



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

20 August 2025



Room 4 was given their tree to care for in the food forest last week. The tamariki made a nest around the tree with logs and pea straw. We look forward to seeing our tree grow and produce yummy apples.



	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 6	18 Aug TEACHER ONLY DAY	19 Aug SWIMMING Sore Throat & Skin Nurse	20 Aug	21 Aug	22 Aug Sore Throat & Skin Nurse	23 Aug	24 Aug
WEEK 7	25 Aug	26 Aug SWIMMING Sore Throat & Skin Nurse	27 Aug	28 Aug	29 Aug Sore Throat & Skin Nurse	30 Aug	31 Aug

SPORTS NEWS 2025:

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

Basketball



All basketball has now finished for the season.

Congratulations to our Year 5 and Year 6 teams who won both finals at the West Cluster Basketball tournament last Friday....what a fantastic day for our kura.

Also congratulations to our Tūtarawānanga Lakers who took out the bronze medal match at Mercury Baypark last Friday.

Thanks to all our whānau and supporters who came to all the matches over the season.

To our two coaches Whaea Saffron and Matua Renata, ngā mihi nui ki a kōrua.

Netball

Saturday netball has now finished for the season.

A big mihi to Whaea Kate and Whaea Kim for looking after the team throughout the season.

Winter Tournament - Year 5 & 6

Our kura had a very successful Winter Tournament last week.

Thanks to all our coaches and supporters.



**Our basketball winners from last Friday.
Merivale Flyers and Tūtarawānanga Lakers, 2025 West Cluster Champions.**

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION RESULTS 2025

Merivale School School Board Elections

Parent Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Names:

- Tiria Maunder
- Amiria Roberts
- Bryan Papalii
- Kate Parkinson
- Lani Thomsen

Signed

Karen Thompson

Returning Officer

Merivale School School Board Elections

Staff Election Results Declaration (no voting election required)

At the close of nominations, as there was only one valid nomination received, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Name

- Darren Kiwi

Signed

Karen Thompson

Returning Officer



**TAURANGA
INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL**



Open Evening
Thursday 21st August
6-8:30 pm

Come and experience what TIS has to offer. Get a feel for how TIS supports students in exploring their personal potential. Find out about technology classes, curriculum, sport and more.

Go in the draw to win prizes on the night like uniform vouchers, stationery vouchers and much more.

ATTENTION : PARENTS/CAREGIVERS OF ALL YEAR 6 STUDENTS -

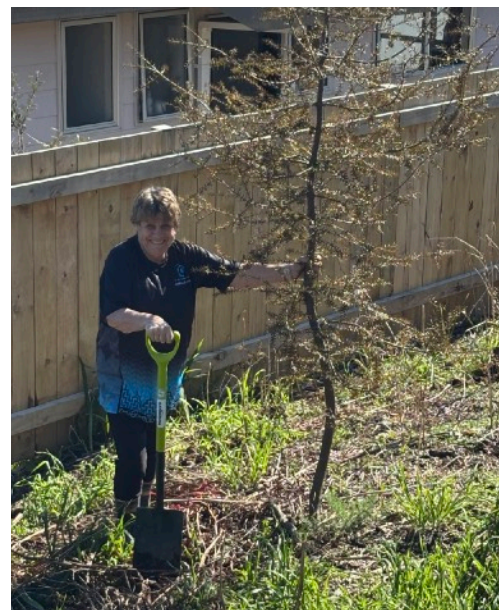
This open evening is tomorrow, pop along to this informative evening and find out more about what Tauranga Intermediate has to offer for your child.

Dental Therapists :

A heads up that the dental waka will be moving onto the kura grounds at the end of next week. They will be here until the end of the year. It is important that you return consent forms for work to be done on your child's teeth promptly. Without these forms the therapist cannot do the work that is needed.



There was a lot of hard work and progress made in the food forest last week by Whaea Heather and her team... watch this space for updates, it will be amazing.



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,

It is Week 6 up at the Vale. There have been a few interruptions this week and we thank whanau for being considerate over the couple of days with our Teacher Only Day on Monday and a paid union meeting held yesterday afternoon.

A couple of notices this week.

Back Gate Procedure Change. Just a reminder that due to a number of incidents regarding student collection from the back gate in the afternoons we have now made the following changes to our back gate procedure.

- Only students who walk home to Henderson Crescent, Alverstoke Road, Mansels Road, Roys Road or Fraser Street will be permitted to use the back gate in the afternoons
- A checklist for these children will be recorded daily by staff who manage the back gate
- Any child being collected by vehicle must be picked up at the main entrance of the school. **No child will be released from school grounds to be collected by car from the back gate**

We remind whanau that these changes have been made to support safety procedures at school. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

New Van. You may have already seen it but we are very pleased to announce that our new Ford Transit passenger van has finally arrived. What started as just a conversation well over a year ago has turned into an excellent outcome for our kura. While it is in operation at present, it will have one final piece of work done to it - school signage.

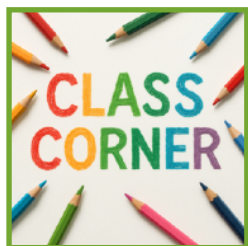
This will take place over the next few weeks.

We would like to thank the following grants committees for their generosity in helping us to achieve our goal - **Pub Charity, NZ Community Trust and Educare Trust.**

We also acknowledge the mahi that has been put in over the duration by Whaea Emma Henshaw and Whaea Bonnie Hebenton.

Both vans will be used for various activities and events but the old van will be primarily used for before and after school pick up and drop off.

Mauri Ora,
Matua Tom



In **Akomanga Rua** we have been keeping a close eye on the growing activity in the orchard. After much anticipation the day came for us to choose our own fruit tree to nurture as a class. We decided on a sturdy peach tree! With Matua Kris's guidance we built a nest around the base of the tree which will support it's symbiotic health. We are already looking forward to our summertime harvest... he kai kei aku ringa

