

## 22 May 2019 Term 2 Week 4

Kia Ora Parents, Whanau and Caregivers,

Week 4 is upon us and there are lots of events coming up in the next few weeks that we need to be aware of.

Yesterday we began a new system for after school movements of students. The purpose is to provide better safety and reduce risk of accident or injury to your child.

The following steps are now in effect:

- The walking bus will now meet to leave beside the Principal's office inside the school gate. Teachers on duty will then lead them from there to the Community Centre and across the pedestrian crossing on Fraser Street.
- Students who live on Henderson Crescent and beyond will now have roll call outside Room 7 before heading across the field. We apologise that this has not run as smoothly as we have hoped over the past while. Hopefully these changes will correct this. At times in the past, students have missed the group or have decided to walk without a teacher or adult to the back gate. This has caused problems not only for the school but also Whanau Aroha, our ECE as the gate is locked. Please do not encourage your child to climb school gates or fences. Instead, for whatever reason they cannot walk through the gate, send them back to the office and/or around the walkway.
- Those students that ride home with parents/caregivers will now wait at the waharoa entrance to the school, away from the carpark, to be collected by their adult.

This week, our new system is a work in progress. We ask you to be patient as we iron out any problems. If you have concerns, please see me.

Next **Tuesday 28 May** we will be having our school cross country. Students have been busily preparing for this, running almost every day within their classes, and sometimes during their breaks. The event will run from 10am to 12pm with a sausage sizzle for \$2 available at lunchtime. At the conclusion of cross country, students are able to head home with whanau if they wish. An alternative programme will take place in the afternoon for those who remain at school.

The scheduled teacher strike takes place next **Wednesday 29 May**. A detailed notice was sent home yesterday with a reminder in next week's newsletter going out on

Tuesday. Please be aware that school will be closed on that day so you will need to make necessary arrangements for your child.

There are a few bugs and nasties around at present. Please keep children at home if they are unwell. Some students are being sent to school in no condition to be here. Also, at this time of year, headlice is prevalent. It is the responsibility of parents/caregivers to treat hair. We have headlice shampoo at school if you would like it sent home.

### **Ko te ako te mea tino pai e taea e tatou te tuku ki a tatou tamariki**

Education is the best gift we can give our children

Nga Mihi  
Matua Tom

## **SPORTS NEWS:**

### **Basketball:**

**Friday 24 May 2019**

**2 games for seniors at Trustpower Arena**

Game 1 Yr 5-6 Merivale Carvers vs Papamoa  
Court 7 4pm

Game 2 Yr 5-6 Merivale Carvers vs St Marys  
Court 6 5pm

### **Netball:**

**Saturday 25 May 2019**

**Year 3 – 4**

Merivale Magic vs Papamoa  
Court 18 10.15am

**Year 5 – 6**

Merivale Marvels vs Pyes Pa  
Court 15 12.30pm

All players need shoes for basketball and netball.

**REMINDER : SPORTS FEES MUST BE PAID FOR YOUR CHILD TO BE A PART OF THE TEAM...these fees can be paid in instalments to the office.**

### **Merivale School Cross Country**

This will take place next Tuesday 28 May on our school grounds starting at 10am.

Race times : Year 1 – 2 10am

Year 3 - 4 10.15am Year 5 - 6 10.30am

## ESOL Talanoa

Kia ora, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Kia orana, Fakaalofa atu, Salam-alaikum, Greetings.

This term at study support we are basing our activities around Autumn and Winter.

Last week the children enjoyed making a nutritious vegetable and bacon hock soup.

Cooking together is a great way of imparting life skills while having fun!

Just a reminder that breakfast club is open from 8-9am with our wonderful volunteers serving

weetbix, milo, yoghurt, baked beans and fruit. A great start on these colder mornings. Room 5 is open

daily with indoor activities from 8.35am with our visiting librarians reading stories on Monday and Wednesday.

Tauranga Pacific Island Community Trust is bringing the Pacific Power Up programme to Tauranga Boys College on the 1st/8th/15th/22nd/29th of August.

Sessions run from 5.30pm- 7.30pm (meal provided).

This is a Ministry of Education initiative to share knowledge with the Pasifika community about ways to support your children thru the NZ education system from Early Childhood through to Secondary School. As more information is posted I will keep you updated.

Nga mihi

Whaea Sandra

ESOL tutor



## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION 2019**

**Reminder that nominations close  
at 12noon this Friday 24th May  
2019.**