

# MEREMERE SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 11

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## SCHOOL VISION:

Believe Achieve Succeed

## SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Success through Achievement. Achievement through Education.

Kia ora Whanau,

Unbelievable! Where has the term gone?

## CHILDREN'S BEHAVIOUR

Despite all the disruptions and changes this term your children are settled, and you can feel proud of their behaviour and learning. Many children have made some very good progress this year.

## KAPA HAKA

A big shout out to Melysa Maaka for taking our kapa haka. Hooray!

## STAFFING

Whaea Sandy has resigned. We have had 17 applicants for her position. Four teachers have been interviewed; we are very pleased with the very high standard of applicants. This has not always been the case in the past.

## WHAEA KIM

A huge thank you for doing a fantastic job supporting our teaching programme.

## WHAEA ASHA

Our new SWIS has started in her role at the school and has quickly made herself one of the staff. Next term she will be at the school on Mondays instead of Fridays.

## WHAEA JANE

Thank you Jane for all the hard work that has gone into the audit preparation. Consequently, our audit visit went very well.

Thank you to all our staff for the great job they have done this term despite all the disruptions. We have a great team here.

### GROUNDS DEVELOPMENT

Between Glenn Morse and Nick Corlett, I am already noticing improvements. The vegetable garden has been tidied up and the border garden spayed in readiness for planting. This will be developed over a period of time.

### SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAMME

An announcement has been made that this initiative is to continue until at least 2023.

Great news!

Remember it starts at the beginning of Term 2.

### ROOM 5

This has been cleaned and sorted and will be used by four community groups next term; an Under 2s Pre-School group, and three creative workshop groups where the focus is on music. These are all ably led by Melysa Maaka. Her email is [creativemeremere@gmail.com](mailto:creativemeremere@gmail.com) should you need further information.

### HOMEWORK/STUDY GROUP

This will be starting as soon as possible and is an MOE initiative.

This programme is intended to support progress and achievement. It will take place in Room 1, 2.30 - 4.30pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Tamariki will commence with a 10 minute break, then be provided with afternoon tea before receiving support in Maths and Reading. They will be sent home at 4.30pm. There will be more about this as soon as possible.

### SEASONS FOR GROWTH

"Seasons For Growth is a grief, loss and change programme for children dealing with challenges in their lives e.g separation, divorce, death or big family changes. The next after-school programme starts in Term 2 2021 on Thursday 13th of May, 4pm-5pm at St Andrews Church hall in Pukekohe. A Parent Programme is also running at the same time. The Programmes run for 1 hour over 8 weeks during term time. For enquiries or enrolments please phone/text Marisa Skilton on 021 142 5812, office on 238 7228, or contact me at [seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:seasonsfranklin@xtra.co.nz).

For more info go to [www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons](http://www.pukekohecommunityaction.co.nz/seasons)."

### ABSENCE

If your child is absent could you please let us know, there are several ways you can do this  
Telephone - 09 232 6712 .

Email - [office@meremere.school.nz](mailto:office@meremere.school.nz)

Text - 021 024 91038

### COMING UP

**Monday 3 May - Term 2 Starts**

Wednesday 5 May - BOT Meeting

### DUFFY ROLE MODEL ASSEMBLY

Alistair McIntyre, affectionately known as Mr Mac, visited the school as the Duffy Role Model. He was very funny, told lots of jokes, was interactive and gave the children lots of great information. We hope you enjoyed the two free books your children received. Thank you Tairan Kirkwood-Tamati for an incredible impromptu speech.

### WDC

The librarians from the Waikato District Council in Huntly visited the children to canvas their ideas on ways to improve the library - we call this 'student agency'. The librarians were really impressed with the senior children's listening, engagement, and ideas. Way to go Room 3.

### WAIMAC

Although we are still part of this great initiative ie Waikato Maori Achievement Collaborative, we have sadly had the last visit from Anaru Morgan who has been a great support and facilitator for the school. With 52 schools on his plate, his workload was too great and his north Waikato cluster of schools has been handed over to George Ihimaera who visited with Anaru on Monday. George is whanau to me through our grandparents.

George will work with me and the BOT to ensure Maori are succeeding as Maori. MAC are now, the recent big thing and eventually will manifest across the country and ensure Maori progress and achievement in education.

### RESOURCING

We have just spent \$3000 on literacy activities and maths equipment for the junior room. Meremere School is very well resourced to provide teaching and learning for your tamariki.

### WEEKLY ASSEMBLY PRIZE WINNERS

#### Term 1 Week 9

#### **Senior Role Models**

Marwa, Florence

#### **Group Points**

R2 Tigers and Cheetahs, R3 Midnight Sky

#### **Teachers Caught Being Good**

Ian, Johnathon

#### **Year 3 Caught Being Good**

Johnny

**Year 6 Caught Being Good**

Florence

**House Points**

Kowhai

**Sports Certificates**

**Room 2**

Kaeo

**Room 3**

Alana

**Learners Prizes**

**Reading**

**Writing**

**Maths**

**Room 2**

Legend

Harley

Harley

**Room 3**

Johnathon

Aroha

Zunoon

**Principal's Award**

**Room 2**

Jayda-Pearl

**Room 3**

Tairan

Enjoy the holidays.

Nga mihi nui

Whaea Maxine

**✂(Cut here and return to school)**



I have received and read the newsletter.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_