

13 March 2019 Term 1 Week 7

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers & Whanau,

It is week 7 and there is only four weeks left of Term 1, 2019. There are a heap of activities still coming up so please keep yourselves updated on things that are happening.

As mentioned last week, the biggest concern for Merivale School at present is the lateness and absenteeism of some students. We changed the operational hours for whanau to accommodate for this. Our thinking was that an extra 20 minutes at the beginning of the day would help alleviate pressures to get to school. However, over this term there is a growing pocket of whanau who are causing concern and are taking liberty of our goodwill. I remind you that it is a legal requirement that all children who are of school age, attend school regularly and that any absences must be explained. From today, we will be even more stringent in procedures. This could involve legal action.

Goal Setting Conferences take place next **Monday 18 March and Tuesday 19 March.**

Confirmation forms to be completed were sent out with your child yesterday. Please ensure that these are returned by **Friday 15 March.**

If you have not received these, please contact the office.

NZEI Paid Union Meetings take place next **Wednesday 20 March** (this is a change from 27 March reported in last weeks newsletter) Our teaching staff will be attending the 1.30pm hui at Mount Intermediate School. Staff are legally entitled to attend these hui so as a result, **school will close at 12.30pm on that day.** A notice accompanies this newsletter. Please return it signed to inform the school of your child's arrangements for that day. There will be no after school care available at the school on this day.

As mentioned last week, our ERO visit is taking place on **Monday 8 April.**

A pohiri will be held to welcome our manuhiri and then the process will begin. A reminder that the purpose of an ERO visit is to see how well students are learning and how well the school is accommodating for all students. ERO would like to meet with some parents and caregivers to discuss achievement for students. If you would like to attend this hui, please contact the office otherwise a notice will be sent home.

**Whaia te matauranga hei oranga mo koe.
Seek knowledge for your wellbeing.**

Nga Mihi
Matua Tom

ON THE GO FUNDRAISER

By now I am sure your child has come home and talked about the "On the GO" fund raiser we are having on **Friday 29th March 2019.**

All whanau and friends are invited to come to school and support their child.

We are asking whanau and friends to go onto our Face Book page and find the Merivale School Give a Little post and donate a little bit of money to our very worthy cause.

Please check this page out and see how much money has already been donated.

Our goal is to raise \$2000.00 to go towards badly needed mathematics and learning resources.

Over the day your child will race against others to try and complete as many circuits as they can. They will be running circuits, completing a Commando Course and participating in a Merivale mini triathlon. They will be very active earning the money you have donated.

Each class is working on a fundraising idea they will be making which will be sold during the day. Items to buy include sausage sizzle, popcorn, sherbet, cakes and much more. Please talk to your child about our fund raising fun day. It's going to be a great day. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Children are loving watching the thermometer line increase.



FORMS TO BE RETURNED TO SCHOOL BY FRIDAY PLEASE

- **Parent Teacher Conferences – Mon 18th & Tues 19th March**
Please return the slip requesting a time to see your child's teacher by Friday.

- **Paid Union Meeting for Teachers EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE Wednesday 20 March 2019**
Please return the slip indicating the arrangements you have made for this day by Friday 15 March 2019.

LUNCH AT SCHOOL –

It is really important that every child has a good lunch at school & we want to encourage you to pack a healthy lunch that will get your child through the day, sandwiches, crackers, muesli bars, fruit etc are good examples of lunch food that will keep them active & alert in the afternoons. If you find you have days where you are unable to provide your children with lunch & you would like school to give them lunch on those days then it is important that you contact school & let us know, you can use our 0800 825392 number, send in a note or get the children to come to the office when they arrive at school. We only have a limited stock of lunch rolls supplied to us by Loaves & Fishes so please do not assume your child will be given lunch without contact from you to let us know.

Ngā mihi kia koutou

Kaiāwhina positon has been filled.

Thank you to those that had an interest in the Kaiāwhina position in Ngā Hau e Whā.

We would like to welcome back Whaea Tania Urwin who was working in Ngā Hau e Whā in 2015