

18 November 2020 Term 4 Week 6

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Wow! Merivale School is going off at the moment. Some fantastic results in our sporting events and some excellent learning taking place within classes. So much is happening that it really is important to keep up with it all.

WBOP Cluster Athletics. Our team of 21 students did remarkably well yesterday and were a credit to our school. Matua Owen and I were privileged to get down and see some of the action during the first part of the day and were very impressed not only with our sporting prowess but also the way that the students conducted themselves at events and during transitions. Just a huge thank you to Matua Paora who has been fantastic at organising our events this year. Yesterday he was ably supported by Matua Cassius as well. Congratulations to our team and staff who represented us admirably.

GATE Class. Whaea Sarah and I recently took our GATE class (Gifted and Talented Education) to Yatton Park where we studied Tutarawananga and the surrounding Merivale area. The trip was fantastic and I was thoroughly impressed, not only with student engagement but also with the level of questioning, reasoning and understanding that took place. To me, it really highlighted the need for this class to be operating this year and every year. Thank you for allowing me to attend your outing GATE class and Whaea Sarah.

Events/Trips. Over the next few weeks we are having several events and trips that may require parental assistance. If you are able to support us, please let your child's teacher know through requests that are sent home. A reminder that the school does not send home permission slips as these were agreed to on your child's enrolment. However, if you wish for your child to be excluded from any EOTC please contact the office or child's teacher.

Waiho i te toipoto, kaua i te toiroa

Let us keep close together, not wide apart

Nga Mihi
Matua Tom

PHOTOLIFE 2020 – Tuesday 24 Nov

Class photos can be ordered at any time however if you are wanting packs with individual photos these must be ordered & paid for before the photographer comes. Also, if you want to order sibling photos you will need to collect a separate order envelope from the school office. The sibling packs are \$20 or \$30 & must also be paid before the photographer comes. Its fine to bring non-student siblings in for these as well. Room 1 & Room 5 class photos were taken today due to the Year 6's attending the Orientation Day at Tauranga Intermediate on Tuesday 24 Nov.

Tauranga Intermediate School Orientation Day for Year 6's

On Tuesday 24 November all our Year 6 students will be walking up to Tauranga Intermediate for Orientation Day from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

All students must be at school by 9am.

This is a chance for the students to look around the Intermediate and find out their classrooms for 2021. Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

Please make sure your child is in correct uniform & has a hat.

PLEASE NOTE – the Parent evening has been cancelled at the Intermediate that night, instead parents attending the Orientation Day can meet with senior staff in the staffroom while the students are in their classes.

Sports news

WEST CLUSTER ATHLETICS

Well done to our athletes yesterday at Tauranga Domain. It was extremely hot for everyone. The group all performed very well with some awesome results.

RIPPA RUGBY

This weeks draw – Thursday 19 November
Year 3-4 Merivale Flyers vs Pyes Pa
Field 7 4pm
Year 5-6 Merivale Chiefs vs Greenpark
Field 7 4.30pm

WESTERN BOP ATHLETICS

WBOP Athletics will take place next Wednesday 25 Nov at 9.30am at Tauranga Domain. This is for Year 5 to 6 qualifiers from the West Cluster day.

ESOL Talanoa

Talofa lava, Malo lelei, Kia orana, Mauri, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Ram Ram, Salam-alaikum, Tena koutou katoa. Last Friday Whaea Heather and I attended the blessing of the Tai o Fenua Kindergarten at Gate Pa which is now fully operational and offering early learning that values, nurtures and celebrates Pasifika languages, culture and identity. The Kindergarten was established in partnership between Inspired Kindergartens and the Pacific Island Trust. It has a distinctly Pasifika feel set amongst beautiful native bush and gardens. Head teacher Roxy Burt and her registered teaching team are on site from Mon - Fri 8.30am - 2.30pm and enrolling children from six months to school age. They would love to meet your aiga. Phone to arrange a visit (07) 578-2918.

Last week at Study Support students were busy painting their clay Diya which is a traditional oil lamp used during Diwali the festival of lights. Enjoy this warmer weather. Nga mihi Whaea Sandra



HEADLICE are an on-going problem, can we please ask everyone to be checking & treating their child's hair regularly, it is frustrating for those attempting to keep on top of it when their child is re-infected.

