

MEREMERE SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 2
13 May 2022

SCHOOL VISION:

Believe Achieve Succeed

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Success through Achievement. Achievement through Education.

Kia ora Whanau,

Our wonderful summer has gone on and on, but I think winter is about to arrive!

ROLL

We welcome Rose Whitiri, a new entrant, to our school and look forward to many more. This enrolment means we have had a 55% roll increase since February. That means we have more than doubled our roll.

Our current numbers do mean however, that your child has the wonderful opportunity for daily 1-1 teaching with teachers.

STAFFING

Whaea Faye is still in hospital recovering from her fall but is about to start physio. Hopefully we will see her back later this term.

Whaea Rayella is also now in hospital, and we wish her well in her recovery.

PLD

The Principal attended an excellent law seminar at the end of Week 1. This was attended by other Principals from as far away as Hastings.

She will also be attending PLD on Monday 16 May and Friday 20 May and will not be in the school on either of these days.

VISITORS

RTL

Two Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour were in the school in Week 2 to provide support for two students. They were amazed at the learning environment and the children's focussed behaviour. They made many positive comments about our teaching and learning.

SWIS

Our SWIS, Whaea Asher, who is in the school every Monday is running a programme with a colleague from 1.30 - 2.30 called Mindfulness. This starts on Monday 16 May.

ALAN LYTH

My Principal Appraiser, who is the retired Principal of Bairds Mainfreight Primary School in South Auckland, is always impressed with the engagement of our children and how the school is running. He was in the school last Wednesday.

MAC

We have a new facilitator, Wayne Lunjevich, who is seconded from Kaitia Intermediate School. He noticed the positive wairua in the school and the happy and positive way in which our tamariki carried themselves.

LAURA BAKER

Our School Counsellor spent the day in school on Thursday. She introduced her role to the seniors who then completed an activity on their personal strengths. Whaea Laura was also very impressed with that we are doing here.

DISPELLING FALSE RUMOURS AND LIES

I know we are doing a great job of educating and supporting your tamariki to learn and progress, but it is always heartening to hear the positive comments by educational professionals who go into lots of schools and are in an excellent position to be able to judge and comment.

Disappointingly, a few parents and keyboard warriors in the village have tried to create a false narrative of the school.

As professionals we will continue to work to the highest levels regardless of criticism and we will not succumb to the opinions of lay people.

Please read our ERO reports and help the school by encouraging newcomers to the village to enrol in their local school.

COMING UP

3-WAY CONFERENCES

This Thursday, 19 May, children will go home at 12.00pm and will not have lunch at school.

The conferences start at 1.00pm and finish at 7.15pm.

We look forward to seeing you here.'

SCHOOL TRIP

Our trip to Butterfly Creek is on Wednesday 25 May. A notice will go home later.

PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT

ASBESTOS

The MOE has just removed asbestos from our boiler room and is going to install heat pumps into the school in the next holidays. The boiler which was to have used wood pellets at some stage instead of coal, is now going to be removed altogether.

SCHOOL GARDENS

The gardens behind the admin building, in front of the old dental clinic, in front of the gate, along our front fence and in front of the pool are all completed, and plants have grown in this mild weather. The pool fence garden is entirely natives, and the other gardens have many natives dotted throughout. The last garden to be developed this year by the boiler room is underway and will also be full of natives. These attract native birds and insects.

SCHOOL SIGN

There is a hold up with this as the Pokeno Lion who is organising the uprights is in hospital. We wish Trevor a speedy recovery.

ATTENDANCE

Please remember to let us know if your child is absent from school so that we can mark the roll correctly. This can be done via email (office@meremere.school.nz or phone 09 232 6712).

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

A reminder that we have second hand uniforms available for purchase in a variety of sizes. Please ask at the office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES



**TERM 2
FREE**

**FOR GIRLS
AGED 8-15**

GIRLS GOT GAME

Open to girls of all abilities, whether it's their first time picking up a basketball or they've been bouncing a ball since they were born. The main purpose is to bring girls together to learn, grow and play some basketball.

RUNS FOR EIGHT WEEKS, STARTING MONDAY, MAY 9

GIRLS GOT GAME
@basketballnz

FRANKLIN BASKETBALL

Register at franklinbasketball.org.nz/our-programmes
Franklin Pool and Leisure Centre | 29 Franklin Road, Pukekohe

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY PRIZE WINNERS - Term 2 Week 1

Senior Role Models

Aroha, Chloe

Group Points

Purple Vines

Teachers Caught Being Good

Ian, Dylan

Year 6 Caught Being Good

Muhaz, Dylan

Sports Certificates

Blake

Learners Prizes

Reading Dylan

Writing Marwa

Maths Aroha

Principal's Award

Ian

Thankyou

Maxine Stensness

Principal

✂(Cut here and return to school)

I have received and read the newsletter.

Signed _____

Child's name _____