

## 18 May 2022 Term 2 Week 3

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers & Whanau,

It is all go this week up at the Vale.  
Passion hour has been very much missed so it is great to see us back in action with it again.

**Attendance.** Just a reminder that this term we are encouraging all whanau to get children to school after a long period of unsettled attendance. If there are any concerns, issues or obstacles, we want to know so we can support whanau getting back to school.

**Uniforms.** We no longer stock tracksuit pants however unmarked black tights can be worn beneath school skirts or shorts. If you have any concerns with the school uniform please feel free to contact me.

**Monitoring & Isolation.** As usual, we are again keeping to Ministry guidelines regarding our Covid approach. If your child or a household member tests positive for Covid 19, all household members must isolate for **7 days**. We have also sent out on our website and Facebook page a guide for parents and caregivers of what to do should your child become a positive case or be exposed to a positive household member. Please read through these carefully as they will give advice on whether your child should attend school or not. These can be activated through the following:

**Merivale School website -**  
<https://www.merivale.school.nz/>

**Merivale School Facebook page -**  
<https://www.facebook.com/merivaleschool/>

**Orange Light Rules.** As a government organisation, Merivale School must follow MOE rules so please do not be offended if asked to abide by them. They are as follows:

- Please keep children at home if they are unwell. Should they arrive at school unwell we will be contacting caregivers to collect them.
- Safe hygiene practices must be followed when at school - washing hands regularly, using sanitiser on entry to the school and classes, coughing etiquette and distancing when possible.

- **All visitors**, including parents, caregivers and whanau, must check in on arrival. We are now allowing limited access to school by some of our external agencies.
- Face masks are to be worn by **all visitors on school grounds**.
- Students and staff **may** choose to wear masks when outdoors.
- When dropping off or collecting children, parents and caregivers must wait in vehicles or if on foot, waiting at the front entry of the school **maintaining a safe distance**. Masks do not need to be worn at these times, only when entering the office.
- If you have any concerns in regard to a child's return, we encourage contact with the office.

Have a great week everyone.

Mauriora,  
Matua Tom

## REMINDER: TEACHER ONLY DAYS –

Monday 23 May :  
Localised Curriculum

Tuesday 7 June :  
Staff Training

*School will be closed for instruction on these days so please make arrangements for your children.*  
We apologise for any inconvenience.

## Sports News:

### Basketball:

#### Friday 20 May

Seniors vs Otepou  
Memorial Hall 4pm

#### Tuesday 24 May

Juniors vs ?

Draw not available yet

### Netball:

Netball starts on Saturday 11 June.

### Permission Slips & Fees:

*Please make sure your child's permission slip is returned ASAP so they are able to play and a **reminder that the fees need to be paid**. It is fine to pay these off in instalments.*

### Cross Country:

**This will be held on Thursday 26 May - Unfortunately during the Orange Light setting we are **UNABLE** to have spectators at school**

### Rippa Rugby:

Qualifying tournament to be held at Greerton Marist for Year 5 – 6 students  
Friday 27 May 9.30am – 2.30pm

### PRE SCHOOLERS:

**Do you have any pre schoolers at home that will be attending Merivale School this year?**

**If so we would love to hear from you so we can plan towards them starting school and organise pre-school visits before they turn 5.**

**Please contact the school office and give us their details.**