



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

16 August 2023



Room 5 had the opportunity to celebrate Matariki with STEM -ED tutors. They had to programme their 'BOT' and get it to successfully move around the Matariki cluster. The enthusiasm and genuine interest that these students had, has led to them having a sponsored robotics afternoon where they are challenged to code and move their 'BOT' around different objects. An amazing learning opportunity.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 5	14 August	15 August SWIMMING RF & Skin Nurse	16 August RUGBY 7's	17 August	18 August RF & Skin Nurse	19 August	20 August
	21 August	22 August SWIMMING RF & Skin Nurse	23 August	24 August INTER SCHOOL SPORTS	25 August RF & Skin Nurse	26 August	27 August
WEEK 6							

SPORTS NEWS

All whanau are welcome to come and support the teams in their games.

BASKETBALL:

Draw for this **Friday 18th August**

Merivale Carvers vs GSS Dunkers

Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre, Court 1, 6:15pm

NETBALL:

Senior Netball :

Draw for this **Saturday 19th August**

Merivale Magic vs St Mary's Magic

Court 8, 3.25pm

Junior Netball:

Draw for this **Saturday 19th August**

Merivale Stars vs Arataki Pulse

Court 16, 11.30am

** This is the last game for juniors.*

SWIMMING - Every Tuesday during Term 3

Swimming is going so well, the students are loving it and learning so much.

REMINDER swimming is every Tuesday so students must remember their togs.

INTER SCHOOL SPORT

We have our first inter-school fixture at Greenpark School next Thursday August 24th with a 12.30pm start. Our senior netball and rugby teams will be involved.

We encourage whanau to attend and support the teams.



Merivale Seniors

Nau mai haere mai

You are invited to a Morning Tea
at Merivale Community Centre

Guests will include:

Age Concern

Sport Bay of Plenty Keep On Your Feet

Walky Talky Walking Group



Date: Tuesday, Aug 29

Time: 10:30am

Place: 10 Kesteven Ave



To register your interest RSVP for catering purposes by Aug 25th 07 578-6450

***Please let us know if you have special mobility needs or require transport**

A lovely invitation for all our senior whanau... Please let anyone you think might be interested know about this morning tea at the Merivale Community Centre.

More fun at swimming!



Our Learning over the week.

Our students are continuing to look at the different whetu in our Tutarawānanga learner profile.

Our focus has been Manaakitanga and Kaitiaki Te Ao.

Our students have been showing us through their actions what our Manaakitanga Whetu looks like in our kura.

It has been a pleasure to watch our students looking after others in our community.

Relieving teachers have been treated with respect and welcomed.

Even though their teacher is not in the classroom the learning continues.

Visitors are welcomed with kia ora and a smile.

The ambassadors give of their time willingly during intervals to support our younger students in the playground.

These are just a few examples we are regularly seeing at our kura.

The whetu Kaitiaki Te Ao will become a focus over the term.

An area that we would like to improve is our students being responsible for making sure that all our deck areas are clear of rubbish, clothing not left behind and food scraps put in the bin.

Whaea Bex is going to be checking the decks out as she locks the school up each afternoon.

At the end of each week the deck area that has been the tidiest will be announced at our hui and the Nga Kaitiaki trophy awarded to the winning classes.

Healthy Active Learning.

Last term in conjunction with Tauranga City Council and the healthy active learning team some of our students were surveyed to find out what areas around our kura could be used to encourage the concept of stop and play safely. Our students identified the alleyway space by the school that runs to the Aroha Centre.

Already there is a concrete path that our students use. Sport Bay of plenty have a number of "play stencils" that they are prepared to loan to us so we can paint play designs on the concrete path. This will be happening on the 6-8th of September.

We would really appreciate your help to paint these play stations.

Please contact me if you can give your time.

Sensory Garden update.

The idea for developing this area was after Tehemanawa Walker who was a very much loved student at our kura sadly passed away. Students in Te Awanui wanted an area where students could sit quietly and be reflective.

An area that had bright flowers, an area that had plants with strong scents that could be smelt, an area that has edible plants and fruits.

The ideas for the sensory garden area are still evolving and classes are discussing the next steps.

Stu and some students will be boxing the area around the seats and planters to define the seating area. Senior classes will be writing letters to businesses to see if they can get support for the project from them. Do you have any plants or shrubs that were a favourite to someone special to you and your whānau. This is a chance to donate that special plant so your child is able to tell a story about that special plant when it is planted in the sensory garden.

We are also after plants that are colourful and heavily scented. Can you help us with this.

If so please come and chat to me.

House Tokens.

House Tokens for Term 3!!

The white tokens are worth 3 points and are given to children when they are doing the right thing and showing the VALE way.

The blue tokens are worth 5 points and handed out on Fridays when a student has been to school for the whole week.

Our Golden tokens are handed out during hui-a-kura, and are given to a child who is showing exceptional behaviour and the VALE way. These tokens are worth 10 points and help contribute to their house total points.

At hui-a-kura, Whaea Melissa and Whaea Eva will draw one token from each house and these four students will receive a prize from Whaea Heather.

The more tokens your child gets, the more points they score for their house AND, more of a chance they have at winning a prize!!