



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

18 February 2026



Introducing our 2026 Ambassadors.

Tawhio Ngatai Aaron Latu
Hinewai Ranapia Joanne Rolleston

Already the ambassadors have begun their leadership role.

We have met as a group and talked about the importance of attending school everyday. They will be helping to drive a new attendance initiative.

They are working as a group with Matua Stu and Matua Sam making a potting bench table for our tunnel house.

They were asked what they wanted to focus on this term as an ambassador.

Hinewai said "As an ambassador I will be handing out house tokens for walking to school on Wednesday. WOW

Joanne said "As an ambassador I will be encouraging the tamariki to come to school"

Tawhio said "As an ambassador I will be helping in the garden and making a potting table"

Aaron said "As an ambassador I will be making an effort to come to school everyday"

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 3	16 Feb	17 Feb YEAR 3 only SWIMMING Mobile Library	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb
WEEK 4	23 Feb	24 Feb YEAR 3 only SWIMMING	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	29 Feb

STATIONERY 2026:

It is great to see so many students now have their stationery and are ready to get started for the year.

We would like all students to have their stationery by the end of this week so please contact the office to organise this, the packs are \$20 or \$25 and can be purchased from the school office.

If you would like to pay for your child's pack in instalments, that is fine, please just see Jan or Karen in the office.



Quiz Night - Fundraiser

Friday 27 March, - 7.30 — 9.30 p.m
(doors open at 7.00pm)

Matua Bowling Club, 108 Levers Road, Matua

- * Raising money for Gate Pa and Merivale Primary Schools Literacy projects
- * Put together a team with friends, or meet new friends. Come along for a fun Friday night.
- * Cost \$20 per person — 6 to a table. Don't be shy, we can join smaller groups to make a team.
- * To register a team or individuals, please email the team name or individual names to - president.tauranga@altrusa.org.nz - and pay into the Bank account below by the 20th March. If you have a team, we would prefer one payment per team.
- * Spot prizes and prizes for winners.



- * Cash bar. Nibbles provided.
Altrusa International of Tauranga
Payment — Altrusa Bank A/c—06-0433-0706068-00
Reference: Quiz & Team or Individual name

ATTENDANCE:

This year we continue to focus on attendance. Our target is to have 65% of students regularly attending school at the end of the year. We can only do this if we all make sure your tamaiti attends school every day we are open and they are well. It only takes them to have five days off in a term and they become irregular attenders for the term. Each term we will be linking our attendance to our uara, this term it is Tuakiri.

When your tamaiti comes to school for a full week they will receive an attendance token. These tokens will be glued into their books. When they have five tokens they will be recognised and receive a wristband with the words "SHOW UP and TUAKIRI. Over the year they will earn other wristbands recognising they have shown up at kura. An attendance token is below. Ask your tamaiti if they have received one.



Attendance.

Term 4 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

48%

Compared to 55% in Term 4, 2024

Irregular Absence 21%

Compared to 25% in Term 4, 2024

Moderate Absence 22%

Compared to 11% in Term 4, 2024

Chronic Absence 9%

Compared to 10% in Term 4, 2024

Happi Roti

LIVE PERFORMANCES
COLOUR THROWING
HENNA BODY ART
INDIAN STREET FOOD
SNACKS AND DRINKS

Memorial Park Tauranga
Sat 7 March 2-6 pm

FREE ENTRY

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TAURANGA WESTERN BAY
COMMUNITY
EVENT FUND

Kia ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

This is our first full week of school and we are really excited with what it is shaping up to be. A few notices to be aware of this week:

Parent Teacher Conferences.

Thank you to all those that came to kura and met with our staff last week. It was great having such an awesome turnout. If there are any queries that you might have, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office.

Kapahaka.

Matua Tumanako will be taking kapahaka again in 2026 which starts this **Friday 20 February**. Juniors will work with Mana from 9.30 to 10.00am and Seniors from 10.15am to 11.15am.

Uniforms.

These are compulsory for all students and can be purchased at the office. Hats are also compulsory in Term 1 and 4 for shadeless work or play. For an invoice, please ask Whaea Jan or Whaea Karen in the office. If you have any concerns regarding uniforms, please contact me directly.

School Stationery Packs.

All stationery is to be purchased through the office. The stationery packs, depending on classrooms, are \$20 or \$25. Again, should you require an invoice, please contact Whaea Jan or Whaea Karen. If you have any concerns, please contact me directly.

Student Collection.

At times, students need to be collected from school before the end of the day for a variety of reasons. It is important that parents or primary caregivers inform the office if another adult is collecting their child. Students will not be released to others unless we have been given permission to do so.

School Drop Off Zone.

Just a notice to our new whanau that the School Drop Off Zone is to remain clear from 8am to 9.20am in the mornings and from 2.50pm in the afternoons. Please let this notice serve as a reminder to existing whanau as well.

Mauri ora,
Matua Tom

The school gardens and orchard.

The weeds have certainly taken hold over our Christmas break.

Every morning before school the garden is open for the tamariki to explore the environment, pick ripe fruit, check out their food nest and help pull out weeds.

Huge thanks to the tamariki and koro Ngahiri who joined me in the garden to begin weeding the area. If you have some spare time please pop in to school to help maintain the orchard and garden. We have all the necessary gardening tools. I am always on the look out for plants, cuttings, seeds.

If you are able to help here it would be really appreciated.

Christian and Religion are keen gardeners enjoying ripe plums after some mahi in the garden.

