

14 October 2020 Term 4 Week 1

Tēnā Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Welcome back to Term 4!

We hope it has been an enjoyable break for everyone. We have had a few changes over the break so it is important everybody is brought up to speed.

Staffing.

We welcome the following staff members in Term 4:

Whaea Melissa Hope who will be teaching in Room 4 with *Whaea Bonnie* each morning and taking a select group of students in the afternoons from Monday to Thursday.

Whaea Sarah Talbut who will now be working Fridays as well but with a group of Year 3 to Year 6 gifted and talented students (GATE Programme).

Matua Cassius Misa who joins us from BOP Rugby to assist with select students and sports programmes.

Whaea Raewyn Robinson a student teacher, also comes to the Vale and will be working with *Matua Owen* in Room 8 till Week 6.

Whaea Jordy Bulder also extends to two days in her role as our social worker in school.

School Lunches. We have had a very successful last two days with this programme. Remember, students are now provided lunch at school and we want to promote and encourage healthy options. Please support us by choosing healthy snacks for your child's morning tea or extra food. Staff are making the most of healthy alternatives as well.

Principal Absence. I will be away tomorrow, Thursday 15 October and Friday 16 October working with the Maori Principal Executive group – *Te Akatea*. *Whaea Heather* will be Acting Principal on these days. For any urgent matters, please contact her through the school office.

Localised Curriculum Community Consultation.

A special meeting will take place at school on Thursday 29 October from 3pm to 5pm. If you would like your say on the next steps in learning for your child at *Merivale School* – *Te Kura O Tutarawananga*, you are encouraged to attend. A detailed notice will be sent out next week so keep an eye out.

He kai kei aku ringa - *There is food at the end of my hands*

Nga Mihi
Matua Tom

DENTAL FORMS –

The dental nurses are only here for a couple more weeks so please ensure you return your child's signed consent forms ASAP as the treatment cannot happen without them.



STUDY SUPPORT-

Due to our return to Level 1, Study Support will resume in Week 2, Tuesday to Thursday, for years 3-6. A letter will come home shortly with a consent form for the children involved.

Rippa Rugby will commence in Week 3 for the Year 5-6s. A notice will be sent home shortly.

Photolife – 24 NOVEMBER

Reminder: Class photos will be taken on **Tuesday 24 November in Week 7.**

If you are wanting individual or sibling photos, these need to be prepaid **BEFORE** the morning of the photos. So please ensure you have ordered and paid for these by the end of **Week 6.**

PLEASE ensure your children are not late for school on the day, or they may miss their class photo. ALL children must be in correct *Merivale School* uniform.

Ngā mihi.