



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

28 February 2024



ROOM 4 - have been having fun creating some very cool art

WEEK 5

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
26 Feb	27 Feb Throat & Skin Nurse	28 Feb	29 Feb	1 March Throat & Skin Nurse	2 March	3 March National Children's Day
4 March	5 March Throat & Skin Nurse	6 March	7 March	8 March Throat & Skin Nurse	9 March	10 March



KIDS GONE FISHING COMPETITION!

- Free bait provided.
- Free BBQ.
- Spot Prizes.
- Lots of fun!



2024

17th of March
Mount Maunganui Bridge Marina

Free to join: Bring family and friends along



MUFTI DAY Fundraiser:

On Friday 23 February our Ambassadors held a mufti day fundraiser for Te Mero Elder and his whanau. Te Mero and his siblings have been tamariki at Tūtarawanānga Kura for many years. Te Mero is facing a very long recovery in Starship Hospital after sustaining a serious spinal injury after diving into a shallow river. We would like to thank everybody that contributed to this fundraiser, it was such a successful day and your generosity was amazing. All money raised will go to Te Mero's whanau to help with the ongoing expenses they will face.

An update from Whaea Heather -

Thank you all for supporting the fundraiser to support Te Mero's whanau while he is in Starship hospital. Your generosity towards this cause was truly amazing and the family are very grateful.

The teachers entered into the spirit of the day by dressing in school uniform.

Te Mero's whanau report that he is doing really well. He has full movement of his legs and gaining control over his arm movements. Yesterday he sat up for the first time.

Tomorrow he is being moved to a Rehabilitation Centre to begin his recovery.

It is wonderful to hear that he is making progress.



SUNDAY 3 MARCH - 10am to 3pm

Children's Day in our city centre is back on Sunday, 3 March and will be bigger and better than ever before! Organised by Tauranga City Council, in celebration of National Children's Day, this free event will be a hive of activity with performances, face painting, arts and craft activities, superheroes and more.

With six different activity zones spanning across the waterfront, the Cargo Shed, Willow Street and

He Puna Manawa, there will be something for everyone to enjoy. Practice your circus tricks, sit in a police car or take a sneak peek inside the Civic Precinct construction zone, this is one you won't want to miss!

The event is on Sunday, 3 March from 10am-3pm. Visit mytauranga.co.nz/citycentre for all the details.



Kia ora parents, caregivers and whanau,

Thank you to whanau for getting students to school. Our attendance has been fantastic the last few weeks. Let's keep this up. A few notices to be aware of this week:

Water Bottles.

As a water drinking school we please ask parents and caregivers to provide your child with a named water bottle. We would also like to remind whanau that all other drinks, particularly sweet drinks, are not to be sent to school.

Afterschool Programme.

Just a reminder to parents and caregivers who use this service that students who go to the after school programme must stay there and not wander around the school or down to the shop. We have had to remind several students that they must stay with Matua Dave and the Community Centre team at that time. Please help us by reinforcing this at home.

School Hours.

This was mentioned last week but there were some that didn't receive the message. School begins at 9.20am and finishes at 2.50pm. We have also had a number of whanau going to classrooms and taking children of their own accord. This is not acceptable. Please go through the correct process and check your child out at the office. The school also must have legitimate reasons for early collection. As mentioned last week, avoiding traffic is not a reasonable excuse for either late drop off or early collection. If you have concerns, please contact me directly.

Attendance.

We got to 88% last week which was an increase from the week before!
Kura - Let's keep on doing this!



**Protect our tamariki
and rangatahi**
Get sore throats checked



Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand

Rheumatic Fever Prevention campaign:

Strep throat is very prevalent in the community at the moment. The following message has been sent out for us to share with you.

Are your tamariki or rangatahi complaining of sore throats? Get them checked! It could be strep throat. Untreated strep throat can lead to rheumatic fever, a preventable disease that can cause serious illness in children and young people.

Visit your doctor, nurse or hauora provider who can do a swab to check for strep throat.

Free sore throat checks are also available at participating pharmacies in the Bay of Plenty for people aged 3-19 years old whomeet the criteria.

To see if you are eligible and for pharmacies where you can get a free test, visit:

www.bopcp.govt.nz/services/sore-throat-swab-service

You can also call Healthline on 0800 611 116 for free health advice. For more on rheumatic fever, visit:

<http://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/.../disease.../rheumatic-fever>

www.toiteora.govt.nz/public/rheumatic-fever
www.healthify.nz/health-a-z/r/rheumatic-fever-children