

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 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 4th 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**

20 November 2019 Term 4 Week 6

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Week 6 is known as the middle point of a term and often where some students let themselves down with poor choices. Please whanau, encourage your child to keep to The VALE Way, especially during this time. There will also be feelings of anxiety, particularly from our Year 6s who will be heading on to other kura next year.

Encourage conversations that may help to alleviate some of this pent up frustration. Support these children as their fears, while may seem juvenile to adults, can be very real for our tamariki. If you would like more information on how to initiate these talks, please phone the school and talk to teachers or leadership.

Tauranga Intermediate School Orientation:

Congratulations to our Year 6 students who attended this yesterday. Reports back were that you displayed the Vale Way at all times and were a model school. Thank you to Whaea Stevie, Matua Mitch and Whaea Gemma for their support at the event.

West Cluster Athletics:

These will take place this Friday 22 November at Tauranga Domain for Year 5 and 6 qualifiers. Congratulations to the following athletes who will be representing Merivale School –

Year 5's – Manaia Taylor Faulkner & Timothy Saua

Year 6's – Cyrus Moata'ane, Tino Tusitino, Tiara Takuiria Anderson Te Rongonui Perry & Miriama Mua. These athletes have all received an information sheet and **MUST BE AT SCHOOL BY 8.45am on Friday.**

Matua Jeff, Matua Mitch and Whaea Sandra will attend on the day with our students.

Ko te koha nui rawa atu ko te manawanui me te matauranga
The greatest gift is patience and understanding

Nga Mihi
Matua Tom

SUNHATS – are available from the school office for \$18 each.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO WHAEA JOSIE
TODAY – have a fantastic day whaea
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NGA HAU e WHA - Rooms 1 & 2 - REMINDER

End of Year trip to Memorial Pools on Thursday 5 December 2019 - Please return your consent form & pay the \$2 cost.

SURVEY –

All Nga Hau e Wha students have been given a survey to bring home today. It would be fantastic if you could PLEASE fill this out and return it to school by Friday.



Our new Drop Off Zone and after school pick up system is working well. Thank you everyone for your patience while we trialled the best way to work this. Hopefully you are all finding pick up is running a lot smoother now.

REMINDER -

Room's 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 & 9

End of Year **FUN DAY ACTIVITIES** Thursday 5 December 2019 – These students were all given a notice yesterday about this fun day, please return the slip if you are able to help on the day & the **\$5 cost** must be paid for your child to participate.