

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**

27 November 2019
Term 4 Week 7

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

With two weeks of the year left, it is important that we are all aware of activities and events at Merivale School.

WBOP Cluster Athletics. Congratulations to Tino Tunitino, Miriama Mua and Timothy Saua who represented Merivale School at the Western BOP Clusters today. Thank you to Matua Paora, Matua Jeff and Whaea Sandra for their support.

Truancy and Absenteeism. There has been an increase over this term regarding students who have been frequently absent or truant from school. Studies have outlined the following negative impacts of truancy and absenteeism in general. They are:

- increase in crime and criminal activity
- poor physical health and mental condition
- high risk of addiction and incarceration
- poor problem solving and under development of life skills

Please whanau. Make coming to school a priority for our kids. If we want the best for our kids so that they can be their very best, we must make these small but significant changes.

2020 Teaching Staff. After a stringent recruitment process, we are very excited to be welcoming two new teachers into our mainstream senior school in 2020. Matua Owen Hohaia will be taking Year 4/5 students in Room 8 and Matua DK - Darren Kiwi will be taking Year 5/6 students in Room 9. Both our new staff are very experienced teachers with strong whanau connections to Tauranga Moana. Matua Owen comes to us from Greenpark School and is also the husband of Whaea Shirralee. Matua DK joins us after several years working in the Coastal Strip schools of Te Akau Ki Papamoa School and at Mount Primary. We also welcome back Whaea Naomi who will be teaching in NHEW junior class as Whaea Los will be on study leave next year.

He kotuku reenga tahi - A white heron flies once

Nga Mihi
Matua Tom

**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 ASAP.

SURVEY -

All Nga Hau e Wha students have brought home a survey.

It would be fantastic if you could PLEASE fill this out and return it to school ASAP.

NHEW WHANAU HUI REMINDER -

Tuesday 3 December
Hui 4.30 Shared Kai 5pm
Merivale School staffroom.

**REMINDER -
Room's 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 & 9**

End of Year **FUN DAY ACTIVITIES**
Thursday 5 December 2019 -

These students have all been given a notice 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.

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

END OF YEAR SCHOOL AWARDS & PRIZEGIVING are set as follows -
Wednesday 11 Dec & Thursday 12 Dec
so mark these dates in your calendar.
More information about these events will be sent home closer to the time.



MERIVALE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

Friday 6th December 3-6pm

Merivale Primary School Field - 25 Kesteven Ave, Merivale, Tauranga

Come and join us for a festive, fun filled Christmas celebration!

There will be entertainment and live performances from Merivale Primary School, Merivale's Got Talent and other local artists.

We will have a visit from Santa himself for all our tamariki and a sausage sizzle for everyone to enjoy.

So bring the whānau along with a picnic and help us celebrate Christmas in style.

We will have a food bank collection so bring something to donate if you can.

PRIZES

The Merivale Community Centre Presents

**Merivale's
Talent**

FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER
MERIVALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
OPEN TO AGES 5- 18
ALL TALENTS WELCOME

FREE ENTRY