



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

22 April 2026

BE BRAVE KEEP TURNING UP!

Kia māia, kia kaha ki te tae mai

Every day I attend, I show Matatōa
- courage and determination.
Some days are hard, but I don't
give up. Turning up grows my
strength and resilience.



Matatōa

Be courageous
and determined



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Every Day Counts | Me Ako Kia Tū Tangata

WEEK 1

WEEK 2

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
WEEK 1	20 April Term 2 Begins	21 April YEAR 3 only SWIMMING	22 April	23 April	24 April	25 April	26 April
WEEK 2	27 April ANZAC DAY	28 April YEAR 3 only SWIMMING Mobile Library	29 April	30 April	1 May	2 May	3 May

Sports News : 22 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,
Junior netball Saturday 9th May,
Junior basketball Tuesday 5th May
Senior basketball Friday 8th May.

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

FOODBANK APPEAL 2026 :

We are now accepting donations for this years 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, preferred items are in the list below.



The poster features the Tauranga Community Foodbank logo on the left. The title 'SCHOOLS APPEAL WISH LIST 2026' is in large blue letters with yellow stars. Below the title is a list of items needed with checkmarks, accompanied by small images of each item: Cereals (a box of cereal), Spreads (a jar of jam), Muesli Bars (a box of muesli bars), Baking items (Cocoa powder & icing sugar) (a tin of cocoa powder and a tin of icing sugar), Canned Soup & Fruit (a can of soup and a can of fruit), and Toothpaste (a tube of toothpaste). At the bottom, it says 'We are so grateful for your generosity!' with a red heart icon.

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! ❤️

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.

Week 1 Term 2

Attendance

Last term we had 39 tamariki who had been at school every day. Their reward was a trip to the Greerton Pool or a movie and popcorn at school. The wheel will be spun again and a new "treat" will be chosen for all tamariki who attend school everyday. The great news is our data is showing that our regular attendance is trending upwards. Even though our seasons are changing it is still vital our tamaiti attend school every day they are able to. Our challenge to whanau and tamariki in Term 2 is to reach 70% regular attendance. It can only happen with us all working together. If you are struggling to get your tamaiti to school please contact Whaea Heather or Matua Tom to discuss. We want to support you and make sure that your tamaiti is able to attend school everyday when they can.

Remember Everyday counts. Me Ako Kia Tū Tangata

Term 1 Summary

How many students regularly attended school this term?

Regular Attendance

62%

Compared to 54% in Term 1, 2025

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 above 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,

Welcome back to Term 2 at Te Kura O Tutarawananga. After a very eventful Term 1, we are pleased to be rested and refreshed after the holidays and keen to get back into our routine.

Tutarawananga Curriculum. Our focus this term will be on Matatoa. All mahi will be centred on an outcome at the end of term and also into Term 3. We are excited that students will take ownership and control of their mahi under the banner of Tutarawananga. We are expecting to utilise our Uara across all mahi this term.

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.

Refurbishments. Thank you to all concerned regarding the new refurbishments in the admin block and the junior school. These are now complete. Our next stage of this work will be operating in the senior school however this will not take effect until the end of the term.

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.

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 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.