

MEREMERE SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 8
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SCHOOL VISION:

Believe Achieve Succeed

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Success through Achievement. Achievement through Education.

Kia ora Whanau,

NEW ENROLMENTS

We welcome two new pupils, Ashli and Blake Hautapu, into the school. Their arrival helps boost our numbers.

NEWSLETTERS

Normally these come out every fortnight on even weeks ie week 2, 4, 6, 8, 10

BEHAVIOUR

The children's behaviour is very settled and respectful, and I am very impressed with how they are all playing together so well. My appraiser, Alan Lyth, thought the tone across the school was awesome.

ATTENDANCE

Lack of attendance is a huge concern for the MOE at the moment with Omicron hitting many schools hard across the motu. I bumped into the Principal of Te Kauwhata last night at the shopping centre and his school was closed for two weeks with many of his staff absent with covid.

Fortunately, we have had no positive covid cases with children although currently our Teacher Aide and Groundsman have it.

Our attendance is 100%. The Director of the Waikato MOE, Marcus Freke, emailed and congratulated us leading the way in this area, and added "I guess it is a reflection of how much the students enjoy being at school".

Well done Meremere.

WHAEA OKEROA

I would like to thank Whaea Okeroa for her recent support and acts of kindness towards the school. She has gifted the school with RATs and the bread that was sent home.

SCHOOL GARDENS

These are underway and have benefitted from the recent rain. Security cameras that have been installed will help to ensure our plants are not removed which was what happened with the previous attempts to establish the gardens. Once the border garden is completed a memorial plaque which we have safely stored away commemorating a previous Principal, Mr Foy, will be re-established.

SCHOOL SIGN

The school sign has been completed and is looking fabulous. Once the posts have been concreted in this will be unveiled by the local MP, Andrew Bayly.

LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Past consultations with whanau have strongly indicated that they want to see children learning, have manners, being respectful and achieving in maths and literacy.

The last two years have seen a drop after each lockdown of our achievement which reflects the situation across the motu.

Encouragingly, this term we have already seen three boys move from BELOW to AT in Reading and our achievement now sits at 70% of the school AT or ABOVE or WELL ABOVE. We are working hard to turn around our results in Writing and Maths.

A smaller school has the distinct advantage of allowing the teacher to spend more time with your child to accelerate results.

PRINCIPAL APPRAISER

My appraiser Alan Lyth, retired Principal of Bairds Mainfreight Primary School, a huge school in south Auckland, visited yesterday. He continues to be impressed with how the school is running.

MAC

We continue to work with MAC, the Maori Achievement Collaborative, which helps schools across NZ to be culturally responsive so that Maori children are succeeding as Maori.

Anaru Morgan was supposed to have visited the school on Thursday but unfortunately he was at home as his son's school was closed due to Omicron.

RELIEVING

Danielle was sick this week and we had Elisha Ager in relieving for us. Elisha lives in the village and will be in again to support the school along with Susan McDougall while Faye is still recovering from her broken leg.

CRICKET COACHING

We have our last coaching session on 4 April. This term the children's skills in both softball and cricket have really improved.

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

The Public Health Nurse has administered the last triple vaccination (not Covid) for the senior children on 10 March. This is their last childhood vaccination (apart from Covid!). When you are 40 and 60 years old these can be re-done.

ALL

Our facilitator Ruth Foulkes was in last week for our PLD ALL (Accelerating Literacy Learning). The schools' focus is on Writing rather than Reading.

WHANAU SUPPORT

It is our goal to support whanau. Each Friday while we are at Red Light, we will endeavour send home food or goods along with the leftover fruit for the week. This Friday each child will receive a box of Weetbix and a box of masks.

Our RAT supply is very limited and are targeted at staff, especially teachers.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY PRIZE WINNERS

Term 1 Week 7

Senior Role Models

Aroha, Daz

Group Points

3 Musketeers

Teachers Caught Being Good

Muhaz, Daz

Year 6 Caught Being Good

Dylan, Ashli

Sports Certificates

Room 2

Ian

Sports Certificates

Room 3

Dylan

Learners Prizes

Reading

Writing

Maths

Room 2

Blake

Muhaz

Room 3

Dresean

Aroha

Marwa

Principal's Award

Room 2

Ashli

Room 3

Chloe

Thankyou

Maxine Stensness
Principal

✂(Cut here and return to school)

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I have received and read the newsletter.

Signed _____

Child's name _____

Hon Jan Tinetti

Minister of Internal Affairs
Minister for Women
Associate Minister of Education



Tēnā koe

Highest Needs Review

The Government is committed to ensuring all children and young people can access high-quality education and receive the support they need to succeed in education. It is important that education supports are designed so that the potential of all our children can be fully realised, which is at the heart of what whānau and kaiako strive for every day.

In October 2021, I announced a review of the services provided to learners with the highest learning needs. The Review's online portal is now live and will remain open until 31 March 2022.

The purpose of the review is to ensure that these children and young people, and their families, whānau and aiga, receive the right learning support they need, when they need it, and for as long as they need it. The education journey of children and young people, from early learning to leaving secondary school, falls within the scope of the Review.

Children and young people are our taonga, and it is essential we include their opinions and those of their families, whānau and aiga, as well as teachers, support staff, education leaders and school boards. We want as many people as possible to know about the Highest Needs Review so they can engage and share their opinions on how we can improve and change the services provided to children and young people, within scope of the review.

Having been an educator for 30 years, I know how difficult it can be to navigate the system. This is why I am really keen to hear from you as school leaders, teachers and support staff, and I strongly encourage you to have your say at conversation.education.govt.nz/conversations/highest-needs-review/.

Please also share this information, and how to be involved, with your staff and school community.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jan Tinetti'.

Hon Jan Tinetti
Associate Minister of Education

LUNCH
BY
LIBELLE

Term 1, 2022

KAURI WEEK

28/03 - 01/04

MONDAY

Bean & Pulled Pork Nachos

Corn chips with chilli bean, capsicum and corn salad with BBQ pulled pork, carrot and cheese and sour cream/yoghurt dressing.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE: Chilli bean nachos. DF, VE: Vegan cheese & coconut yoghurt dressing. H, NP, SF: Bean & chicken nachos.

Snack: Cookie
+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
GF, SF: Cracker

TUESDAY

Chicken & Cheese Salad Wrap

Wholemeal wrap with chicken, cheese & mixed salad.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE: Falafel. GF: GF wrap. DF, VE: Vegan cheese. EF, VE: Vegan mayo.

Snack: BBQ Chickpeas
+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
None

WEDNESDAY

Ham Pizza

Wholemeal mini pizza with ham & cheese, veg sticks, and corn chips with hummus.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE: Mushroom chickpea super sauce. GF: GF pizza base. DF, VE: Vegan cheese. H, NP, SF: Chicken.

Snack: Fruit Yoghurt
+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
DF, VE: Trail mix

THURSDAY

Ham, Cheese & Salad Roll

Wholemeal long roll with shaved ham, cheese & spinach, with coleslaw & a corn cob.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE: Falafel. H, NP: Chicken. GF: GF roll. DF, VE: Vegan cheese, falafel.

Snack: Hidden Vege Raspberry Mud Muffin
+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
EF, VE: Anzac cookie
GF: Rice cracker

FRIDAY

Cheeseburger

Wholemeal bun, beef burger patty, cheese, lettuce, tomato sauce, and mixed salad.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, GF, VE, SF, H, NB: Black bean burger patty. GF: GF burger bun. DF, VE: Vegan Cheese.

Snack: Seasonal Fruit
+ Years 9 to 13: Cookie

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
GF, VE: Coconut blissballs

Key: (V) Vegetarian. (GF) Gluten Free. (DF) Dairy Free. (EF) Egg Free. (H) Halal. (NB) No Beef. (NP) No Pork. *Senior students additional item.

Meals will be prepared to cater for children with specific allergies or cultural requirements. If you need these options please make the school aware two weeks in advance. Meals are prepared in a non-allergen controlled environment. If you have low tolerance towards certain allergens please notify the school immediately. Items may vary subject to supply.

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NIKAU WEEK

04/04 - 08/04

MONDAY

BBQ Scroll & Roast Veg Salad

Wholemeal BBQ scroll with BBQ pulled pork or chicken, roast veg & brown rice salad.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE: Falafel. GF, SF: GF, SF bun. H, NP, SF: Chicken. DF, EF, VE, SF: Bread.

Snack: Cookie
+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
GF, VE, EF, SF: Coconut bliss balls

TUESDAY

Pizza Roll-Ups

Baked wholemeal tortilla with pizza sauce, ham, and cheese, served with coleslaw salad.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE: Mushroom magic mince. H, NP: Chicken. GF: GF wrap. DF, VE: Vegan cheese.

Snack: Fruit Yoghurt
+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
DF, VE: Trail mix

WEDNESDAY

Egg & Bacon Pasta Salad

Wholemeal pasta salad with boiled egg, bacon, cheese, veggies, and creamy ranch dressing.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE, H, NP, EF, DF: Chickpeas. GF: GF chickpea pasta.

Snack: Wholegrain Pikelet & Apple Slices

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
DF, EF, VE: Vegan pikelet. GF, SF: Popcorn

THURSDAY

Ham & Cheese Sandwich

Wholemeal bread with ham, cheese and lettuce, potato salad & carrot sticks.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE: Chickpea smash with vegan mayo. H, NP: Chicken. GF: GF bread. SF: SF bread. DF, VE: Vegan cheese. DF, EF, VE: Vegan potato salad.

Snack: Corn Chips
+ Years 9 to 13: Seasonal Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
None

FRIDAY

Honey Soy Chicken Rice Salad Bowl

Brown rice salad with honey soy chicken, slaw, peas and sesame seeds.

Dietary Alternatives:
V, VE: Tofu. VE: Teriyaki sauce. SF: Japanese mayo.

Snack: Popcorn & Fruit

Snack Dietary Alternatives:
None

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