

MEREMERE SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 4
28 May 2021

SCHOOL VISION:

Believe Achieve Succeed

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Success through Achievement. Achievement through Education.

Kia ora Whanau,

THANK YOU

Thank you to Whaea Kim who went home last Friday with excess bananas and made muffins for the whole school, and homework group too.

NEW STAFFING

Next week we are increasing our staffing. Kylie Littlefair will be employed to work every Wednesday to release Whaea Danielle. All BTs (Beginning Teachers) are entitled to one day per week release as part of the CA (Collective Agreement) to support their professional development. The MOE pays for this. Kylie is an experienced teacher, and we welcome her onto the team.

CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE MINISTRY

Dion Crouch is once again our Senior Advisor at the Ministry. The role he shifted to was not a good fit and that suits us as he is a great supporter of the school.

HOMEWORK PROGRAMME

This is now underway and running smoothly. Thank you to Whaea Alison for her supervision and support and thank you to Sprinkle and Sparkle's nan for some special treats.

We have 12 children in the programme; now if you want your tamariki included they will go on to a waiting list. To date we have had 61% of the school interested in participating. That is huge. Compare that to Kimihia School with over 300 students who have less than 12.5%.

PLD

Whaea Maxine has been in New Plymouth since Tuesday afternoon at a Rural Principals Conference. This finishes on Friday afternoon.

BBQ

A big thank you to Glenn's daughter Grace, and her friends Catherine and Mikita, who organised a free BBQ for us and fruit/marshmallow kebabs for morning tea. They loved your tamariki and thought they were friendly, respectful, and well-mannered.

GARDENS

Our border garden is developing with edging dug in, thanks Nick.

TERM 2 TOPIC

Our Social Sciences topic this term is on Maori Creation. Firstly, we discussed how other indigenous cultures in the world all have their creation stories that all have some similarities to the Maori story.

Maori Creation Stages

1. Nothingness - tapu creation cycle.
2. Papatuanuku and Ranginui.
3. Rangi and Papa's children - seven main Gods.
4. Te Wehenga - The Separation.
5. Decorating papa and Rangi - the universe and trees, plants, insects.
6. Nga Kete Wananga - three baskets of knowledge.
7. Nga Pakanga o nga atua - War of the Gods.
8. Te Uwha - searching for the female element.
9. Te Wahine - Tuatahi - creation of the first woman.
10. Hine-nui-te-po - Goddess of Death.
11. Tiki or Tane Tiki - the first man.

In week 7 we have a trip to the Hamilton Museum to follow up on our teaching and in Term 3 a trip to the Auckland Observatory to look at the universe through their telescope.

MOE

Naomi Darwell (SLT), Speech Language Therapist, has been back to the school to support three of our pupils with their speech sounds and oral language development.

MOE MEREMERE SCHOOL TERM 4 2020 ROLL ANALYSIS

Comments from the Ministry.

- The % of year 1 students attending regularly was greater in your school than in all comparison schools.
ie Co-ed, Decile 1, Waikato region, all schools nationally.
- The % of Maori students attending regularly was greater in your school than in all comparison groups.
ie Co-ed, Decile 1, Waikato region, all schools nationally.
- The % of male students attending regularly was greater in your school than in all comparison groups.
ie Co-ed, Decile 1, Waikato region, all schools nationally.

Fantastic everyone. Well Done.

SCHOOL DOCS

Our School works with SchoolDocs to create our policies and procedures. The site is available to our school community.

The School works on a subscription basis with SchoolDocs to maintain, update, and review our policies. SchoolDocs provides us with a comprehensive core set of policies, which have been well researched and follow the Ministry of Education National Administration Guidelines. The policies and procedures are tailored to our school, and the school supplies specific information such as our charter, and procedures for behaviour management, reporting to parents, etc.

SchoolDocs updates, modifies, or creates policies in response to changes in legislation or Ministry guidelines, significant events, reviews/requests from schools, and regular reviewing from the SchoolDocs team. Our Board of Trustees have the opportunity to view changes/additions and comment on them before they are implemented.

We invite you to visit the site at <https://meremere.schooldocs.co.nz> (note that there's no "www."). Our username is "meremere" and password "meremere2474".

This term our Reporting to Parents policy is due for review by the BOT, staff, and parents. You can let us have your comments via the School Docs website by following the instructions below;

1. Visit the website <https://meremere.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (meremere) and password (meremere2474).
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.

ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school, please let us know the reason so that we can accurately record this. You can phone the office (09 232 6712) email the office (office@meremere.school.nz) or text us on 021 0249 1038.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Please see information below.

The drama classes are aimed at kids and youth.

The winter warmers workshop is an opportunity for families, youth or adults.

Any questions please contact artstekauwhata@gmail.com or 021 222 5682.



Toi Ako
Te Kauwhata

Drama and Performance

with Amy Knight
Kids 7-11, Youth 12-18

St Margaret's Hall
Wednesdays from 2 June
artstekauwhata@gmail.com



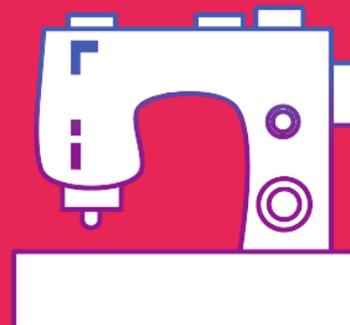
Winter Warmers

Have a go at a simple
sewing project
Make a draft stopper
or wheat bag for your
home

Toi Ako Artspace
Sunday 13 June, 12-4pm
\$10 per creation
Materials supplied
artstekauwhata@gmail.com



Toi Ako
Te Kauwhata



COMING UP

Thursday 17 June - Trip to Hamilton Museum

Friday 27 August - Trip to Stardome

ROOM 3 STORES

The Importance of Writing

You need to read so you can be excellent at writing and write your own books like picture books or chapter books and even comedy books.

You should start reading picture books when you are five then move to chapter books when you are seven or eight, probably eight but some people are really good at reading so they start at seven years old.

Reading also helps you get better at spelling and if you don't know how to spell a word then you can get the dictionary.

There is a place to go where there are lots of books and you can take books home. It is called the library.

Reading is a good subject and you can accomplish many good things when you go to school or the library to read.

By Alana

The Importance of Reading

The reason reading is good for you is because you can learn new words and you can also learn about stories and their history.

There are different types of categories of books. My favourites are horror books but they can't really scare me, they're entertaining though.

Each book has their own meanings, like comedy books they have jokes in them, and there's also colling books to teach you how to cook.

"Hello there, if you have got this far in this story I am going to put a hidden word in this story to make it more interesting. So listen closely. The word will have () brackets (CLUE) around it."

Reading also teaches you how to write and spell! Reading teaches you letters, letters teach you to write. Writing can make incredible words that can make you get a job like a journalist. Jobs get you money, money gets you food and shelter and that is why (reading) is important.

Have you figured out the word? If it is "reading" then you are correct. Because reading is the number one reason we go to school, never ditch!

By Marwa

The Importance of Reading

Reading is important for us humans. It helps us understand books. If we didn't know how to read books it wouldn't be fun and reading would be pointless. Your life would be hard if you couldn't read. If you're travelling on a plane you have to fill out a form. If you can't read well then you're in trouble. Also if you're driving and you have Google maps up and it tells you to go left, well you wouldn't know where to go.

There's a lot of things that can go wrong when you can't read. To avoid this just stay at school and listen to the teacher.

By Zunoon

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY PRIZE WINNERS

Term 2 Week 3

Senior Role Models

Zunoon, Marwa

Group Points

R2 Cheetahs, R3 White Shadows

Teachers Caught Being Good

Kaeo, Harley

Year 3 Caught Being Good

Muhaz, Marwa

Year 6 Caught Being Good

Jayda, Chloe

Sports Certificates

Room 2

Absent

Room 3

Kennedy

Learners Prizes

Reading

Writing

Maths

Room 2

Sprinkle

Kaeo

Ian

Room 3

Alana

Aroha

Waitangi

Principal's Award

Room 2

Sparkle

Room 3

Marwa

Nga mihi nui

Whaea Maxine

✂(Cut here and return to school)



I have received and read the newsletter.

Signed _____

Child's name _____