



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

18 March 2026

FLAG FOOTBALL



A big mihi to our senior kura 'Flags squad' that attended their first ever tournament yesterday at Blake Park. Fourteen schools from Tauranga Moana were competing with some kura having played this sport for some time. However, our team were able to learn and adapt to this new style and go on to WIN the tournament overall. We had wins over Greenpark, Te Akau ki Pāpāmoa, Fairhaven and Ōmokoroa. Tūtarawānanga...Hi Ha!

WEEK 7
WEEK 8

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
16 March	17 March YEAR 3 only SWIMMING Flag Football Tournament Mobile Library	18 March	19 March	20 March	21 March	22 March
23 March	24 March YEAR 3 only SWIMMING	25 March	26 March	27 March	28 March	29 March

EVERY TUESDAY
DROP IN
9:30AM TO 11:00AM

MANAAKI PARENTS

Manaaki Parents is about caring, supporting and looking after parents. It's about showing hospitality and kindness. It's being here to nurture, protect and help someone flourish.

- Book, toy and clothes library available.
- This is a parent support group, not a children or playgroup. Under 5-year-olds are welcome but parents remain responsible for their own children at all times.

Held at 10 Kesteven Ave, Merivale
For more information:
07 571 6490 or reception@merivale.org.nz

Merivale Tenancy Support Drop-In Sessions 2026

Come along and meet your Tenancy Relationship Manager

Merivale Community Centre
10 Kesteven Avenue
Parkvale, Tauranga
Thursdays 11am to 1pm

Accessible Properties

MERIVALE COMMUNITY CENTRE

Room 5 played **Satellites**, a game that requires you to work cooperatively with others to keep your 'satellite' in orbit. It develops hand-eye coordination as players track their satellite and keep it in the air.



Attendance.

Last year we set goals for us to achieve with student attendance. We have been relentless on contacting whanau who have not phoned in to let us know why their tamaiti are away. Some whanau have received letters when there is a growing concern about attendance and the patterns that are being seen. If you have received a letter from Whaea Heather you need to contact her through an email or phone to discuss your child's attendance and how we can support to make sure we are seeing more regular attendance. The table below shows the attendance target we set for 2026 Term 1. We still have two weeks to go but am confident we will reach and beat the target we set at the end of 2025.

Four categories of attendance.	Regular (90%+)	Irregular (80-90%)	Moderate (70-80%)	Chronic (<70%)
Term 1 target set end 2025	50%	25%	15%	10%
Actual Target for Term 1	61%	24%	8.56%	5.70

Many tamariki have received an attendance wrist band for "Showing Up" for five weeks. If your tamaiti hasn't received one yet there are still two weeks left in the term for them to reach this milestone. In our week 3 hui we spun the wheel for an out of school activity to all those students who will have 100% attendance by the last Thursday of term. We will be going to the pools for a bit of fun and recognition of them showing up every day for learning. Your tamaiti will know if this involves them.



Gardens

This week we cleared the taro patch and replanted them by the tunnel house. Many helpers made light work. We then planted beetroot and cauliflowers along with the two blueberry plants that were gifted to the ambassadors last week at our Kai resilience workshop.



Unfortunately I was very saddened to see that someone had used a knife and cut a slit in the door of our tunnel house and then stabbed other areas in the plastic.

The tunnel house is a vital part of our school garden. We need it to germinate our seeds to plant in the garden and orchard.

We are all kaitiaki and must look after our kura.

Please speak up if you know anything.

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

It is week 7 at Tūtarawānanga and we are very busy with lots of events happening within the next few weeks. There are a few notices in today's newsletter.

Admin/Junior Block Renovations. Our 5 Year Agreement (5YA property development) with the MOE comes to an end in June. This means the last of our funding will be used to complete upgrade renovations in A Block (offices, junior classes). While most of the work will be done in the Term 1 holidays, it will also need to take place during school time in order to be completed. This means that there will be a disruption to junior classes and administration in Week 10 of Term 1 and Week 1 of Term 2. At a stretch, the work may still need to take place in Week 2. We apologise for any inconvenience but trust that we can expect timely upgrades to our kura.

Signing In and Out. Just a reminder to all whanau that if you come on to school grounds during operating hours, it is a legal requirement for all visitors to sign in at the office. On several occasions this year we have had to approach visitors who had forgotten to sign in and ask them to do so. If you are collecting tamariki, they must be signed out as well

School Drop Off Zone. There is still some confusion about the School Drop Off Zone times. It is to remain clear from 8am to 9.20am in the mornings and from 2.50pm in the afternoons. If you intend on walking your child to class or going to the office please do not park in the drop off zone at this time. There are plenty of spaces available in the carpark. There is a definite safety risk to pedestrians when vehicles are in spaces they shouldn't be so please do not be offended if asked to move.

Mauri ora,
Matua Tom

READY, SET, SIGN IN!

Stay in the loop by following these steps

- DOWNLOAD THE HERO APP**
Once downloaded, click 'Sign In'
- ADD YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS**
Select 'Next'
- SELECT "NEW USER"**
Your account will be set up by your school using the email address that you provided when you enrolled your children, use this address to request a password.
- SELECT "SUBMIT"**
Hero will send you an email with a link to follow.
- CHECK YOUR EMAIL**
You should receive an email within five minutes.
- FOLLOW THE LINK**
This will take you to a secure page to enter your chosen password.

If you encounter problems logging in, please check with your school to make sure they have the correct details for you.

Hero

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.