

**1 May 2019**  
**Term 2 Week 1**

Tena Koutou Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Welcome back to Term 2! We have hit the ground running with a whole heap of events coming up within the next few weeks that we really need to keep updated with.

This Friday 3 May, we have a special trip for our middle and senior school students (Year 3 to 6) to Baycourt to watch 'The Road That Wasn't There'. A detailed notice was sent home yesterday. If you did not receive one, they are available from the office.

Next Wednesday 8 May, a Paid Union Meeting for our teaching staff will be taking place at Otumoetai Intermediate at 9.30am. This means that Merivale School will not be opening until 11am on that day. Please make the necessary arrangements for your child. School will end at the normal time.

On Friday 10 May we are having a special visit by some of our local MPs as well as Speaker of the house, Trevor Mallard. This nicely ties in with the unveiling of Nga Kaitiaki, our artist designed posts depicting historic cultural influences at Merivale. More info be given out in the next newsletter.

Cross Country and winter sports start in Term 2. Please ensure you keep updated with all information for your child's sport.

Reminder – in light of recent events around NZ schools are all on high safety alert.

Please remember no-one is to wander through the school grounds, if you are visiting school for any reason then you must come into the office & sign in.

Looking forward to a fantastic term whanau.

***He waka eke noa!*** All together in the same direction

Mauriora!

Matua Tom

**UNIFORM UPDATE –**

Reminder that the polo's, shorts & skorts orders have arrived so these items are all available from the school office.

The delivery of hoodies & jackets is due next week so we will let you know as soon as they arrive.

The weather is getting colder so I'm sure everyone is looking forward to getting them. It is important that you make sure the hoodies & jackets are named as it will be very difficult to return them to your child if they are not.

## **SPORTS NEWS:**

**PLEASE !** Can all interested netball and basketball players who received a permission slip have them returned this week. Students can't play without permission.

### **ALL GAMES START NEXT WEEK**

All netball is played on Saturday mornings at Harbourside.

Year 3-4 basketball is played on Tuesday nights at Trustpower/Baypark Arena.

Year 5-6 basketball is played on Friday nights at Trustpower/Baypark Arena.

### **IMPORTANT NETBALL NOTICE**

Our junior netball team may not take the court this season due to lack of numbers. Year 3 / 4 boys or girls are eligible to play, this Friday May 3rd is the cut off date. At least two more players are needed so please let us know if your child is interested. Let's get all our teams playing!



Matua Mitch playing rugby for Te Puna