



Merivale School

Te Kura o Tūtarawānanga



Matuatia Te Ako



Learning First

PĀNUI

13 May 2026



BIRD BOXES :

This term the woodwork group made bird boxes. They made one for home and one for school. The bird boxes for school will be attached to the fence in the junior area.

Thanks to Aaron, Joanne, Tawhio, Hinewai and Tapaipera for brightening up that area. Well done.

The next group will be making a compost bin for our school garden.



WEEK 4

WEEK 5

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
11 May	12 May YEAR 3 only SWIMMING Mobile Library	13 May	14 May	15 May Hau Te Kura PLD School closes at 1pm	16 May	17 May
18 May	19 May YEAR 3 only SWIMMING	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May	24 May

Sports News : 13 May 2026

Winter sports:

Things are all go now with winter sports as the basketball and netball games are under way. See the draws below:

Basketball

Seniors (Year 5-6) : Friday 15 May
Merivale Panthers vs Mt Raiders
5.30pm Court 5 Mercury Baypark

Draw to follow for Junior Basketball.

Netball

All games are at Tauranga Netball Centre

Juniors (Year 3-4) : Saturday 16 May
Merivale Whetu vs Omokoroa
2.30pm Court 17

Seniors (Year 5-6) : Saturday 16 May
Merivale Magic vs Papamoa Primary
11am Court 6

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



Cross Country:

Wednesday 27 May 9.45am

This event will take place in Week 6 for the whole school.

All students will be involved.

Whanau are welcome to come along and support the runners.

More details will follow.



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.



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.



Lunch time activities.

The ambassadors have been busy organising lunch time activities for the tamariki. They have organised art, Uno challenge, and board games. Great to see the tamariki giving these activities a go.

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.

Attendance.

We have had a slight dip in attendance this week. Our weekly percentage for our kura was 84.65%. I have noticed that many students are being marked truant. This is even after the office has sent a text message. Please, if your tamaiti is away you must contact the school office. Our 0800 number is 0800825392. Please just leave a message on the answer phone with the reason why your tamaiti is away. The class with the highest percentage last week was Akomanga 5 with 94.01% followed by Te Awanui on 93.83%. Next week if tamariki have been at school for 5 weeks without any absences that will be rewarded with a new wrist band.



Big thanks to Matua Henry for bringing in his family taonga to share with Room 5.

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

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 to build and repair ambulance stations across Aotearoa, so our frontline workers have a place to rest, restock & recharge.

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.



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.

Kia Ora Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

It is Week 4 and there are a few notices to be aware of.

Hau Te Kura.

This **Friday 15 May**, all teaching staff will be involved in an afternoon PLD session with the programme Hau Te Kura. **This means school will close at 1pm.**

Please make the necessary arrangements for your child for that day.

The school van and the walking bus will be operating as normal.

Students who travel by car will need to be collected at 1pm.

The Merivale Community Centre will not be opening on Friday until 3pm.

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.

Sports Fees.

School sports are expensive. The school covers the cost of all one off sporting events during the year, including travel. However when it comes to seasonal sports we expect whanau to help pay for this.

In most schools, whanau are expected to cover the entire cost of sports which works out to be quite costly and sometimes restricts students from participating. At Tūtara wānanga we want our students actively involved so we pay **half the cost of all seasonal sports**. We believe this is more than fair so please help to keep our kids in sports by paying their sports fees to the office.

If you have any concerns please contact me directly.

Nga Mihi
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.