



# Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

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## PĀNUI

### 7 May 2025

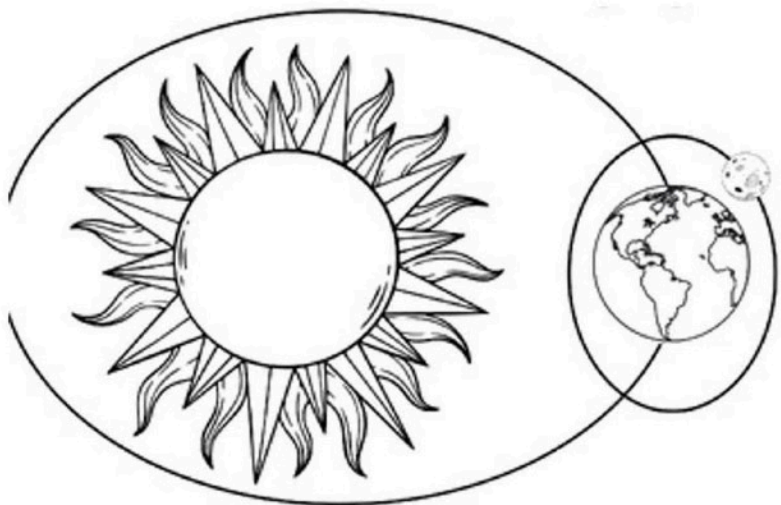
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AKOMANGA 1 have been practising this poem everyday in preparation for Matariki.

The sun is in the sky  
The sun is in the sky  
Hot and bright it gives us light  
The sun is in the sky

The moon is in the sky  
The moon is in the sky  
Round and round the earth it goes  
The moon is in the sky

The earth is where we live  
The earth is where we live  
It slowly moves around the sun  
The earth is where we live



	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<b>WEEK 2</b>	5 May	6 May Throat & Skin Nurse	7 May	8 May	9 May Throat & Skin Nurse	10 May <b>NETBALL STARTS</b>	11 May Mothers Day
<b>WEEK 3</b>	12 May	13 May <b>SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY</b> JUNIOR BASKETBALL Throat & Skin Nurse	14 May	15 May	16 May SENIOR BASKETBALL Throat & Skin Nurse	17 May <b>NETBALL</b>	18 May

## SPORTS NEWS 2025:

*Please always check the Wednesday newsletter for updates on the school sports events.*

### Basketball

**Our 3 basketball teams all start next week.**

**Juniors (Year 3-4) : Tuesday 13 May**

**BOTH OF THESE GAMES ARE AT THE NEW HAUMARU CENTRE  
(This is in the old 'The Warehouse' Building on Cameron Road)**

Merivale Tuis vs PPS 4pm Court 3

Merivale Kea vs TKOM 5pm Court 1

**Seniors (Year 5-6) start on Friday May 16.**

Draw to follow

### Netball

**Starts this Saturday May 10**

**All games are at Tauranga Netball Centre, Maunganui Road**

**There will be 5 grading games - ALL THESE GAMES WILL BE ON COURT 13**

**8am vs Taumata**

**9am vs TAKP**

**10am vs Te Puna**

**11am vs St Mary's**

**12pm vs Omanu**

### Coaches

Year 3-4 Basketball Merivale Tui- Whaea Saffron

Year 3-4 Basketball Merivale Kea- Whaea Moana

Year 5-6 Basketball Tūtarawānanga Lakers- Matua Renata

Year 5-6 Netball Merivale Magic- Whaea Kate

### Cross Country

**This will take place next week on Tuesday May 13 at our kura.**

This is for the whole kura and will start at 9.45am - see schedule below:

9.45am - Years 6's (3 laps)

10am - Year 5's (3 laps)

10.15am - Year 4's (2 laps)

10.30am - Year 3's (2 laps)

10.40am. - Year 0's, 1's and 2's (1 lap)

All whanau are welcome to come and support the runners during this event.

*This term each classroom will be taking a turn to publish something in the weekly newsletter so make sure you are watching out for it. There will be lots of exciting things to read about.*

## CLASS CORNER -

A celebration of this weeks class

### **Akomanga whitu**



Akomanga whitu taura have loved the robotics programme provided by Steam-Ed!  
Below are some of the comments from our taura:

*"We really like working with the robotics and learning how to make them move" -  
Learah and Zephyr*

*"Robotics is so much fun because I love to build things" - Kaylaani*

*"Robotics is way cool because you can build lots of cool things!" - Carmello and Mason*

### **Walk on Wednesday. W.O.W**

The rainy weather certainly put a dampener on the numbers of students walking to school on Wednesday last week.

By participating in W.O.W we could WIN \$500 FOR OUR KURA IN TERM 2!

Thanks to Mercury they have \$500 to give away this term to the kura with the greatest mode shift. We would like to see more tamariki walking or car pooling to kura on Wednesdays.

All tamaiti who walk or carpool receive a house token.

Tamariki in the class with the greatest number receive a bonus house token.

### **Pink Shirt Day 16th May.**

Pink Shirt day is celebrated internationally. It originated in Canada in 2007 and has expanded to be a global anti-bullying campaign.

This day encourages people to wear pink to show support for others and to stand up against bullying in various settings.

It reminds us to celebrate diversity, being inclusive and showing kindness to all. This is an everyday expectation through our Te Mana o Tūtarawānanga Ngā Uara Manaaki.

We are always respectful, kind, helpful and responsible.

On Friday 16th May we will have a pink day where you get to dress up in PINK.

If you participate please bring a gold coin donation. Your Pink Shirt Day donation enables the Mental Health Foundation to deliver tools that support schools, workplaces, and communities to create safe environments where bullying can't thrive.

Kia ora parents, caregivers and whanau,

With more settled weather than last week comes a more determined attitude to the term with lots of events happening.

There are a few notices to be aware of this week.

### **Uniform.**

As mentioned last week, we were waiting for an order of track pants from our new uniform company, Legend. These have now arrived with sizes from 6 years to 14 years available to purchase from the office.

We have limited stock at this stage while we trial these.

The cost of these pants is \$55.

### **Winter Sports.**

Basketball and Netball are our representative winter sports and are played after school or on the weekends. Rugby and soccer are played through local clubs apart from the odd tournament during school time. Please ensure that any fees are paid in a timely manner for school teams.

If you have any concerns please contact me directly.

### **Cross Country.**

This event takes place next week on **Tuesday 13 May**. A detailed description of the timetable can be found in the Sports News of this newsletter.

### **Principal ERO Work.**

Next Monday 12 May and Tuesday 13 May I will be in Auckland working with the Education Review Office. In my stead, Whaea Shirralee will be acting Principal. If you have any concerns please contact her in the office.

Mauriora,  
Matua Tom

**Akomanga 1 are preparing for Matariki, they have started by exploring the Moon, the Sun and our planet Earth and they made Earth cookies.**

