



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

6 August 2025



An exciting outing for these students to attend the BOP/WAIKATO MAGIC Netball training session.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 4	4 Aug	5 Aug SWIMMING Sore Throat & Skin Nurse JUNIOR BASKETBALL	6 Aug	7 Aug	8 Aug EMERGENCY PROCEDURE TRAINING Sore Throat & Skin Nurse SENIOR BASKETBALL	9 Aug NETBALL	10 Aug
WEEK 5	11 Aug	12 Aug SWIMMING Sore Throat & Skin Nurse JUNIOR BASKETBALL	13 Aug	14 Aug	15 Aug Sore Throat & Skin Nurse SENIOR BASKETBALL	16 Aug NETBALL	17 Aug

SPORTS NEWS 2025:

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

Basketball

Seniors (Year 5-6) : This Friday 8 August

Tūtara wānanga Lakers vs Pahoia Panthers, 4pm, Haumaru Centre, court 3

Juniors (Year 3-4) : Tuesday 12 August

(draw is unavailable at this stage)

Netball

All games are at Tauranga Netball Centre, Maunganui Road

Merivale Magic are in Year 6, Pool Grade 5

Saturday 9 August:

Merivale Magic vs GVS Pulsers, 11.25am, court 6

Winter Tournament - Year 5 & 6

This exciting event takes place next week -

Tuesday 12 August - Touch, Netball & Soccer

Friday 15 August - Basketball



Swimming Fun - Week 3

Attendance

Huge thank-you to all the Whanau who have been contacting us to explain why your tamaiti is away. This is very important. If you do not contact us they are recorded as truant. After 5 days of no contact we are meant to make a referral to the attendance service for them to come to you to support you and your tamaiti to come back to school. I would prefer to work with you before this needs to happen. Please contact the school on 0800 825 392 and leave a message.

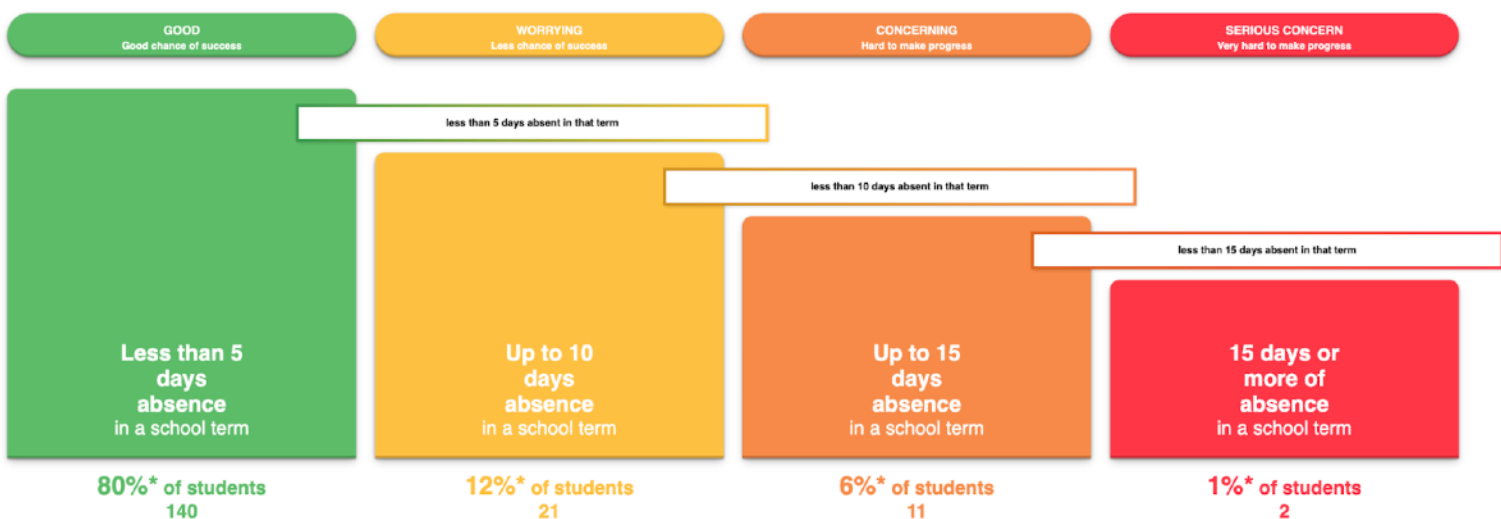
The government have introduced a Stepped Attendance Response (STAR). Every school in New Zealand is being tracked as to what their attendance is looking like. There are four thresholds that our students fall into. **Good**, less than 5 days a term, **Worrying** up to 10 days absent a term, **Concerning** 15 days absent in a school term, and **Serious Concern** 15 or more days absent per term. The table below shows how we are tracking this term.

If we are to reach the target of 80% good attending we need to make sure we are at school. The only reason for absence is if your tamaiti is unwell.

Stepped Attendance Response - STAR

Responding to all absences

The Government's target is for 80% of students to attend regularly, that is to attend school more than 90% of the time.



Food Forest

The development of our food forest has begun. On Monday Kris and Room 2 worked as a team unloading the wood that is going to be placed around the existing fruit trees so edible plants can be planted under the trees. Over time this will become self-sustaining and provide kai for us all.

On Monday a digger is arriving to level the area so each class will have the opportunity to work with Kris to start to form their classes' food nest.

By the end of next week we are hopeful that we will have 10 food nests.

You are more than welcome to come to kura and be involved in this amazing project.



NEW ENROLMENTS :

Do you have a 4 year old at home that will be turning 5 and coming to school this year? PLEASE come and let us know so we can include them in our class lists and give you enrolment forms to complete.

We can also organise for some school visits before they start.

Kia ora parents, caregivers and whanau,

We are almost halfway through the term and it is racing by. There are a couple of notices this week.

Harrison Tew Emergency Procedures. As part of our ongoing compliance and safety process, the school will be reviewed this Friday 8 August by Harrison Tew. They will then formulate emergency procedures for our school. We encourage full attendance on this day as they will be giving on-site training for all students and staff. The review process will take place for most of the day.

Board Elections. 2025 is election year for school Boards. Nominations closed at 12pm today. Results of our Board election will be issued by our Returning Officer over the coming week with the possibility of an election taking place if needed.

Mauriora,
Matua Tom



Rheumatic Fever Prevention campaign:

Strep throat is very prevalent in the community at the moment.

The following message has been sent out for us to share with you. Are your tamariki or rangatahi complaining of sore throats? Get them checked! It could be strep throat. Untreated strep throat can lead to rheumatic fever, a preventable disease that can cause serious illness in children and young people.

Visit your doctor, nurse or hauora provider who can do a swab to check for strep throat.

Free sore throat checks are also available at participating pharmacies in the Bay of Plenty for people aged 3-19 years old who meet the criteria.

To see if you are eligible and for pharmacies where you can get a free test, visit:

www.bopcpng.co.nz/services/sore-throat-swab-service

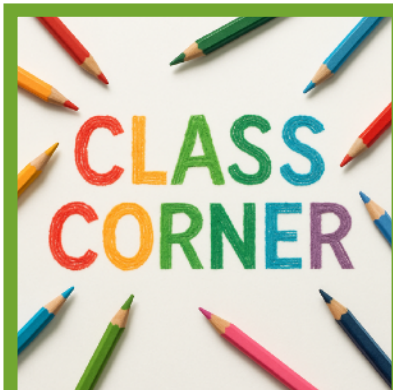
You can also call Healthline on 0800 611 116 for free health advice.

For more on rheumatic fever, visit:

<http://www.tewhatuora.govt.nz/.../disease.../rheumatic-fever>

www.toiteora.govt.nz/public/rheumatic-fever

www.healthify.nz/health-a-z/r/rheumatic-fever-children



Te Awanui has a lot of fun learning with 'The Beat Station' every Thursday morning. We show tuakana / teina with Te Awaiti. This week we are learning chords on the ukelele.

