



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI 29 April 2026



**SCHOOLS
APPEAL
WISH LIST
2026**

Items we need:

- ✓ Cereals
- ✓ Spreads
- ✓ Muesli Bars
- ✓ Baking items
(Cocoa powder & icing sugar)
- ✓ Canned Soup & Fruit
- ✓ Toothpaste



**We are so grateful for your
generosity! ❤️**

MERIVALE SCHOOL FOODBANK APPEAL

Thursday 7th May 2026 :

This year we are participating in the annual Tauranga Food Bank Appeal. We are now accepting donations for this appeal.

Please drop any items you can spare into the boxes in the school office.

Please make sure there are no perishable or expired items and the preferred items are listed on the flyer.

We just have 1 week to make a difference before the FoodBank come to collect our donations so please try and drop an item into the box over the next week.

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 2	27 April ANZAC DAY	28 April YEAR 3 only SWIMMING Mobile Library	29 April	30 April	1 May	2 May	3 May
WEEK 3	4 May	5 May YEAR 3 only SWIMMING	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May MOTHERS DAY

Sports News : 29 April 2026

Winter sports:

Our winter sports teams have been selected. We are very fortunate to have 2 basketball and 2 netball teams entered in the Tauranga competitions.

Season start dates are as follows:

- Senior netball Saturday 2nd May (**this weekend**)
4 GRADING GAMES (see below)
- Junior netball Saturday 9th May,
- Junior basketball Tuesday 5th May
- Senior basketball Friday 8th May.

Senior Netball Grading Round Draw for Saturday:

8am vs Omanu Mystics (Court 15)

9am BYE

10am vs TAKP Kōtiro Year 6 (Court 14)

11am vs BC Ferns Year 6 (Court 15)

12noon vs Tahatai Diamonds (Court 15)

PLEASE ARRIVE 20 MINUTES BEFORE THE FIRST GAME.

Coaches:

Junior Netball - Whaea Doralei

Senior Netball - Matua Ollie

Junior Basketball - Whaea Saffron

Senior Basketball - Matua Renata

Sports fees:

Sports fees are due and ALL PLAYERS are expected to pay these.

Fees can be paid in instalments through the office so please make a start on this ASAP.

These fees have been subsidised by school to help keep the cost down however all codes have had a price increase, this is because Bay Venues and TCC have raised their hireage fees for courts.

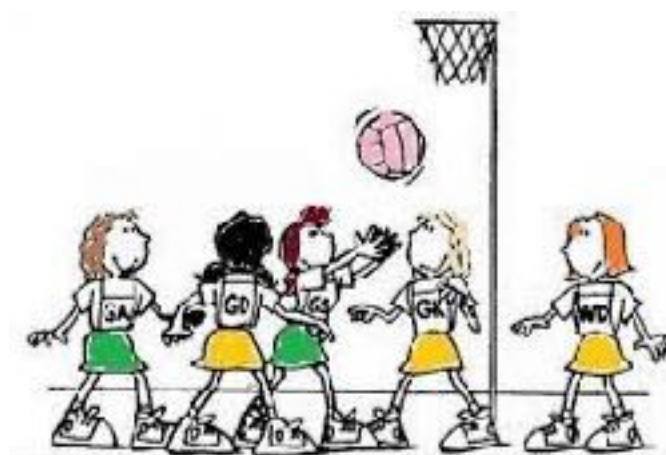
The fees are as follows -

Junior Netball - \$60

Senior Netball - \$70

Junior Basketball - \$80

Senior Basketball - \$90



Developmental Programme for students:

We need your junk to run afternoon developmental programmes.

This programme will be around students using their interests to construct various items.

We need cardboard boxes and tubes, cereal boxes, milk bottle lids, washed plastic bottles etc.

Please get your tamaiti to bring them to the office where they will be gratefully accepted.

This service is today.

An invitation to a Service of Remembrance of the Battle of Pukehinahina-Gate Pā, 29 April 2026

Tena koe

Kia tau ki a koe te atawhai me te rangimārie o te Atua – Grace and peace to you from God.

I am writing on behalf of the Anglican Parish of Gate Pā to invite you to the short service we offer at Hori Tapu - St. George's Anglican Church to commemorate the Battle of Gate Pā and to honour all those who fought and died in that tragic event, and to reflect on the consequences of the battle for ngā iwi o Tauranga Moana.

The service will start at 4pm. We will hear an account of the battle, and several people will offer brief reflections. The bell will be rung 60 times to remember the approximately 60 men, from both sides, who lost their lives in the battle. This year the main speaker will be Sarah Webb, chair of the Pukehinahina Charitable Trust. We will finish with prayers/karakia for the future of our city.

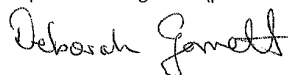
The service will be followed by refreshments in the lounge.

I would be grateful if you could advertise this in your networks.

Because St. George's Church sits on the site of the Battle of Gate Pā we feel a sense of responsibility for holding the story and the aftermath with integrity, and to offer ways the people can hear about, engage with and reflect upon these stories and what they mean for us living in Tauranga Moana. 2014 saw huge gatherings commemorate the 150th anniversary of the battles of Gate Pā and Te Ranga with some very significant events held on the actual days of the battles. It continues to be our hope that these were the beginning of ongoing occasions for the people of our city to engage with the story of the New Zealand Wars and our colonial past, and how these shape present-day New Zealand society. We offer this simple service as a contribution to this ongoing commemoration.

Be kind to yourself and others.

Te pai me te rangimārie (peace and all good)



The Reverend Deborah Garrett
Priest in charge

BREAKFAST CLUB :

We are looking for some lovely volunteers to help with our breakfast club on a Thursday and Friday morning from 8am to 9am. This involves pouring milo's, making toast and serving cereal to the tamariki. There will always be a staff member present during this time as well. If you can help please let the office know.

WINTER UNIFORM:

We have hoodies and winter jackets in stock for those students that need them. The cost for these items is \$65. Could everyone please check that their child's existing hoodies and jackets still have a visible name in them so that as the term goes on we know who lost ones belong to. This is the best way to ensure they get back to your child if they are left lying around.

Hato Hone St John Fluro Fundraiser

This term the ambassadors will be organising a "Fluro Fundraiser" on **Friday 19th June**. This is an opportunity to dress up brightly and make a donation to a very worthy cause. The fundraiser is the Hato Hone St John "Light the Way" appeal. All funds raised goes towards building, repairing and upgrading local ambulance stations across Aotearoa.

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



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

HATO 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.



Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

Week 2 at Te kura o Tūtarawānanga and we are already in the thick of our mahi for the term. There are several notices to be aware of this week.

Uniforms. With winter soon upon us it is important that all uniform items are clearly named. We would also like to stress that non-uniform items are not to be worn at school. If you have any concerns regarding uniform please contact the office.

Walking Bus. We have had several close calls on the after school walking bus with it being extremely busy on Kesteven Avenue in the afternoons. If your child is on the walking bus and you have come to collect them by vehicle, please ensure that you are here before 2.50pm to collect them. Several times this year we have had late arrival caregivers stop in the middle of the street and call children from the walking school bus over to the vehicle, which is often on the other side of the road. This is extremely unsafe and also a hazard to school staff who are operating the walking bus. Please help us by ensuring that we can operate safely during this time. If you have concerns, please contact me directly.

Hau Te Kura. Next Friday 8 May, staff from Te Awaroa and senior leadership will be attending a wānanga for Te Akatea - the Hau Te Kura programme. The following week, **Friday 15 May**, all teaching staff will be involved in an afternoon PLD session. that will delve into aspects of Hau Te Kura.

This means school will close on that day at 1pm. A reminder notice will be sent out in the coming weeks, however please make the necessary arrangements for your child on that day as soon as possible.

Nga Mihi
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.