

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**