 LEAVERS -
TAURANGA INTERMEDIATE 2024**

Tomorrow **Thursday 23rd November** the Year 6 students who will be attending Tauranga Intermediate School next year have been invited to their Orientation Day.

On this day the students will be told which class they will be in for 2024.

Please make sure your child is in full school uniform this day and has some morning tea.

Hopefully everyone has been enrolled and will have a successful visit tomorrow.