



Merrilands School Newsletter

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'A CARING COMMUNITY INSPIRING LIFELONG LEARNING'

Tēnā koutou katoa

We are well and truly in the swing of the term. It's been a great start, even with the cooler temperatures. Over summer the school boiler system was upgraded. This was one of the Board's property projects for 2020/21. We are enjoying the warmth of the new system!

While we speak of cooler temperatures, thanks to everyone who is adhering to the school's uniform expectations and only wearing uniform clothing. A reminder that all uniform items need to be named. Please also emphasise with your child/ren the importance of putting jerseys that they take off into their bag, don't just leave them lying around. This habit sits within our 'Self-Managing' school value where children are encouraged to take responsibility for their personal gear. If by chance a jersey goes missing, it is most likely the case that they have left it somewhere other than their bag. If your child can't find their jersey, please direct them to the lost property rack that is inside the doors under the big canopy in between rooms 1 & 3.

We are really proud of the following students who have completed their Level 1 SHINE card and have been presented their Level 1 band:

Year 5-6:
Kassidy Saunders, Nikira Te Awa, Ciana Allardice

Year 3 -4:
Harlem Hoeta-Nathan, Sophie Kuriger, Maddison Terry

Year 1-2:
Liam Fitzgerald, Emma Mulligan, Landen Martens, Millie Sarich

Please continue to help us to keep our children safe by stopping or parking in a car park and not on illegal lines. Mrs G and the Activators team were out on Friday giving out rewards to students coming to school actively. I encourage you to stop in a safe/legal place if dropping off your children, instead of stopping on the yellow lines right outside the gate.

I also share with you that Sarah Lee-Mori will be leaving us at the end of week 7. Sarah has decided to take some time away from full time teaching. We will hopefully still see her relieving around our school from time to time. Mrs Sue Innes will be teaching Room 11 for the remainder of the year.

Ngā manaakitanga
Michelle Cronin
Principal

Key Dates for Term 2

MAY	
Mon 24	Home & School AGM 7pm
Tue 25	NPBHS/NPGHS Sound of Music performance Yr 5/6
Wed 26	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 28	Assembly 10.15am – Seniors
JUNE	
Fri 4	Yr 5/6 Interschool Exchange vs Lepperton at Merrilands
Mon 7	School Closed – Queen's Birthday Weekend
Fri 11	Assembly 10.15am – Middles
Fri 23	BOT Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 25	Assembly 10.15am – Juniors
Wed 30	Reports home
JULY	
Fri 2	Yr 5/6 Interschool Exchange vs Marfell at Merrilands
Tue 6	Student Learning Conferences from 1pm. School closes 12.30
Wed 7	Student Learning Conferences from 1pm. School closes 12.30
Fri 9	Assembly 10.15am – SHINE Assembly followed by SHINE TIME
Fri 9	Term 2 Ends
Mon 26	Term 3 Starts

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

At the Week 2 assembly the following students were acknowledged for their super efforts:

Room 1	Samuel Henderson - For leadership within the classroom and a willingness to support other learners. Keep it up! Siobhan Williams - For putting in tremendous effort with learning your basic facts. The results show all your hard work.
Room 3	Memphis Rewa-Berrett - For excellence in reading. You use punctuation, volume and expression well to read aloud to an audience. Tino pai! Nakira Te Awa - For excellence in Netball during our first Interschool game of the season. You showed individual, communication and team work skills to help your team win.
Room 4	Blake Gillum - For showing integrity each day at school. You consistently do the right thing and help others to do the same, excellent work! Ella Manu - For giving your best effort with your reading and writing. Your positive attitude and sense of humour is a real asset in Room 4. Awesome job!
Room 5	John Taylor - For the way that you go about your business. You are a hard worker and a diligent student. Keep up the great work! Izzy Musso - For always having a positive attitude and consistently showing all of the SHINE values.
Room 6	Ellie Gillum - For SHINE(ing) in Room 6. You always have a willingness to help others in our classroom. Levi Oliver - For always having a positive attitude, and giving it your best in all that you do. Ka mau te wehi!!
Room 9	Emily Wilson - For great self-management skills. You take responsibility for your own behavior and you are happy to help others as well. Kyla Martin - You have been showing our 'Excellence' Shine Values by consistently working hard and doing your best in all areas.
Room 10	Mekala Asiata - For always trying to do your best in class and working hard to produce quality work. Levi Bridger - For being a great example to others and showing enthusiasm for your learning.
Room 11	Jadson Olsen - For making progress in your writing by trying to spell unknown words. Keep up the 'give it a go' attitude and doing your best in class! Leona Zhi - For always trying your best in class and developing confidence to share your ideas in class. You SHINE!

LUCKY SHINE WINNERS AT OUR WEEK 2 ASSEMBLY DRAW:

JUNIOR

Hudson Smith-Rees - Rm 9
Peter Taylor - Rm 10
Clarke Gillum - Rm 11

MIDDLE

Izzy Musso - Rm 5
Jordy Millar - Rm 5
Logan Henrickson - Rm 5

SENIOR

Lars Dravitski - Rm 3
Amerra Blake - Rm 3
Lucas Harvey - Rm 3



HOME & SCHOOL AGM

Please come along tonight to the Home & School AGM at 7.00pm in the staffroom. We'd love to see as many people there as possible. We are looking out for people to be on the committee and also people to be part of the working parties for activities and events in the future.

Come along and see how you might be able to get involved.

STAFFING UPDATES

Deputy Principal

It is with great excitement that I share of Michelle Allemann's promotion to Deputy Principal, taking over from Natalie Looney. Michelle is a highly valued member of staff and fits this role wonderfully. Her leadership within the junior team and in our PB4L team has been outstanding and we know she will bring lots of value in this new role.



Team Leader

With Michelle's promotion we then advertised for a Team Leader for the Year 3 & 4 team. We are excited to share that Matua John Edmonds has been appointed to this position. John brings with him experience in teaching and leadership from the Hawkes Bay and UK, as well as strength in cultural capabilities. His leadership in developing te reo and tikanga across the school is already evident and we look forward to working with him on this new journey.



Classroom Teacher – Year 3 & 4

Mrs Sarah Gladding will be joining us at the beginning of Term 3 to take over Room 5. Sarah is currently teaching at Pembroke School and is a fun and energetic addition to the teaching team. Sarah comes with passion for literacy, inquiry learning and supporting students with special needs.



Classroom Teacher – Year 1 & 2

Mrs Mel Hodges will be joining us in the Junior team at the beginning of next year. Mel is in her final year of training to become a registered teacher and is currently a member of our support staff team. Mel did her second year teaching placement in Room 1 last year and has a wonderful connection at our school already. We look forward to supporting Mel into her new role as a classroom teacher in 2022.



BOARD NEWS

The next Board policy review is underway. The Board is seeking your feedback on the following policies:

Reporting to Parents on Student Achievement

It's simple to contribute, just follow these instructions:

1. Visit the website <https://merrilands.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (merrilands) and password (shine).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

PHRASE OF THE WEEK

E hia ngā _____?

How many _____?

WHAKATAUKI

E kore to kumara e korero mō
tōna reka

*The kumara does not speak of its own
sweetness (Don't be boastful)*

RIPPA RUGBY TOURNAMENT

Last Friday the annual Rippa Rugby Tournament went ahead after being postponed on Wednesday. We had 3 teams competing, 1 - Year 5 & 6 and 2 - Year 3 & 4 teams. Thanks Mr Bridger and Colleen, as well as all of the parents, for supporting these players and teams at this tournament. They had a great time and we were really proud of their skills and perseverance. Here is a picture of one of the Year 3 & 4 teams.



INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

The first Interschool Sports Exchange has been held against Omata and what an awesome exchange it was. All games were played in really good spirits and Merrilands came away with the overall win, something that has eluded us for a very long time. Rugby and Netball games were both won by Merrilands with Omata taking out the win in the Football.

Interschool games are a great traditional sporting occasion. They are primarily for Year 5 & 6 students, but we call on our middle school students to help out if numbers are short in any of the codes. The sportsmanship and competitive spirit games were played in was really to be commended, as was Tamahae's rugby captain's speech in the after match event. He spoke very well and was acknowledged for this by Omata School. We also thanked Matua John for refereeing the rugby. Matua is a referee with the TRFU and it is great that we can have him referring our home games. We'd also like to thank NPBHS for lending us one of their senior students to referring the Football.

