



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

25 March 2026

BUDDY TIME at Merivale School is a very special time for all the students.



WEEK 8

WEEK 9

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
23 March	24 March YEAR 3 only SWIMMING	25 March	26 March	27 March	28 March	29 March
30 March	31 March YEAR 3 only SWIMMING Mobile Library	1 April Whanau Hui BBQ 1pm to 2.45pm	2 April Last Day of Term 1	3 April EASTER : GOOD FRIDAY	4 April	5 April

SPORTS NEWS - Term 1 Week 8

Winter sports permission slips

Netball and basketball permission slips went home over the last week, can these please be returned to school asap. Both codes will start in week 3 of next term.

Senior Netball coach wanted

Our senior netball team requires a coach for the upcoming season. The coach will need to be available for Saturday games (between 10.30am-12pm) and at least one training session a week. If you are interested please contact Matua Paora.

If we can't find a coach we won't be able to enter a team.

Sport fees

Please make sure all sports fees are paid by the end of the sports season, part payments can be made through the office.

Unfortunately all codes have had a price increase, this is because Bay Venues and TCC have raised their hireage fees for the use of the courts.



Keep up to date with the many services that are available down at the Merivale Community Centre.

BAY
Financial
Mentors
TAU AWHI NOA

A Financial Mentor will be at
Merivale Community Centre
every Thursday from 9am - 12pm.
Drop in clinic, no appointment needed.

Attendance:

Congratulations to the 48 tamariki who received a letter yesterday inviting them to the Greerton Pools or a movie at school on **Thursday 2nd April**. They "Showed Up" every day this term for learning.

Success doesn't happen by luck. It happens by showing up.

If your tamaiti received a letter please make sure they are organised for their outing next Thursday.

Attendance Rate For School

Present 0-70%	Present 71-80%	Present 81-90%	Present 91-100%	Late
4.43%	9.48%	17.02%	68.69%	0.60%

We continue tracking to meet our Term 1 regular attendance goal.

So far we have had 68.99% of students attending between 91-100%.

If you would like to know which category your tamaiti is in please pop by Whaea Heather's office. Next term I will be focussing on the tamariki who are in the <70% and the 71-80% categories. If we can make a shift here our overall attendance will show improvement.



Have a **Fluro Friday** to Light the Way

HALE HONE St John

This June, let's light up our schools with bright, fluro dress-ups to build vital ambulance stations for our frontline team.

On: Any Friday in June
Wear: Something bright, fluro or neon
For: A gold coin donation

Every dollar your school raises will help build and repair ambulance stations across Aotearoa, so our frontline teams have a place to reset, restock & recharge.

EASTER is coming and so are the school holidays, next week Thursday 2 April will be the last day for Term 1.

School will resume on Monday 20 April 26.



We will be collecting a gold coin on the day however if you would like to donate to our page then scan the above QR code.

FLURO FUN :

We have signed up for this great fundraiser and we will be holding our **Fluro Dress Up** on **Friday 19 June** so keep an eye out for some fun fluro dress up items between now and then.

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

The second to last week of term and it has flown.
There are a few notices this week.

Admin/Junior Block Renovations.

As mentioned last week, there will be upgrade renovations in A Block (offices, junior classes) beginning next week. Room 3 and 2 will relocate over to Room 6 and Room 9 this week. Room 1 will gradually move out from their space towards the end of next week. We apologise for any inconvenience but trust that the upgrades will make things a lot more attractive in the junior school and offices. To assist with storage, the school has also hired a container from local business Container Space at a reduced rate owing to the company supporting our kura at this time. We envisage the work to last no longer than 6 weeks.

Whanau BBQ.

Next **Wednesday 1 April** to celebrate the end of term we will be having a Whanau BBQ and games afternoon from 1pm to 2.45pm. Students and staff are looking forward to catching up with our whanau for a fun afternoon.

Signing Students Out.

It is vital that when parents or caregivers are taking children early they follow correct procedure by signing out at the office. If offsite, please make sure that contact with a teacher is made before taking your child. Safety is our number one priority at or away from kura.

Mauri ora,
Matua Tom



HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO HERO YET :

HERO -
Thank you to all the parents/caregivers that are now using the Hero App - this is our new Student Management System. If you are yet to join HERO then PLEASE download the app (see instructions here) and set up an account, then start having a look at how it works. The parents/caregivers that have already joined have given us positive feed back about how easy it is to use and are loving the communications that they receive. At this stage you will notice absences, attendance and community notices however there will be much more to follow.