



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Tēna koutou katoa.
Nau mai, haere mai ki 2021.

Hello to you all.
Welcome to 2021.

On behalf of all of the team at Merrilands School we hope you and your family have had a wonderful break over the summer holiday period. We are looking forward to reconnecting with you all and welcoming your tamariki back into school on Monday.

Last week has seen staff working really hard to reset up classrooms and we are pleased to share that Rooms 9, 10 & 11 are all back in their right places, ready to start the new year. A huge thanks to the team at Pepper Construction for their work over the holidays to get these rooms ready and to staff for their work moving and organising classes last week. You'll continue to see construction work going on with a few more projects still underway so please look out for areas that may be sectioned off.

Important things to remember for Monday:

- **Correct school uniform** – all children should be wearing the green polo t-shirt and navy blue shorts/skirt. Please support us in ensuring uniform standards are maintained daily.
- **Swimming gear** – all classes are rostered to swim every day and the pool is looking great!
- **Stationery** – bring along prepurchased stationery. Classroom teachers will help to organise it with the children in class.
- **Packed lunch & drink bottle** (water only)
- Any students arriving prior to 8.30am play outside or wait under the canopy. Classrooms open on the 8.30am bell.
- Rooms 4, 5, 6 and Rooms 9, 10, 11 please use the outside doors off classrooms to enter classes.
- Rooms 1 & 3 enter through the canopy area.
- Please remind tamariki not to be playing on the court area before school as we have vans coming into drop off students and it can be dangerous.

We are welcoming an abundance of new students and whānau to our school on Monday so please look out for everyone and I have no doubt our Merrilands School care will enable everyone to feel at home as quickly as possible. May I recommend that if needing to visit the school office, that you come in the afternoon or possibly Tuesday, as it will be very busy in there on the first day supporting new families.

I look forward to catching up with you all in person soon.

Ngā manaakitanga
Michelle Cronin
Principal