



Merrilands School Newsletter

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'A CARING COMMUNITY INSPIRING LIFELONG LEARNING'

Tēnā koutou katoa

We are well into the term by now and it feels like it with so many different things that are happening about the place.

Thanks for your patience and support as we navigate the various alert levels. This has changed again since I wrote this piece on Friday, with a slight edit to what is now written on Sunday, with the Prime Minister’s announcement of our move back to Alert Level 2. While it is a shame to again be asking you all to stay away from school, I thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Can I also encourage you all to continue to scan QR codes while you are out and about as it has been proven to be the easiest way for you to be able to retrack movements in the potential event of an outbreak here in Taranaki.

We have rescheduled the Community BBQ for next Tuesday 9 March. This will of course be dependent on whether we are moved back to Alert Level 1 but we’d still like it to go ahead so are planning for the best!

Another change of date to note is the school swimming sports. This date has been moved to Thursday 11 March to avoid some calendar clashes. The event will begin with the Year 1 & 2 display at

11.30am, followed by the Year 3 & 4 team event at 12.30pm and then onto the Year 5 & 6 event at 1.45pm. There will be a sausage sizzle within the middle of the event. We welcome you to come along and share what the students have been working on in their aquatics programme on this day.

School assemblies are a time of sharing and celebrating a range of different things that have been happening in the school. This year you will see that the Junior, Middle and Senior teams will each be leading an assembly each term, this is in place of the class assemblies. We welcome you to come along anytime to assemblies and share what has been happening. We hope that by next Friday, we will be at Alert Level 1 and this may be able to again happen.

Please continue to take care of one another, particularly at busy times of the school day like drop off and pick up times. The safety of all of our children is important and parking legally, following the road rules and generally being considerate of others will see our children all be in the safest hands possible.

Ngā manaakitanga
Michelle Cronin
Principal

Key Dates for Term 1

MARCH	
Sat 6	Multi-Ethnic Extravaganza Street Parade
Mon 8	Taranaki Anniversary Day School Closed
Tue 9	Community BBQ 5.00pm & Korero Mai - Class Info Evening
Thu 11	Swimming Sports – 12.30pm Note change of date
Fri 12	Assembly 10.15am – Middles
Wed 17- Fri 19	Yr 5 & 6 Camp – Vertical Horizons
Wed 24	BOT Meeting – 6.30pm
Fri 26	Assembly 10.15am – Juniors
APRIL	
Thu 1	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Fri 2 – Tue 6	Easter – School Closed
Fri 16	Assembly 10.15am – SHINE Assembly followed by SHINE TIME
Fri 16	Term 1 Ends
MAY	
Mon 3	Term 2 Starts
Fri 14	Assembly 10.15am – Leaders

Community BBQ & Korero Mai Time

Tuesday 9 March – NEW DATE

A great opportunity for families to reconnect and for new families to our school to meet other people.



Come along from 5.00pm – 7.00pm next Tuesday.
Bring along a picnic for your family.



The Home & School will also have sausages (\$2), iceblocks (50c) and home baking for sale.
(please note: this year there won't be other food options available to buy so a picnic for your whānau is a great idea!)

Korero Mai Time:

Meet your child's teacher & hear more about what's happening for their class this year at the following times:

5.00pm	Year 1 & 2	Rooms 9 & 11 with Mrs Shaw & Mrs Lee-Mori
5.30pm	Year 3 & 4	Rooms 4, 5, 6 with Mr Kennedy, Miss Wormald & Mrs Looney
6.00pm	Year 5 & 6	Rooms 1 & 3 with Mr Skipkov & Mrs Walsh

Bring along togs for a free swim (*parent supervision of your own children is essential*)

See you there!!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

New Plymouth Rangers Junior Football Registration

Registrations are now open for anyone looking to play football for New Plymouth Rangers in 2021. The club has junior teams for players aged 4 and older and caters to all skill levels from beginners to budding young professionals.

In 2021 the club is introducing a new Academy curriculum for serious young footballers born in 2012 or earlier, led by our new Director of Football, who has come to New Plymouth from Olé Football Academy. Players in the Academy will train within a curriculum designed by Olé. It will incorporate the key elements integral to the development process at their Wellington academy, and players should expect to learn, be challenged, and have a lot of fun.

This is a unique opportunity for players to experience 'The Olé Way' right here in New Plymouth, and develop within a proven method, known for producing players who are now at the highest level around the world.

To register, visit <https://www.nprangers.co.nz/junior-registration> or contact Director of Football James Malthus (james@nprangers.co.nz) for more information.

NPOB Rugby Registrations

2021 Junior Rugby Registrations are now OPEN!

To register your child for the season please go to: www.sporty.co.nz and search for New Plymouth HSOB Rugby Football & Sports Club (Jnr). Fees for the season are \$50 per player, and are to be paid to:

NPOB Rugby: 15-3942-0005095-000 BEFORE the season starts.

More details regarding Rugby Season Start Date and Merchandise to follow.

Any questions please contact Justin Looney (NPOB Junior Rugby Convener) : 021 02427769

Western Suburbs Rugby League Club

We are holding our muster for players to register
Wednesday – 3rd March at our clubrooms Ngamotu Domain

Toi Mā Te Whānau / Family Art is back at the Govett Brewster Art Gallery every Sunday morning.

These are free drop-in, interactive art-making sessions for the whole family.

Family Art

- Sundays 10:30AM —12:30PM
- Govett-Brewster Art Gallery Learning Centre
- Kore utu ngā mahi toi ā whānau katoa, whakamaioha te koha
- All family art activities are **free**, donations appreciated

<https://govettbrewster.com/events/art-making/toi-ma-te-whanau?date=2021-02-21>

MERRILANDS SCHOOL LEADERS

HELPING HANDS




Eco-Warriors



Recycling team *Garden crew*

We'd like to introduce our senior student leaders for 2021.



SHINE SQUAD

ACTIVATORS



WHAT WE DO HELP KIDS AT MERRILANDS BE ACTIVE

WHO WE ARE SIOBHAN, HARPER, SAMUEL, LILLY-MAY, MIA

Self Manage **H**elp Others **I**ntegrity **N**ever Quit **E**xcellence

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

At the Week 4 assembly the following students were acknowledged for their super efforts:

Room 1	Ashy Eastlake - For setting a fantastic example for others and being a superb help in class. Miharo! Bennett Sargeson - For being a great role model in our swimming class. Great job showing others how it's done.
Room 2	Pirihira Nathan - For being a super learner! It is awesome to see you looking at visuals and communicating clearly.
Room 3	Leon Peterson - For taking on board advice to improve your swimming. You are tuning-in and making great progress. Awesome work! Kalani Waiwiri-Nathan - For your willingness to help others. You use your initiative and help out without needing to be asked. Tino pai!
Room 4	Mikayla Henricksen - For showing EXCELLENCE with your artwork. You show great focus and pride in your work. Ka rawe! Jackson Musso - For doing an excellent job with you mathematics. You show EXCELLENCE with your thinking and problem solving!
Room 5	Charlie Ashton - For showing all of the SHINE values to a high standard. You are setting a fantastic example for others. Gabriella Al Sawalha - For showing all of the SHINE values to a high standard. You are setting a fantastic example for others.
Room 6	Sol Lee - For Working hard in all learning. Your never quit attitude is admired! Well Done, Sol! Lucas Collins - For Showing excellence in art. Your portrait is outstanding, Lucas. Keep up the great work.
Room 9	Korra Taipari - For doing so well in your swimming. You are getting lots of confidence now and you are ready to give anything a try. Well done Korra. Teos Crofskey - For fabulous swimming. You are working really hard on your skills and 'Never Quitting'. Keep up that great attitude Teos.
Room 10	Millie Sarich - For trying really hard with learning new words in literacy and striving to be the best you can be each day at school Liam Fitzgerald - For working hard to form your numerals correctly and self managing nicely during maths activity time
Room 11	Lana Grobbelaar - For an excellent attitude in class towards others and in learning new routines in Room 11. Ka pai - you SHINE! Michael Pihema - For being a helpful, caring student in class. You are trying really hard to 'give things a go' and learn how to write your name.

LUCKY SHINE WINNERS AT OUR WEEK 4 ASSEMBLY DRAW:

JUNIOR

Millie Sarich - Rm 10
Leona Zhi - Rm 11
Talia Martens - Rm 9

MIDDLE

Neitana Waiwiri-Grant - Rm 6
Gabriella Al Sawalh - Rm 5
Naysa Duggempudi - Rm 4

SENIOR

Isaac Marr - Rm 1
Ciana Allardice - Rm 3
Lucas Harvey - Rm 3





We now invite registrations for Taranaki Young Musicians.

Tuition begins Monday 1st March; these instruments are available: flute, violin, guitar, saxophone and brass.



Term 1 timetable
 3:30 primary ages
 Instrument lessons
 4:00 everyone
 Ensemble time
 4:30 older ages
 Instrument lessons

Please register by email to Jocelyn Beath joc.beath@xtra.co.nz (or 067579379)

Term 1 dates are March 1, 15, 22, 29 and April 12.

The fee per child for Term 1 is \$75. Two children from the same family -\$130



Our centre is Citylife Church
 24 Egmont St, New Plymouth.

Like our Facebook page: Taranaki Young Musicians for regular updates.

Badminton Season is Starting up!

For all those returning players and anyone keen to give badminton a go, Taranaki Badminton is having an open morning on **Sunday 7 March**, at the Star Gym (Westown), from 10am till 2pm. Everyone is welcome and we'd love to see some families come along and give the game a go. It's a great sport for all ages. No cost.

For anyone under 19 years old, and are interested in having some coaching and/or interested in playing in tournaments for Taranaki, we are having a Junior evening (muster) on **Wednesday 24 February** from 6 – 8pm at the Star Gym (Westown). Please register your interest by completing the registration form on the Taranaki Badminton

Website <https://www.sporty.co.nz/taranakibadminton/Register-1/Representative-Player-Registration>. Can returning players also please register using the same link. Alternatively email info@taranakibadminton.org.nz with your details.

And lastly, all junior players (including beginners) are welcome to the club nights that are on at the following times:

- Monday nights 6 to 7:30pm (Central club) – at Star gym Westown
- Tuesday nights 6 to 7:30pm (Spotswood United Club) – at Star gym Westown
- Thursday nights 6 to 7:30pm (Inglewood Club) – at the Inglewood High School gym
- Waitara club nights details still to be confirmed.

Any questions feel free to visit our facebook page or email us at info@taranakibadminton.org.nz



Lunchonline provides a lunch delivery service to

Merrilands School

Subway is delivered every Friday

Do not have an account yet? It's simple; all you need to do is register at

www.lunchonline.co.nz

and follow 4 easy steps to get started

1. Create an account
2. Add member/s including your name and delivery location (school)
3. Make a payment to have funds in your account before you order
4. Select your lunch and place an order

Taranaki Quilt Festival

Friday 19th—Sunday 21st March 2021

Stratford War Memorial Centre

55 Miranda Street, Stratford

Fri 19th & Sat 20th March 2021—10:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday 21st March—10:00am to 3:00pm