

MEREMERE SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 6
11 June 2021

SCHOOL VISION:

Believe Achieve Succeed

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Success through Achievement. Achievement through Education.

Kia ora Whanau,

We are over halfway through Term 2 with four weeks to go until the end of term. We have had no covid interruptions this term and the weather is mild. Long may it continue!

ROLL GROWTH

We welcome Dakota Nolan who makes a lovely addition to Room 2. Dakota is our only farm child and does not live in the village.

NEW UNIFORMS

We have had a new order of uniforms so if your child has outgrown their uniform, we have some available. Thank you to whanau who have children in clean uniforms.

MONEY OWING TO THE SCHOOL

Thank you to those parents who have been paying off their school debt. There are now only five families who owe the school money. Please arrange for WINZ to pay this (please contact the office if you require documentation) or make arrangements to pay for this yourself. The school cannot afford to carry your debt.

SCHOOL TRIP

Next Thursday we are taking the children to the Hamilton Museum. A letter is attached, please complete and return the permission slip.

REPORTS/ASSESSMENTS

Teachers are now in the middle of report writing. This is a very busy undertaking and to ensure we are as accurate as possible with our OTJs (Overall Teacher Judgements) we will be doing a lot of testing over the next few weeks. It is very important that your children are present during this time.

RURAL PRINCIPALS CONFERENCE

This was a great time of learning. The conference was huge with excellent speakers. I noticed there was a lot of emphasis on industrial action, especially for Principals of smaller schools like ours who have a huge workload and a lot of inequalities.

HOT LUNCHES

We conducted a hot lunch survey with our tamariki to collect 'student voice'. Overall children are happy with the lunches. When Paul Whittaker (MOE) visited last Thursday, he found the survey interesting and noted that we are the only school who had done this. The survey analysis was passed on to our suppliers and is included with this newsletter.

PRINCIPAL APPRAISER

Alan Lyth visited the school last week and continues to be happy with the standard of education at Meremere. Alan is the Principal of a huge school in Auckland, Bairds Mainfreight.

REAL ESTATE AGENTS VISIT

We had two real estate agents from Ray White who visited the school last week, and one from Barfoot and Thompson the week before that. They were very impressed with the school and will partner with us to promote Meremere.

WAIMAC

Last Friday the Principal visited Te Kauwhata School for a WAIMAC cluster meeting with Anaru Morgan and yesterday George Ihimaera met with the staff to deepen our knowledge and understanding of the Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti o Waitangi).

A GREAT LITTLE SCHOOL

I attended a meeting in Pukekohe yesterday morning and was very pleased to report no major issues at our school. Kia ora Whanau.

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.

LIFE EDUCATION CARAVAN

Matua Mike arrived this week with Harold the giraffe and many new technological advances in the caravan which makes it a magical experience for children's learning. Our focus was on building social relationships and feelings of empathy towards others. This builds on our number one school value of aroha.

MILK

Unfortunately, Fonterra have decided to no longer supply the small milk containers (200ml). This means that we revert back to being a water only school. They still supply the 1 litre cartons of milk and when we have a surplus of these, we pass them on to you. A surplus will arise when children decide not to have breakfast at school.

ROOM 2 STORIES

Here is Harold the giraffe's truck. Matua Mike said some funny jokes. He made me laugh.
By Dakota

I am too scared in the darkness.
By Sprinkle

The Maori gods had a fight.
By Harley

Once upon a time there was one old lady and one boy and an old man. The old lady made a gingerbread biscuit. She put it in the stove and cooked it. Suddenly they heard loud knocking on the stove door. So they had a check and out came running a live gingerbread man. So the old lady and the boy and the old man ran after him. But they couldn't catch up. The gingerbread man ran away saying run run as fast as you can, you can't catch me because I'm the gingerbread man.
By Sparkle

It was dark. I was waiting for the blood moon. I fell asleep and my mum would wake me up. It took a while and then I saw it and then I saw a shooting star. It was so cool. Then I went back to sleep. I was so tired and I had a dream.
By Jayda

COMING UP

Thursday 17 June - Trip to Hamilton Museum
Friday 9 July - END OF TERM 2
Friday 27 August - Trip to Stardome

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY PRIZE WINNERS

Term 2 Week 5

Senior Role Models
Aroha, Florence

Group Points
R2 Tigers, R3 Gold Raro

Teachers Caught Being Good
Jasmine, Jasmine

Year 3 Caught Being Good
Harley, Sparkle

Year 6 Caught Being Good

Sparkle, Melissa-Jay

Sports Certificates

Room 2	Room 3
Harley	Jasmine

Learners Prizes	Room 2	Room 3
Reading	Jayda-Pearl	Johnathan
Writing	Dakota	Chloe
Maths	Ian	Florence

Principal's Award

Room 2	Room 3
Muhaz	Aroha

Nga mihi nui
Whaea Maxine

✂(Cut here and return to school)

_____ ✂
I have received and read the newsletter.

Signed _____

Child's name _____



1 Which hot lunch did you like the most?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mac n cheese [6]• Pasta meatballs [5]• Chicken wraps [5]• Butter chicken [4]• Chicken roll [1]• Tachos [1]
2 Why did you like it the most?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tasty [5]• I like chicken [5]• Cheesy [5]• It was hot [5]• Yummy [4]• Pasta [2]• Healthy [1]• Better size [1]• Not many vegetables [1]
5 Which was the worst hot lunch?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sandwiches [7]• Noodles [5]• Fried rice [4]• Mince [2]• Nacho chips [2]• Vegetables [1]• Wraps [1]• Vegetables [1]
6 Why was it the worst?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Yuk/gross/weird taste [6]• Dry [4]• Too many vegetables/corn/leaves [4]• Not tasty/boring [3]

- Too spicy [3]
- Cold [2]
- Wet [1]
- Wrap too hard [1]
- Mayo [1]

The following questions had three faces to select from

- *Happy face [Yes]*
- *Face with straight mouth [Ambivalent, middle of the road, unsure]*
- *Unhappy face [No]*

7 Do you like being in Room 1 to eat?

- Yes [16]
- Ambivalent [5]
- No [1] - Seniors annoy me!

8 Would you like to take left-overs home?

- Yes [14]
- Ambivalent [4]
- No [4]

9 Are the hot lunches big enough to fill you up?

- Yes [16]
- Ambivalent [4]
- No [2] - 1 senior pupil, 1 junior pupil

10 How do you feel if you don't like your lunch?

- Yes [Happy face] [2]
- Ambivalent [9]
- No [Unhappy face] [11]

11 Do you like having hot lunches?

- Yes [20]
- Ambivalent [3]
- No

Overall hot lunches are a successful initiative with the children. No child responded negatively to having hot lunches, twenty [87%] were happy to have them and fourteen [61%] were happy to take home a left over. Sixteen children [70%] found them filling with only two children [9%] who did not, one of whom was a senior and one a junior. There is a range of responses to favourite lunches [6] and an even bigger range of responses [9] for why they liked them. Eight lunches featured as the worst and nine reasons were given for this.

Most children [70%] were happy to eat together in Room 1 where the lunches are delivered to and only one child [4%] did not.

Eleven children [48%] selected an unhappy face to express how they felt if they didn't like their lunch, nine [39%] were ambivalent, with comments given as hungry, [1] sad [1] and sick [1] if they were unhappy.

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Kia ora Whanau

Next Thursday, 17 June we are taking the children to Hamilton to visit the museum.

This is to build on our understanding of Maori Creation which is our current Social Sciences study.

We will leave soon after 8.30am and be back by 2.30pm.

As the school now receives a donation free grant from the MOE, this trip is free for both transport and museum entry.

Children will need to wear a clean uniform and shoes. They will also need to bring a packed lunch and water bottle.

Thank you.

Whaea Maxine, Whaea Faye, Whaea Danielle

Please complete the form below and return to the school.

.....
I give/do not give permission for (child's name)

to attend the trip to Hamilton Museum on Thursday 17 June.

Name of Parent/Caregiver Signature.....