MEREMERE SCHOOL

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Term 4 Week 4

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SCHOOL VISION:

Believe Achieve Succeed

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Success through Achievement. Achievement through Education.

Kia ora Whanau,

Last week was a big week for the school but already the feedback from ERO has been very favourable. We are now awaiting their draft report. When the confirmed report arrives we will forward this to you and you will be able to see it on our website.

THANK YOU

A big thank you to the 10 whanau who turned up to speak to ERO. 50% of our families were represented which is a great turnout. At bigger schools, sometimes no parents turn up so a huge acknowledgement for your positive support for the school.

COMING UP

Thursday 7 November Principals Appraiser in school

Wednesday 13 November GATE Day – Leadership Day - 2 senior children attending

Thursday 14 November Principal out of school

Monday 18 November Project Energize in

Teachers start testing and writing reports

Wednesday 20 November Principal out of school

Monday 25 November Project Energize in

Wednesday 27 November Principal and School Administrator out

Thursday 28 November Principal out of school

BOT Meeting

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR

It is with real sadness that I write that Rowena is retiring at the end of the year. This will give Rowena and Roger the opportunity to do more travelling in their caravan home. Rowena has been an absolute stalwart in the office and we shall all miss her, me especially. Her job will be advertised soon. These are big shoes to fill.

RECENT ENROLMENTS

This week we have enrolled a pupil at the request of the Ministry of Education. They are required by the law to ensure that all children under 16 attend the local school. The MOE has full confidence that we are able to provide not only for the safety of our current pupils but also provide an inclusive education for all children who attend Meremere School. I have already spoken to several concerned parents. Please be assured that the safety of your children is my first priority and also that of the BOTs. This enrolment is only for Monday and Tuesday and ceases at the end of the year.

GATE

On Wednesday Colin Marshall-Turtle and Kian Climo attended the gifted and talented workshop in Waiuku called “The Science Behind Food”. Both boys reported back at assembly on Thursday and were full of information and excitement about their day. Congratulations on being chosen.

WAIMAC

Our WaiMAC facilitator Anaru Morgan was in the school yesterday to discuss the progress we are making with normalising Te Reo at school. Children now do a mihi and pepeha in both classrooms and are following simple instructions in Maori.

FOOD GALORE

Thank you to Whaea Rowena for sharing salads and desserts with us on Monday. The children loved the pavlova, cheesecake and strawberries and cream.

TESTING

In Weeks 5, 6 and 7 we begin our formalised testing for maths, writing, reading and spelling for the school reports. Please ensure your children attend school over this period so we have results for your child.

ATTENDANCE

Overall our attendance is very high across the school. However, there are 3 or 4 children whose attendance is AT RISK. Under the Vulnerable Children’s Act you are responsible for ensuring your child has amongst other things, an education and that is for five days of the week. As principal it is my responsibility to ensure that happens. AT RISK attendance needs to improve for those children.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

We have had trouble at school accessing our website but this has been sorted. Rowena and I have both been able to access this from our home computers but if you have any issues can you please let us know. You should be able to type in Meremere School and it should pop up.

ROOM 2 STORIES

**Ian Caine**

I like writing and reading because I learn.

**Ricco Heta**

In school I like reading special books. It’s fun and it’s good. I like the books.

**Lilly-May Lusby**

Maths is my favourite because maths is really great.

**Legion Heta**

I like going to play because I have fun

**Ariana Heta**

I like playing because I can skip.

**Jayda-Pearl Haines**

I like reading because it makes you learn.

**Jonathan Marshall-Hancock**

In the weekend I went on a trip to an enormous hill. We went to the top and over the hill. But it was hard to get down. We saw the whole world. Colin had to take the lead and we had a picnic.

**Alana Haines**

Yesterday night it was Guy Fawkes and all of the fireworks went boom. They were loud and I did some Bayblays and they banged too. They are colourful and they spun. At the end it smoked. I was holding a Roman candle. My uncle had a big firework. We had some sparklers, long ones and short ones too. Legend and his mum Tawn watched from the window. But his nan she stayed home.

**Dylan Kirkwood-Tamati**

Yesterday night it was Guy Fawkes. I was going to go to bed. When I saw a firework it was a little firework. It was yellow. Then I saw a big one it was at the skate park, it was loud. The coolest fire work was the loudest. It was white. It was like boom, boom. It was outside. It was super loud.

**Melissa-Jay**

Yesterday night I had some fireworks at my cousin’s house. Then I had some fireworks there too. After I had some more. My cousin had some sparklers with me. My aunty was watching me doing the fireworks and I had some sparklers with her. My niece had some fireworks too and my niece was doing the big fireworks. I did the big ones with my cousin and my little cousin and my aunty had heaps of fireworks. I had lots of fun.

**Waimirirangi Matthews**

Yesterday it was Guy Fawkes Day. On Guy Fawkes it is when you have fireworks. I saw some coming from the skate park and I mostly saw the big and loud ones. They were different. There was yellow, green and red and they went as high as a tree.

WEEKLY ASSEMBLY PRIZE WINNERS

Term 4 Week 2

**Top Groups**

**Room 2** Hawkes

**Room 3** Neon Marshmellows

**Caught Being Good**

Colin, Legend, Jayda, Legion, Waitangi, Ariana

**Sports Winners**

**Room 2 Room 3**

Muhaz Waitangi

**Learners Prizes Room 2 Room 3**

**Reading**  Ariana Lara

**Writing** Alana Chloe

**Maths** Dylan Nuku

**Principal’s Prize Winner**

**Room 2 Room 3**

Jayda Jasmine

Term 4 Week 1

**Top Groups**

**Room 2** Robots

**Room 3** Neon Marshmallows

**Caught Being Good**

Lilly-Mae, Ian, Legend, Tairan, Marwa

**Sports Winners**

**Room 2 Room 3**

Ian Marwa

**Learners Prizes Room 2 Room 3**

**Reading**  Wai Tairan

**Writing** Lilly-Mae Nuku

**Maths** Legion Zarin

**Principal’s Prize Winner**

**Room 2 Room 3**

Sparkle Titan

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I have received and read the newsletter.

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Child’s name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Have you tried to look at the school website? Yes/No

Do you like the website? Yes/No

Did you have a problem with it? Yes/No

If you had a problem what was it.

Do you have any suggestions for making it better? Yes/No

What are they?