

## 26 June 2019 Term 2 Week 9

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

There are a number of events taking place over this week and next so it is important that whanau keep updated.

Curate Church. This Friday 28 June, your child will be given a clothing pack kindly donated by Curate Church. The pack consists of Stony Creek warm wear. The church are also holding a free sausage sizzle for students and staff.

Grandparents Day.

This is taking place next Wed 3 July. The day will kick off at 10.45am and conclude at 1.30pm. Grandparents should have received their invitations but if not, please inform your child's teacher.

House Captains. The next two weeks will see our house captains involved with leadership activities with the Principal and other staff. This is an exciting opportunity for house captains to really harness their potential for improved success in their roles.

They will have a lunch date with the Principal as well as a trip to Oropi School on the last day of Term 2.

Reports. These will be given out on the last day of school, Friday 5 July. They will talk directly about literacy and numeracy as well as an overall general comment on your child's progress.

Drinks. A reminder that we have a ban on sweet drinks at Merivale School. Some drinks such as flavoured milk and juices are being brought to school lately. Please help to support the kaupapa of our school by ensuring these remain at home.

Finally, it is with heavy, but proud heart that we announce the departure of Matua Murray from Merivale School in Term 3. Matua Murray has won a Deputy Principal's position at Ngaruawahia Primary School in the Waikato. He has been at Merivale since 2016 and has been a huge part of our senior school during that time. We wish Murray all the very best and thank him for the wonderful mahi he has done here. The process to employ a new teacher for Room 9 is currently underway with some prospective candidates already expressing interest. We will keep whanau updated.

**I te wa e ora ana, ka huri tonu te mātauranga.  
As in life, education is forever changing**

Nga Mihi  
Matua Tom

## SPORTS NEWS:

**Basketball:**

**Friday 28 June 2019**

**Merivale Carvers vs Bellevue  
Court 2 4pm QEYC**

**Tuesday 2 July 2019**

**Merivale Flyers vs SR Pistons  
Memorial Hall 5.30pm**

**Netball:**

**Saturday 29 June 2019**

**Year 3 - 4 Merivale Magic vs Arataki  
Court 13 10.15am**

**Year 5 – 6 Merivale Marvel's vs Papamoa  
Court 9 1.30pm – new time**

**PLEASE NOTE SENIOR NETBALL IS NOW 1.30PM**

**REMINDER : Have you paid your sports fees – please get these up to date as they must be paid for your child to continue in the team - the fees can be paid in instalments to the office.**

## UNIFORM HOODIES & JACKETS

Many of you have ordered hoodies & jackets in the next uniform order that should be arriving in a week or so....

**Reminder that these must be paid in full before they can be collected.**

We will let you know as soon as the order arrives.

There will also be the new school beanie in the order & we will be selling these for \$18.

## Email Addresses –

**do you have an email address?**

**If so could you please let school know, we would like to start a database of parent/caregiver email addresses as this would be a great way to send out notices, newsletters & also another form of contact for you..**

**Email us or send it in with your child .....  
admin@merivale.school.nz**

## SORE THROATS –

There has been a record number of children away with nasty colds & viruses this term. There has also been a number of children testing positive for strep throat. It is important if your children have sore throats that you get them swabbed.

In Term 3 we will have a new Rheumatic fever nurse coming into school every week so please talk to your children about telling her if they have a sore throat, she will take a swab & get medicine to you if the test is positive. There are also a number of pharmacies that are now doing free throat swabbing, testing & giving out medicine, this includes the 3 chemists in Greerton.

## Free meals in Tauranga

### Monday

- **Street Kai: Milo night at 5.30pm**  
Held at main Willow Street bus stop
- **Huria Marae – He Rourou aroha**  
Three Mondays a month from 9am-4pm, Huria marae provides kai (food), a shower and use of the laundry for those in need. Free transportation to Huria marae outside city centre bus stop, Willow Street 11.45am-12.15pm.  
Address: 4 Te Kaponga Street, Judea  
Phone 07 578 7838 or [reception@huriatrust.co.nz](mailto:reception@huriatrust.co.nz) for schedule of dates

### Tuesday

- **St Peters Church Drop in lunch 11.30-12noon**  
130 Spring Street Tauranga
- **Arataki Community Centre: Community meal 6.30pm – 7.30pm.**  
Zambuk Way (off Grenada Street), Mount Maunganui

### Wednesday

- **StreetReach at Elim Church Café at 7pm**  
59 Koromiko Street, Judea
- **Holy Trinity Church Hall**  
Cnr 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and Devonport Rd at lunchtime

### Friday

- **Kai Aroha at 6.00pm**  
Greerton Hall

### Saturday

- **Under the Stars at 6pm**  
Held at 29 Cliff Road

### Sunday

- **Street Kai: Sikh dinner at 6pm**  
Held at main Willow Street bus stop
- **Memorial Park at 8am Breakfast Barbeque**

16 October 2019 Term 4 Week 1

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Welcome back to Term 4! We have a fantastic 9 weeks in store, although it is rather busy so it is important to keep updated. The theme for this term is one of our school values - Expect The Best. The students, staff and BOT are all expecting the best from one another to deliver the best for Merivale School. Team Merivale - We've Got This!

**Staff** We would like to welcome Whaea Jane Pohio who is working in Room 6 this term and Whaea Elaine Cullen taking a junior class in Room 8. We also give a big shout out to Whaea Stevie Reweti who returns in Room 9.

**He Paku Whakangahau** This awesome event, celebrating Maori Performing Arts in our Peninsular schools, takes place this **Friday 18 October**. We will be sending the kapahaka group and Nga Hau E Wha but all other students are to remain at school unless parents/caregivers decide to take them. Merivale is hosting the event and to that end, will be the first group to perform at 9.45am. Parking is limited, so please ensure you give yourself plenty of time to get there if you intend to watch. Food is available to purchase but it would be a good idea to bring own lunches. A notice for the students performing was sent out yesterday. If you did not receive this, please contact Whaea Los in Akomanga 2. Although the day is set to conclude at 2pm, all students will return before lunch.

**Carpark** Due to on-going issues in the afternoon, there will be changes happening to the carpark. There will also be a co-ordinated approach to moving traffic. Please be patient and bear with us while we attempt to resolve this.

**A caption from our school website**  
- [www.merivale.school.nz](http://www.merivale.school.nz)

[Merivale School/ Tutarawananga - First in Learning](#)

The area that Merivale School is located on is also known as Tutarawananga. Historically for local iwi, it was the first area in Tauranga Moana where learning took place. That tradition - to be first in learning - continues today.

Nga Mihi  
Matua Tom

## Steamers semi-final FREE -

Get down to Rotorua International Stadium this Friday for the best seat in the house to watch all the action live as the Steamers take on Manawatu in the 2019 Mitre 10 Cup Championship semi-final! Gates Open at 6.30pm with the game kicking off at 7.35pm and it is **FREE ENTRY** for everyone including parking thanks to our Community Event Partners; Pukeroa Oruwata Group, WASPS Rugby Club, Rotorua Lakes Council, Unison, One Foundation, Rotorua Energy Charitable Trust & Media Works!

## Greerton Junior Cricket Club (Yrs 1 to 6)

Greerton JCC are starting up a junior cricket club this term. They already have 6 teams and want to continue to grow the numbers.

There are 3 divisions that play on a Saturday morning:

**Division 1** is played with a hard ball for year 5 and 6 kids who have played before.

Otherwise they are best playing division 2 gold, with a soft ball.

**Division 2** is generally for year 3 and 4.

Depending on ability, gold for the experienced players, blue for less experienced.

**Division 3** is for year 1 and 2 children.

More experienced ones may be able to play division 2 blue.

If Saturdays are too difficult, there is Super Star Cricket, which involves skills and minor cricket games on Friday nights from 5 to 6pm for year 1 to 3 students who are new to the game.

The muster is for all division 1, 2 and 3 players, and also for Super Star Cricket.

Meet this Friday 18th October, at Pemberton Park 5pm to 6pm.

Any queries, phone Don on 021307081.

## ESOL Talanoa

Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Talofa lava, Kia orana, Fakaalofa atu, Salam-alaikum, Greetings.



Our Pasifika Pride group will be performing at 10.55am on Wednesday 30th October at Sydenham Botanic Park in the Pasifika Festival in the Bay. A letter will be sent home with a permission slip that needs to be signed and returned to the office please.

Study Support commences next week and we will be exploring how and why people celebrate. Continuing with this theme bring the family down to the Tauranga Diwali Festival at the Historic Village on Friday 25th October 4pm - 10pm and experience music, dancing, traditional Hindi food and lighting of diya lamps that students from around Tauranga have been decorating.

This is a free and new event on the cultural calendar.

Nga mihi Whaea Sandra

**SUNHATS – we have new stock of Merivale School sunhats for sale in the office - \$18**