



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI 1 April 2025



Exciting times for some students this week as they got to walk through the new community centre development! What a unique experience for our tamariki to see a building in progress.



WEEK 10 WEEK 9

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
31 March	1 April Throat & Skin Nurse	2 April	3 April	4 April Throat & Skin Nurse	5 April	6 April
7 April	8 April Throat & Skin Nurse	9 April	10 April	11 April	12 April	13 April



MERIVALE SENIORS CINEMA

MRS. HARRIS GOES TO PARIS

Venue: Village Cinema, Historic Village

Date: Wed, April 30th 2025

Time: Arrival time 10:30, Screening Time 11:00am

Nibbles and drinks provided!

*For seniors who live in the Merivale community. Spaces are limited so please ring us at the Merivale Community Centre to reserve your seat. Have a chat with us about your transport or mobility needs.

MERIVALE COMMUNITY CENTRE 07 578 6450



FREE EVENT :

Encourage the seniors in your whanau to attend this fun event. The movie is reported to be funny and entertaining, they will love it.





Pasifika

If our kura is going to be involved in Pasifika in the Bay this year we need help with the tutoring of the group.

Elisa Latu who has tutored the group for a number of years needs help as she has other commitments. If you have the skills and passion to tutor our Pasifika group on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00-2.45 give Heather a call 0210450070 or pop in to see her.

W.O.W (Walk on Wednesday)

Two weeks ago we gathered base line data to see how many tamariki would normally walk, park and stride, or car pool to school.

We entered the data in the W.O.W web site and found out that our tamariki baseline data was;

44% dropped at the school gate by single-household car

41% walked

12% carpooled

3% dropped some distance from school (Park and Stride)

Last week we encouraged tamariki to get out of the cars and walk, park and stride or car pool to get to kura. If they did walk, park and stride or car pool they received a house token.

Our travel tracker informed us that Akomanga 7 had the most students who walked 49% and 11% car pooled. Well done Akomanga 7.

Attendance

Congratulations to Akomanga 4.

Their attendance for Week 8 was 90.40% with Room 8 coming close behind on 90.06%.

At our Monday morning hui we noticed there were many tamariki who had not arrived at school. The winning **House** with the most students at school on Monday

morning was **Ruru** on 86%. Please remember to contact the school if your tamaiti is away.

Farewell

On Tuesday we had a morning tea with all our staff to farewell Matua Owen, Whaea Jess and Whaea Kerri.

Whaea Kerri has worked along side our kaiako for a number of years introducing structured literacy and supporting our tamariki. Our tamariki reading data is already showing good results. We wish her all the best in her retirement.

Whaea Jess has been a teacher assistant for seven years at our kura. During this time she has supported many of our tamariki and kaiako. We wish Jess all the best of luck as she moves onto new adventures.

Matua Owen leaves us to take up a Deputy Principals position at Te Kura Kaupapa Māori o Te Matai.

He will take amazing memories of our kura with him.



Fun
days in
Room 4

Tena Koutou Katoa,

It is Week 9 at kura this week and there are a couple of very important notices to be aware of.

Walking Bus. We have specific rules to keep our students and staff safe during the walking bus in the afternoons. It is really important that we all follow them. We ask that parents/ caregivers either collect students from school or wait down at the shops for the group to travel down. We ask that children are not collected on Kesteven Avenue between school and the pedestrian crossing as it makes it unsafe for staff to focus on the task of getting the group safely to the shops.

Whai Basketball Visit. Tomorrow, members of the Whai Basketball NBL and Taiuhi national leagues will be coming in to take a fun session with members of our school basketball teams. The session will be from 12pm to 1pm.

Merivale Community Centre Visit. Yesterday, a small group of students and staff were invited to visit the new community centre building as it transforms into the facility we are wanting for our community. Some students and I were interviewed about what this building means to our community and this information will be reported back to the council. We would like to thank Matua Dave and Tauranga Council for the opportunity to visit while work is in progress. We can't wait to see it completed!

Matua Owen Pohiri. Next **Friday 11 April**, Matua Owen will be having a pohiri at Te Matai - Te Kura a Iwi o Tapuika, his new school. Many of the staff are wanting to attend as we realise that this is a very special occasion for our kura. To that end we have two options available to us but we are waiting to hear back on certain details before making a decision. It may involve either reduced staff at kura that day or earlier closure of the school at 12pm. A decision will be made by this Friday.

Staff. The Merivale School Board are pleased to announce that Oliver Kyle has been appointed to the Fixed Term Teaching position in Room 8 from Term 2 until the end of 2025.

Mauriora,
Matua Tom

Te Mana o Tūtarawānanga Ngā Uara Whā.

Our this terms uara Hono could be seen when our tamariki worked together to clear one of the gardens. On Fridays when Jess arrives she is like a magnet to our tamariki. They all want to put gardening gloves on and get digging, watering and planting. A real team effort. There is always work to be done in the gardens so if you would like to help out we would love to see you on Friday mornings.

