



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

5 February 2025



Welcome

Back to School

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
3 Feb SCHOOL STARTS FOR 2025	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb WAITANGI DAY	7 Feb TEACHER ONLY DAY	8 Feb	8 Feb
10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb Parent / Teacher Interview Day	15 Feb	16 Feb

FREE LUNCH IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME:

We are very fortunate that the free Lunch in Schools Programme will be continuing in 2025 and we will have hot lunches delivered five days a week to our kura.

So far this week we have had Mince & Mashed Potato, Roast Chicken & Rice Salad and Beef Casserole... they have been delicious :)

The lunches provided are prepared under dietician guide lines.

They are healthy and nutritious. If there are lunches left over at the end of the day they are placed in the school pataka outside the office. Please help yourself.

FREE BOOKS:

You will also notice containers of books outside the office, we are having a clean out of our library books, please help yourself to these books at any time.



Attendance & Lateness -

Attendance & lateness will continue to be a focus this term.

Please make sure your child is attending school every day and that they are on time.



Parent-teacher interviews will be held at the following times:

9:00am – 2.50pm Friday 14th February 2024

To book your interviews, either use the QR code above with a smartphone camera to take you directly to the booking page, or go to **www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code** in your browser, and enter the event code **gk4qc**

Then follow these three simple steps:

A green rounded rectangle with a white number '1', a person icon, and the text "Enter your details".	<p>First enter your details. If you need to book for more than one student, change the "Book for x students" setting, and enter the other student's name.</p>
A green rounded rectangle with a white number '2', a dropdown menu showing "Year 1" and "Mr Able", and the text "Choose teachers".	<p>On the next page, pick the teacher you want to meet.</p>
A blue rounded rectangle with a white number '3', a timetable grid showing times 4:30, 4:40, and 4:50, and the text "Choose times".	<p>Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teacher is available. Simply click on the time that suits you.</p>

When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And you can return to the site and enter the event code **gk4qc** again to change or cancel your interviews.

If you don't have internet access, please call the school office - **phone 0800 825 392** and they will be able to make a booking for you.

Your child's teacher and room number are :

**REMINDER – this is a non-school day,
however your child must attend the interview with you.**

Students are all bringing home individual notices today that will tell you what your child's teachers name and room number is :)

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Ka mihi nui ki a koutou ki te kura o Tutarawananga i tenei tau hou. Nau mai, haere mai!

Welcome back everyone! In particular, I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all new whanau and staff who will be joining us on our Tūtarawānanga journey in 2025.

We observe tikanga and taha Maori protocol within our kura with one practice being our students referring to adults by their first names but respectfully using the prefix of Matua or Whaea e.g Matua Darren or Whaea Jan. While we operate within the rohe of Ngati Ranginui we do understand that there are many iwi present in our kura so we accommodate as best we can.

Our motto is Matuatia Te Ako - Learning First. This is significant to Merivale School, not only for our tamariki but our staff, Board and whanau as well. Because at the end of the day, we are ALL learners.

For those new to operations, the newsletter will be issued every Wednesday although we have a school website, Facebook page as well as classroom platforms operating. We cover the priorities in our weekly newsletter but at times communication may be sent in a singular notice. Please ensure that you keep updated.

Merivale School Board. The Board for 2025 are:

Tiria Maunder - **Presiding Member**
Bryan Papalii, Maria Anderson - **Parent Representatives**
Darren Kiwi - **Staff Representative**
Jan Honey - **Board Secretary**
Tom Paekau - **Principal**

The board are in the process of co-opting another member this term to fill a vacancy until Board elections in September.

Merivale School Staff. The staff for 2025 are:

TE AWAROA (Rumaki)

Te Awaiti Kaiako- Losaria Harimate-McGruer

Te Aranui Kaiako - Paora McGruer

Kaiawhina - Waerore Chase, Renata McGruer

AURAKI (Mainstream)

Room 1 Kaiako Bonnie Heberton

Room 2 Kaiako Emma Henshaw

Room 3 Kaiako Melissa Hope

Room 4 Kaiako Saffron Haan/ Dolly Rall

Room 5 Kaiako Irene Martin

Room 7 Kaiako Darren Kiwi

Room 8 Kaiako Owen Hohaia

Teacher Assistants Bex Stephen, Toni Taylor, Bryan Papalii, Linda Samuel, Jess Richardson

Administration Jan Honey, Karen Thompson

Caretaker Richard Williams

Deputy Principal / SENCO Heather Langley

Deputy Principal/ Curriculum Shirralee Hohaia

Principal Tom Paekau

We also have several external agencies and services that work with our kura who come in throughout each term.

Uniforms. These are compulsory for all students and can be purchased at the office. Hats are also compulsory in Term 1 and 4 for shadeless work or play. For an invoice, please ask Whaea Jan or Whaea Karen in the office. If you have any concerns regarding uniforms, please contact me directly.

School Stationery Packs. All stationery is to be purchased through the office. The stationery packs, depending on classrooms, are \$20. Again, should you require an invoice, please contact Whaea Jan or Whaea Karen. If you have any concerns, please contact me directly.

Important Dates:

Waitangi Day (Thursday 6 February - School Closed)

Staff Only Day (Friday 7 February - School Closed)

Parent/Teacher Interviews (Friday 14 February - School Open For Interviews Only)

Mauriora!

Matua Tom