

17 June 2020 Term 2 Week 10

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau, Whakawhangatanga (looking after each other) has been our focus since returning from lockdown. We have been really impressed by students and whanau who have taken on board the essence of what looking after one another looks like at the Vale. We are also aware that it has been a long term and that some students are showing signs of fatigue. However, it is equally important that we keep showing the VALE Way until the end of term. Sometimes new learning can help us to reset so, to that end, we will be looking at the celebration of Matariki for the last two weeks of school. We believe this will not only reinvigorate students but staff and whanau as well. This will be discussed in more detail later in the newsletter.

Cross Country. We are very fortunate to be able to hold this event **tomorrow, Thursday 18 June**. The day will begin at **10am** with races being in order from **New Entrant to Year 6**. We envision cross country taking around an hour so if you would like to come and support, please ensure you are here with plenty of time to spare to watch your child. Each child who participates will receive a house point but if your child is not taking part, please send a note or contact the office.

NHEW Historic Village Field Trip. Tomorrow, Nga Hau e Wha will be travelling to the Historic Village after lunch to view art works. If you have not received a notice for this, please contact the office. The cost of the trip for those students is \$2 for the bus. Students will return before the end of the school day.

Uniforms. These are still available to purchase from the office. A reminder that this is the last week that children are permitted to wear non-

uniform items at school. If you have any concerns with school uniform, please contact the office or speak to the Principal personally.

Matariki. Next week we will begin our schoolwide Matariki study in the second block till the end of term. Each teacher has an activity which classes will rotate through over the two weeks. On the last day of term we will invite whanau to a special school hui which will showcase our Matariki mahi over that time. Staff are very excited and have been working hard to prepare for what promises to be a fantastic learning module.

Kei te kaha ake tatou noho anake - We are stronger together than alone

Nga Mihi
Matua Tom

PASSION HOUR –

Cooking Class with Matua Paora
Mince Nachos with sour cream 😊



Sports news

Whole School Cross Country

Our school cross country will take place tomorrow Thursday June 18th starting at 10.am. All whanau, friends and caregivers are most welcome to come and support all our runners.

Winter Sports

Winter sports will start in the first week of next term July 22nd.

Our school has registered a junior and senior basketball team, a senior netball team and our school rugby team has started training.

Merivale School needs a volunteer junior coach and senior coach for our basketball teams. Juniors play on a Tuesday night and Seniors on a Friday night. Games are at ASB Arena or QEYC. Please contact Matua Paora if interested

