

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  
Got  
Talent**

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

**FREE ENTRY**