

## 28 October 2020 Term 4 Week 3

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Week 3 and we are now settling in to our work for Term 4. We have a heap of events this week so please keep updated with all that is happening up at the Vale.

### Community Consultation Hui

This takes place tomorrow, **Thursday 29 Oct** in the **staffroom at 3pm till 4.30pm**. A detailed notice was sent home last week about this.

The hui is in regard to the co-construction of a localised curriculum for Merivale School and this is an opportunity for our community to have their say. We ask that children do not attend the hui as there will be other community members present. However, they are welcome to be in school grounds using the playground or fields until the conclusion of the hui.

### GATE Programme.

Students working in our GATE programme with Whaea Sarah are on a special trip this week to visit councillors at our local Tauranga Council. The visit is an opportunity for students to seek information about signage in Yatton Park about Tutarawananga. They will be travelling by public bus to and from the CBD, which in itself is an excellent learning lesson. Permission slips were sent home for the class last week but if parents/caregivers did not receive one, please contact the office.

**Hats/Summer Uniform.** From today, hats are compulsory outside. Students, without a hat will need to stay in the shade. Permission has been given to students who are training for events such as rippa rugby and sevens to not wear hats however they must still wear sunscreen. We would also like to remind whanau that now the weather is warming up it is a good idea to keep long trousers, jackets and hoodies at home unless absolutely necessary. Any concerns, please contact the office.

**Passion Hour.** This will again resume this Friday with a whole raft of new passions including breakdancing and amazing races. Some favourites also return such as surfing and woodwork.

### *Ko te mahi tahi he mea nui kia angitu ai*

Working together is essential to success

Nga Mihi  
Matua Tom

### Sports news

#### Athletics

Senior athletics will take place next Thursday November 5th at 10am. Whānau are welcome to come and support

#### Rippa Rugby

Starts tomorrow for our 2 teams:

Year 3-4 Merivale Flyers

Year 5-6 Merivale Chiefs

All games are on Thursdays at Greerton Park, Oropi Road between 4.30pm-5.30pm.

All players need to provide their own transport or make their own arrangements.

The venue is 2.2kms from school.

This weeks draw:

Year 3-4 Merivale Flyers vs Taumata,

Field 1b 4.30pm Coach: Matua Paora

Year 5-6 Merivale Chiefs vs Oropi,

Field 2a 5pm Coach: Matua DK

### Kapa Haka Regionals

Kia ora e te whānau,

Just 10 days to go until we are on stage at Te Waka Pererua (Tauranga Primary Schools Regional Kapa Haka Competition.

This event is on **SATURDAY 7 NOV** at QEYC.

Our group Te Kapa o Tūtarawānanga is the first group up on stage at **8.30am**. Cash sales and eftpos available at the door- \$5 per adult (Y9 and up), \$2 per primary school student (Yr 0 to Yr 8), under 5's free.

There will be event stalls on the day.

**MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW AS WE GET CLOSER TO THE DAY**

ESOL Talanoa Talofa lava, Malo lelei, Kia orana, Mauri, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Ram Ram, Salam-alaikum,

Tena koutou katoa.

It's been great to see so many students coming through Breakfast Club between 8 - 9am. Whanau please remind your children to come for breakfast first before playing so they don't run out of time. The after school group have been busy weeding and beautifying some of our school gardens and this week students will start growing their own seedlings to take home at the end of term. In my withdrawal group this week students will be learning about Diwali the Indian festival of lights and painting clay lamps called diya. On Saturday 7th of November at the Historic Village between 4-9pm Diwali will be celebrated. Come along and enjoy traditional Indian dancing, food and the lighting of lamps with a koha entry. Enjoy this glorious Spring weather. Nga mihi Whaea Sandra ESOL Tutor

