

9 February 2022 Term 1 Week 2

Tena Koutou Katoa,

Ka mihi nui ki a koutou ki te kura o
Tutarawananga i tenei tau. Nau mai, haere mai!

Welcome back everyone! In particular, I wish to extend a very warm welcome to all new whanau who will be joining us on our Tutarawananga journey in 2022.

Our motto is Matuatia Te Ako - Learning First. This is significant to Merivale School, not only for our tamariki but our staff, BOT and whanau as well. Because at the end of the day, we are ALL learners.

For those new to operations, the newsletter will be issued every Wednesday. We try to cover the priorities but sometimes these may be sent in a singular notice - although not too often.

There are a few notices today. Please ensure that you keep updated.

Red Light Rules. These are in place to protect us and have been directed by the Ministry of Education. As a government organisation, Merivale School must follow the rules so please do not be offended if asked to abide them. They are as follows:

- Please keep children at home if they are unwell. Should they arrive at school we will be contacting caregivers to collect them.
- Safe hygiene practices must be followed when at school - washing hands regularly, using sanitiser, coughing etiquette and distancing when possible.
- **No one is permitted on to school grounds** with the exception of students and staff OR at the discretion of the Principal.
- **All visitors**, including parents, caregivers and whanau, must check in on arrival.
- Face masks are to be worn by **all visitors**.
- Students and staff **may** choose to wear masks when outdoors.

- When dropping off or collecting children, parents/caregivers must wait in vehicles or if on foot, waiting at the front entry of the school ***maintaining a safe distance from others AND wearing masks.***
- If you have any concerns in regard to a child's return, we encourage contact with the office

Uniforms. These are compulsory for all students and can be purchased at the office. For an invoice, please ask Whaea Jan in the office. If you have any concerns regarding uniforms, please contact me directly.

School Stationery Packs. All stationery is to be purchased through the office. The stationery packs, depending on classrooms, are between \$20 and \$25 which are significantly cheaper than other options. Again, should you require an invoice, please contact Whaea Jan. If you have any concerns, please contact me directly.

SENCO Support. Whaea Heather is currently on medical leave, recovering from knee surgery. For any concerns please contact the office.

Outside Learning. On fine days, classes have been conducting learning in groups or as a whole class, in shaded areas outside. It has been very successful and we will continue to do this in Term 1 where available.

School Hui. Because of Red Light Rules, we are holding school hui in three groups. They are Nga Hau E Wha (Rumaki Classes), Junior School and Senior School. Unfortunately we cannot celebrate our successes as a full school but at least we can still celebrate in some form. Each group will hold hui, at separate times, under the shade sail on fine days. On wet days, hui will take place in the Action Centre but social distancing between classes will be adhered to. If you have any concerns, please contact me.

Have a great week everyone.

Mauriora! Matua Tom

Breakfast Club is up and running every morning from 8am - 9am in the staffroom over at the Action Centre.

This is provided free of charge and all students are welcome to attend as often as they would like.

Come and see Whaea Sandra and her wonderful volunteers for a nutritious breakfast. A great way to start the day.

UNIFORM PRICE LIST 2022

Polo shirt	\$30
Skort	\$35
Shorts	\$35
Bucket Hat	\$20
Hooded Sweatshirt	\$65
Winter Jacket	\$65
Beanie	\$20

PARENT/ CAREGIVER PHONE NUMBERS –

as time goes by many of you change your phone numbers, please make sure you give the office any updated phone numbers & addresses so we are able to contact you.

WATER BOTTLES

While we are in RED LIGHT RULES the water fountains are out of use, please make sure your child has a drink bottle at school, these can be refilled from the tap.