



# Merrilands School Newsletter

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'A CARING COMMUNITY INSPIRING LIFELONG LEARNING'

## Tēnā koutou katoa

What an awesome start to the term we have had here at Merrilands School!

We've welcomed Sarah Gladding and Gill Askwith into the teaching team. Whaea Sarah is in Room 5 in the Middle School, with Year 3 & 4 students and Mrs Askwith is in Room 7 in the Junior School, with New Entrant and Year 1 students. We have also welcomed a number of new entrants to Mrs Allemann's class and older children throughout the school. It is wonderful to see how everyone is settling in!

We continue to really promote our school values, particularly as we reset for the new term. They're a great resource to use in your home too so ask your children about them, and use the language within your home to help with developing lifelong values and skills.

**S** – Self Manage

**H** – Help Others

**I** – Integrity

**N** – Never Quit

**E** – Excellence

*Merrilands School  
Where every child gets to SHINE!*

As you'll see from the school calendar and important dates alongside, there's lots going on that keeps us busy and engaged in learning. Classroom learning inquires this term continue to be focussed around our Awa (Rivers). This term classes will be moving from exploring the waterways from a Science curriculum perspective, to a Technology curriculum perspective. We hope to be developing learning to be shared with everyone near the end of the term. I'm sure there'll be some calls for construction gear so hold onto those old small boxes as they come in really handy as children make and create.

I know I mention it often, but I continue to be worried about where some children are being dropped off and collected. Stopping on yellow lines is illegal so please DON'T stop right outside the school gate to drop off or collect your child/ren. With two wonderful paths on either side of the school gate that connect directly with safe and legal parking, there shouldn't be any need to stop in front of the gate. This slows down traffic and puts others at risk. Please help us to keep all of our tamariki safe.

Ngā manaakitanga  
Michelle Cronin  
Principal

### Key Dates for Term 3

AUGUST	
Thu 12	Highlands Parent Evening 7pm
Mon 16	ICAS English Sitting Week
Tue 17	School photos
Fri 20	Assembly 10.15am - Juniors
Fri 20	Interscholar Chess Tournament
Mon 23	Pie Orders Due Back
Mon 23	ICAS Science & Spelling Week
Thu 26	Home & School Meeting 7pm
Fri 27	Assembly 10.15am - Middles
Mon 30	ICAS Maths Week
SEPTEMBER	
Wed 1	School Cross Country
Thu 2	Pie Order Pick Up
Thu 2	Mufti Day – Fundraiser
Fri 3	Teacher Only Day – School Closed
Wed 8	Board Meeting 6.30pm
Fri 10	Assembly 10.15am - Seniors
Fri 17	Tatarakihi Kapa Haka Festival
20-24	Scholastic Book Fair
Wed 29	Taranaki Cross Country
Thu 30	Assembly 11.30am SHINE time
OCTOBER	
Fri 1	Puanga Festival – Kapa Haka rōpu performance
Fri 1	Last day of Term 3
Mon 18	Term 4 Starts
Mon 25	Labour Day – School Closed
Wed 27	LEAD Conference – Yr 6s
Fri 29	Loud Shirt Day
NOVEMBER	
Tue-Thu 9-11	Yr 6 Water Safety Programme – Aquatic Centre
DECEMBER	
Wed 15	Last Day Term 4

## CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

***At the Week 1 assembly the following students were acknowledged for their super efforts:***

Room 1	<b>Luxury Hura</b> - For always trying so hard to learn in Maths and helping others with their learning. <b>Bethany Nortje</b> - For delivering quality in all you do. Reaching for excellence at every opportunity.
Room 3	<b>Owen Bosch</b> - For your excellent Olympic Athlete summary. You skimmed and scanned to identify a range of interesting facts. <b>Jayda Greer-Barnes</b> - For the kindness you showed in welcoming Mrs Gladding to Merrilands. Your card is a very caring gesture.
Room 4	<b>Onyx Katene</b> - For being a SHINE star! You have helped others by organising games for others at break times. You are a natural leader! <b>Alisha Shahul Hameed</b> - For taking great pride in your work. You complete work to a high standard and manage your time really well. Awesome!
Room 5	<b>Charlie Ashton</b> - Thank you for showing me the shine values at Merrilands school. <b>Marlo Doherty</b> - For always being kind and considerate to others. You have made a great start to the term.
Room 6	<b>Isabelle Van Den Bemd</b> - For a fantastic start to the term. You have taken risks in your learning and always given your best. Well done!!! <b>Dirco Stoltz</b> - For a great start to the term Dirco. You have such a fantastic attitude to learning. Ka pai!!
Room 7	<b>Peter Taylor</b> - For showing all our school values in your new class. You are a kind and caring student! <b>Paipa Evans</b> - For being helpful and thinking of others. You are a great class member!
Room 9	<b>Talia Martens</b> - For a great effort with your publishing and improved attitude. <b>Teos Crofskey</b> - For great self-management skills, listening carefully to instructions and being a respectful learner.
Room 10	<b>Tony Van Den Blemb</b> - For making a great start to the term and for trying hard to learn more of his alphabet letters each day at school <b>Aaliyah Wilson</b> - For making a great start to the term and for having a positive attitude towards trying new things such as riding
Room 11	<b>Elissa Jansen</b> - For making a great start to the term by having a positive attitude to her learning and making such great progress in her reading <b>Tahniqweus Reti</b> - For Making a great start to the term by staying on the mat during mat time and not giving up with his work. Ka pai Tahniqweus!

### LUCKY SHINE WINNERS AT OUR LAST ASSEMBLY DRAW:

#### JUNIOR

Talia Martens - Rm 9  
Teo Crofskey - Rm 9  
Jenna Hogwood - Rm 10

#### MIDDLE

Zuir-Rose McGill - Rm 6  
Syncere Wetini - Rm 5  
Izayah Taipari - Rm 5

#### SENIOR

Kingston Rangitonga - Rm 3  
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Finn Ward - Rm 1



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

#### Year 5-6:

Samual Henderson, Isaac Marr, Kaito Chin, Matt Broome, Siobhan Williams, Annabelle Wilson, Sharn McGill

#### Year 1-2:

Ethan Williams, Brooklyn Pihema, Sienna Smith-Rees, Hudson Smith-Rees, Kyla Martin, Mason Hareb, Ian Lodewyckx, Anna Barnfather, Braxton Huijs

***We are also really proud of the following students who have completed their Level 2 SHINE card and were presented their Level 2 band at assembly:***

Ciana Allardice – Year 5, Traysharn Waiwiri-Nathan – Year 3

## ICAS TESTING

Notices went home to all students who expressed interest in the ICAS testing that is scheduled for this term. You will see the sitting weeks in the calendar and Mr S will be working on fitting these assessments into everything else that is happening each week. Please be aware of the week they are happening should your child wish to prepare in any way.

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are scheduled for next **Tuesday 17 August**. Please ensure that your child is wearing correct school uniform and that they are at school on time so they don't miss out on being in their class photo.

Sports photos will also be taken for Cricket, Netball, Miniball and Basketball teams, as well as Interschool Sports teams. **Miniball & Basketball players need to bring their singlet to school on this day so that they can wear it for the photo.**

Ordering for class, family and individual photos will again happen AFTER the day, with online photo access keys coming home to you with ordering details and proofs of what the photos will look like. We send these home when we get them back from the photographers for you to order from.

If you want a sibling photo taken, a sibling request form needs to be filled in **BEFORE** the day. Come in and fill a form in with Brenda in the office **before Tuesday**.

Look out for a flyer coming home with your child today.



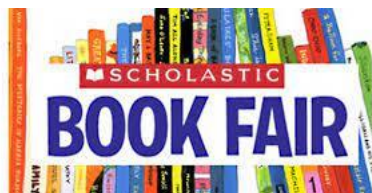
## HOME AND SCHOOL NEWS

The Home & School are busy working on the Andersons Pie fundraiser at the moment. You should have an order form at home and if you need another, or have misplaced yours, it's not too late to get selling/buying. See Brenda in the office if you need a new order form.

**Orders need to be in by Monday 23 August** Pie delivery day where you need to come and **collect your order is Thursday 2 September**.



We also have the **Scholastic Book Fair** scheduled for later this term. This will again be held in the Office foyer. Look out for details later in the term.



## KAPA HAKA

This term our Kapa Haka performance rōpu is working towards two performances, the Tatarakihi Festival (Taranaki Primary Schools Kapa Haka Festival) and Puanga Mass performance. The group of students continuing on are learning the art of performing waiata-ā-ringa (action songs), haka, poi, mōteatea (chants) and discipline.

This follows on from Term 1's focus for the whole school to learn a range of waiata, then in Term 2 there was a choice for Year 3-6 students to continue to develop both waiata and haka at Kapa Haka time. During Terms 2 & 3 Matua John has been spending time in each of the Junior classes each week introducing and developing both waiata and reo for our Year 1 & 2 students.

We look forward to seeing the performance group prepare for, and take part in, the events coming up later in the term. They are certainly working hard and applying themselves.

## WHAKATAUKI

**He aroha whakatō, he aroha puta mai**

*'If kindness is sown then kindness you shall receive'*

**Kia mau ki to maoritanga**

*'Hold onto your culture/values'*

## ROTARY READERS

Each week on a Thursday we are really lucky to have a group of volunteers from the Rotary Reading Group visit our school and spend time with children listening to them read. This is something that many children look forward to and we really appreciate the time these volunteers put into the programme. Here are some of our volunteers reading with children from Room 10. Thank you from all of us!

