



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

21 February 2024



FUN FUN FUN PHOTO OF ROOM 4
- YOU GUYS ROCK

WEEK 4

WEEK 5

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
19 Feb	20 Feb Throat & Skin Nurse	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb FUNDRAISER MUFTI DAY <small>Throat & Skin Nurse</small>	24 Feb	25 Feb
26 Feb	27 Feb Throat & Skin Nurse	28 Feb	29 Feb	1 March Throat & Skin Nurse	2 March	3 March National Children's Day



SUNDAY 3 MARCH - 10am to 3pm

Children's Day in our city centre is back on Sunday, 3 March and will be bigger and better than ever before! Organised by Tauranga City Council, in celebration of National Children's Day, this free event will be a hive of activity with performances, face painting, arts and craft activities, superheroes and more.

With six different activity zones spanning across the waterfront, the Cargo Shed, Willow Street and He Puna Manawa, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Practice your circus tricks, sit in a police car or take a sneak peek inside the Civic Precinct construction zone, this is one you won't want to miss!

The event is on Sunday, 3 March from 10am-3pm. Visit mytauranga.co.nz/citycentre for all the details.

NEW SCHOOL GAZEBO :

Last year when our Kapa Haka group was performing at the Ra Whakangahau, Caimi from Ngā Mataapuna Oranga noticed that our kura did not have a school gazebo. This resulted in Caimi applying for funding to purchase one. This morning Caimi and other representatives from Ngā Mataapuna Oranga had morning tea with our student leaders and presented them with a stunning new sign written gazebo. Thank you so much Caimi and Ngā Mataapuna Oranga for this amazing gift. Our students will feel very proud to have this gazebo when they are attending events.



MUFTI DAY Fundraiser:

On Friday 23 February our Ambassadors are holding a fundraiser for Te Mero Elder and his whanau. Te Mero and his siblings have been tamariki at Tūtārāwānanga Kura for many years. Te Mero faces a very long recovery in Starship Hospital after sustaining a very serious spinal injury after diving into a shallow river. On Friday if students choose to wear mufti we are asking that they make a money donation to whatever value you can afford. All money raised will go to Te Mero's whanau to help with the on going expenses they will face.

SUMMER HATS :

We have plenty of hats for purchasing. All hats are \$20 and available from the school office.

A reminder that students must have a hat during Term 1 and Term 4 if they want to play outside in the sun.

Students without hats are restricted to shaded areas.



SCHOOL LUNCHES:

Reminder that free school lunches are provided for all students and there is a new, nutritious and exciting hot menu for them to try.

Kia ora parents, caregivers and whanau,

We have been extremely fortunate with our summer weather and long may it last. A few notices to be aware of this week:

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.

Water Bottles. As a water drinking school we please ask parents and caregivers to provide your child with a named water bottle. We would also like to remind whanau that all other drinks, particularly sweet drinks, are not to be sent to school.

Afterschool Programme. Just a reminder to parents and caregivers who use this service that students who go to the afterschool programme must stay there and not wander around the school or down to the shop. We have had to remind several students that they must stay with Matua Dave and the Community Centre team at that time. Please help us by reinforcing this at home.

Testing. The next few weeks are vital for attendance of our tamariki as we are about to get the start of year testing underway. This is critical for the next step in your child's educational journey in 2024. Please ensure that they attend regularly so as not to miss out.

School Hours. Just a reminder that school begins at 9.20am and finishes at 2.50pm. Please ensure your child is at school throughout this time. Avoiding traffic is not a reasonable excuse for late drop off or early collection. If you have concerns, please contact me directly.

Attendance. We got to 84% last week which was an increase from the week before! Kura - Let's keep on doing this!

Mauriora,
Matua Tom



Congratulations Karmen and Zach,
our certificate recipients this week!
Mahi pai!



ROOM 1:
Learning a very
important message -
**DON'T EAT THE
TEACHER!!**