



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI


1 April 2026

happy
holidays!

Tomorrow, Thursday 2 April is
the last day of Term 1,
see you all on Monday
20th April for a fun Term 2.



WEEK 9

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
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
6 April	7 April	8 April	9 April	10 April	11 April	12 April
						
13 April	14 April	15 April	16 April	17 April	18 April	19 April
						
20 April Term 2 Begins	21 April	22 April	23 April	24 April	25 April	26 April

WEEK 1

Sports News : 1 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. Senior netball starts on Saturday May 2nd, Junior netball Saturday May 9th, Junior basketball Tuesday May 5th and Senior basketball Friday May 8th.

URGENT: 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.

Sports 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 courts.

Use ultimate skills in the hazy days of holidays

RIP RUGBY AND TACKLE RUGBY

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAMME

Ultimate skills HQ

WEEK 1
TAHATAI COAST
SCHOOL FIELDS

WEEK 2
GREERTON PARK

Tuesday April 7th
 Wednesday April 8th
 Thursday April 9th

Tuesday April 14th
 Wednesday April 15th
 Thursday April 16th

Timings for everyday

9am - 10:30am = Year 0-2 - Ripper Rugby
Non contact + fun + skills + games

11am - 12:30pm = Year 3-6 - First year/2nd Year tackle players
Early tackle experience + fun + skills + games

1pm - 2:30pm = Year 6-8 - Tackle + Position specific
More advanced tackle focus + fun + skills + games

Cost

All 3 sessions at one venue = \$45
Single session = \$20

Get your kids moving, learning rugby skills and having a blast.

Safe and qualified coached sessions

About Head Coach @Mac



Head Coach Bay TCC
 NZ Level 1 Tackle and
 10+ years Teacher of Physical Education
 Former Coach of Sport and Physical Education
 Developing and Inspiring
 All 10 Region 1, 2 and 3 schools

Contact Us

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Attendance Reward:

A reminder to those students who have been at school every day this term they will be going to the Greerton Swimming pool tomorrow, 2 April.

We are leaving at 11.30am.

Please make sure togs, towel and a plastic bag are packed.

A text message was sent asking for whanau to support with the supervision of the tamariki while they were in the pool.

Thanks to those who responded. I still would like a few more adults.

If you are available please let the office know. For those students who are unable to swim or would prefer not to, we are running an option of a movie (suitable for children) and popcorn at school.



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

HAIO HIO 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.

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.

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.



TAURANGA COMMUNITY FOODBANK

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! ❤️

In Term 2 we will be supporting the FoodBank - more to follow about this after the holidays.



Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

It is the final week of Term 1, 2026 and as we prepare for the upcoming break, there are a few notices to be aware of.

A Block Renovations. Upgrades for A Block (Junior school and admin offices) began this week. We are hoping the work can be completed in time for when school starts in Term 2 however it might be a little while longer. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Whanau BBQ. A huge thank you to those whanau who joined us today for our whanau BBQ. It was an enjoyable day with lots of fun and frivolity had by all.

Finally, we would like to acknowledge Whaea Irene Martin who has been part of our Tūtara wānanga whanau since 2024 and is leaving us for other adventures that are specifically whanau related. Irene, thank you for your contribution to our kura. Please take fond memories of us and know that you have embedded yourself into our Merivale School fabric.

School will reopen for instruction on Monday 20 April.

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 feedback 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.