



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

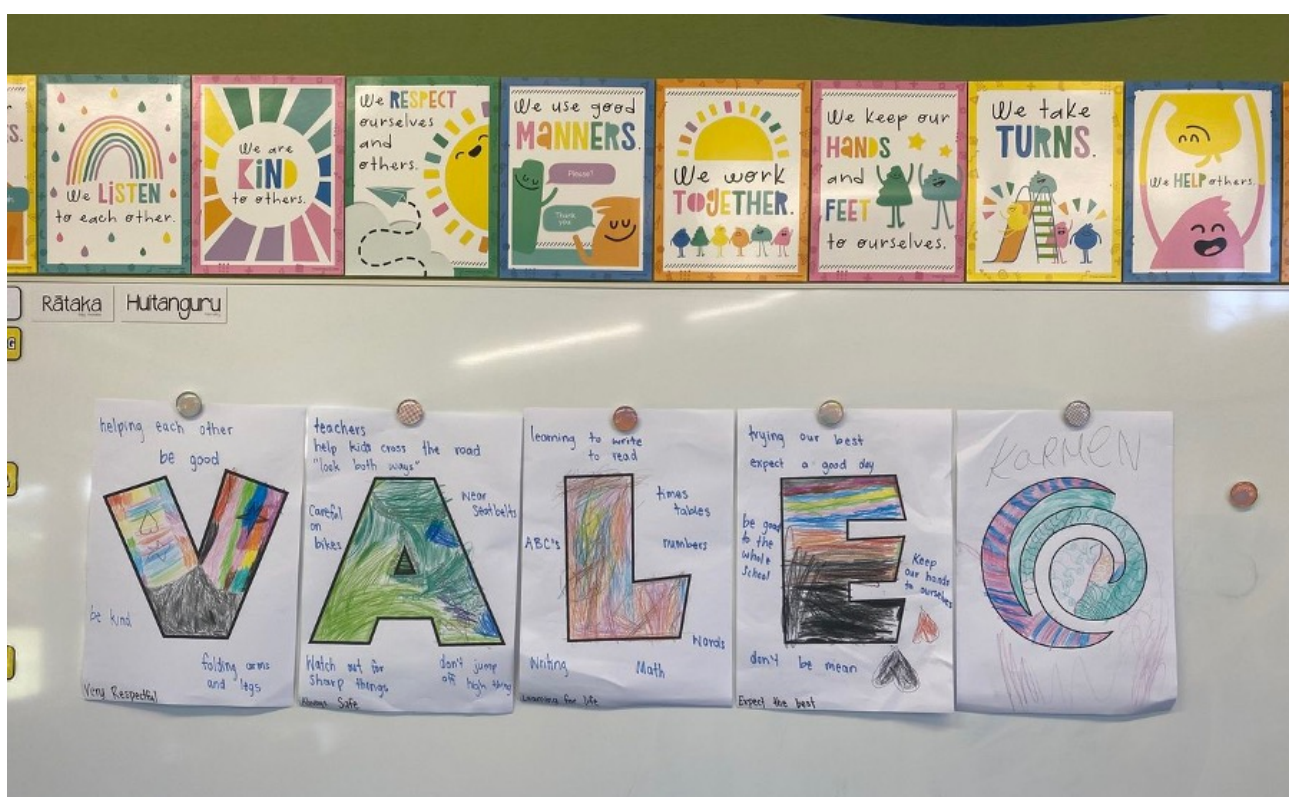
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7 February 2024



WEEK 1
WEEK 2

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
29 Jan	30 Jan OFFICE OPEN FOR UNIFORM & STATIONERY SALES	31 Jan OFFICE OPEN FOR UNIFORM & STATIONERY SALES	1 Feb 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2024	2 Feb SCHOOL DAY	3 Feb	4 Feb
5 Feb Teacher Only Day	6 Feb Waitangi Day	7 Feb SCHOOL DAY	8 Feb SCHOOL DAY	9 Feb SCHOOL DAY	10 Feb	11 Feb



Kia ora Room 4 whānau!

My name is Saffron, and I am the teacher in Room 4 this year. This will be my first year teaching at Merivale School, and I am very excited to get to know the amazing community that surrounds the kura.

I was born in Palmerston North and have lived in Tauranga with my family for nine years.

I studied at Waikato University's local campus in Tauranga City to receive my Bachelor of Teaching. I am passionate about anything related to the arts. In my spare time, I enjoy crocheting, painting, and sewing. I believe creativity can be a great tool within the classroom to engage and motivate students. Throughout my life, I have been involved in competitive sports.

I dedicated most of my high school years to rowing and basketball. I am excited to share my passions with the tamariki and hear all about their own interests.

The classroom Facebook page will provide regular updates on events, activities, and classroom learning throughout the year. On our first two days we enjoyed lots of art, play and getting to know one another.

Feel free to contact me through my school email: saffron@merivale.school.nz

Saffron

FREE LUNCH IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME:

We are so fortunate that the free Lunch in Schools Programme will be continuing in 2024 and we will have hot lunches delivered five days a week to our kura.

The spaghetti bolognese on Thursday was a real hit.

The lunches provided are prepared under dietician guide lines.

They are healthy and nutritious. If there are lunches left over at the end of the day they are placed in the school pataka outside the office. Please help yourself.

Check out this terms menu below and on our face book page.



Cold

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bacon muffin Yoghurt cup Oranges
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern chicken wrap Yoghurt Pineapple
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern chicken long roll Carrot/cucumber sticks Sugar free jelly Fruit salad
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

Hot

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mexican style baked potato & chicken Fruit
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> KFC style popcorn chicken, with mash Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vietnamese chicken mince & vege, on rice Fruit salad
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deconstructed lasagne Fruit
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Philly style beef muffin Yoghurt



Cold

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ham roll Bliss ball Yoghurt cup Pineapple
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern chicken roll Bliss ball Fruit salad
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chicken meatball wrap Cucumber sticks Cherry tomatoes Pineapple
THURSDAY	
FRIDAY	

Hot

MONDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mexican style baked potato & ham Fruit
TUESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summer beef casserole Fruit salad
WEDNESDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chinese style orange chicken on rice Yoghurt
THURSDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beef mince potato top Fruit
FRIDAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kumara pattie burger with bacon and cheese Yoghurt

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance continues to be a focus for us this year along with all other schools in the Western Bay of Plenty.

Every students attendance at school is being tracked.

All tamariki who attend school for the week without missing a day will get their name displayed on Whaea Heather's window.

Their name will then go into a draw for a special lunch provided by Matua Tom.

Follow our face book page with different attendance posts.



Tena Koutou Katoa,

Ka mihi nui ki a koutou ki te kura o Tutarawananga i tenei tau hou. Nau mai, haere mai!

Welcome back everyone! In particular, I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all new whanau and staff who will be joining us on our Tutarawananga journey in 2024.

It was particularly rewarding to pohiri whanau on our first day last Thursday in line with the expectations of our local iwi, Ngati Ranginui.

We also observe tikanga and taha Maori practices by students referring to adults by their first names but respectfully using the prefix of Matua or Whaea e.g Matua Owen or Whaea Jan

Our motto is Matuatia Te Ako - Learning First.

This is significant to Merivale School, not only for our tamariki but our staff, Board and whanau as well. Because at the end of the day, we are ALL learners.

For those new to operations, the newsletter will be issued every Wednesday.

We cover the priorities in our weekly newsletter but at times communication may be sent in a singular notice. Please ensure that you keep updated.

Merivale School Board. The Board for 2024 are:

Kellie Kioa - **Presiding Member**

Bryan Papalii, Maria Anderson, Tiria Maunder - **Parent Representatives**

Darren Kiwi - **Staff Representative**

Jan Honey - **Board Secretary**

Tom Paekau - **Principal**

Merivale School Staff. The staff for 2024 are:

TE AWAROA (Rumaki)

Te Awaiti Kaiako- Losaria Harimate-McGruer

Te Awanui Kaiako - Darren Kiwi

Kaiawhina - Nikayla Williams

AURAKI (Mainstream)

Room 1 Kaiako Bonnie Heberton

Room 2 Kaiako Emma Henshaw

Room 3 Kaiako Melissa Hope

Room 4 Kaiako Saffron Haan/ Elaine Cullen

Room 5 Kaiako Irene Martin

Room 7 Kaiako Paora McGruer

Room 8 Kaiako Owen Hohaia

Teacher Assistants Bex Stephen, Toni Taylor, Jess Richardson, Bryan Papalii

Administration Jan Honey, Karen Thompson

Caretaker Richard Williams

Deputy Principal / SENCO Heather Langley

Deputy Principal/ Curriculum Shirralee Hohaia

Principal Tom Paekau

We also have several external agencies and services that work with our kura who come in throughout each term.

School Houses.

Congratulations to Tohora who were winners of the House Trophy in 2023.

Next week our school House Competition kicks into gear again.

Whaea Bonnie and Whaea Irene are in charge of houses this year.

Uniforms.

These are compulsory for all students and can be purchased at the office. Hats are also compulsory in Term 1 and 4 for shadeless work or play. For an invoice, please ask Whaea Jan or Whaea Karen in the office. If you have any concerns regarding uniforms, please contact me directly.

School Stationery Packs.

All stationery is to be purchased through the office.

The stationery packs, depending on classrooms, are \$20 or \$25. Again, should you require an invoice, please contact Whaea Jan or Whaea Karen. If you have any concerns, please contact me directly.

Have a great week everyone.

Mauriora!

Matua Tom