

MEREMERE SCHOOL

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Term 1 Week 4

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SCHOOL VISION

Believe Achieve Succeed

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Success through Achievement. Achievement through Education.

MEREMERE, a great little SCHOOL

Kia ora koutou,

Firstly, my apologies that the Week 2 newsletter did not go out; Rebecca was on leave.

Staff

Principal - Maxine Stensness

Teachers - Maxine Stensness Anne Wolfe

Relieving teacher - Faye Abel, Pat Ollington

Office Administrator - Carien Gerber

Cleaner - Erin Kinney

Welcome

We welcome Teagan Wismans into the school and thank Lauren and Chris for the trust they have placed in Meremere School to provide an excellent education for her.

Teacher Aide

We welcome back Dot to work after her six months absence. She was sorely missed.

Resignation

We are very sorry to say that Rebecca our Office Admin has resigned. Rebecca is strongly involved in her Church, and this year is doing 4 papers for her pastoral studies. Rebecca will be greatly missed by staff and children and we thank her for availing her home to us at the end of Term 4 for our End of Year trip.

Office Administration Appointment

Carien Gerber will replace Rebecca in the office. Carien lives in Pokeno with her family and has just immigrated to New Zealand from South Africa.

School Hours

School starts at 08:30. As soon as the roll and karakia are done, we begin our writing lesson. This starts with the motivation and class teaching component before children start their independent writing. It is important that children are at school at this time, so they understand what they are writing about.

School finishes at 2:30 following Karakia. Please wait outside for children to be dismissed.

Morning Tea

As part of our Health Eating procedures, we encourage children to eat:

Glow Food - fruit, vegetables.

Grow Food - meat, chicken, eggs etc for muscle growth.
- yoghurt, cheese etc for bone, nail, hair.

Go food - sandwiches, buns etc for long term energy.

Occasional food, Celebration food, Junk food - pies, highly refined processed food etc.

This approach and terminology stems from the work we did with Project Energise and the wonderful facilitator Simon who were an agency set up by the Waikato District Health Board to work in schools to promote healthy eating and fitness. Both things being of major concern to the Health Board.

Our school procedure for morning tea has been endorsed by our RTLB who is now promoting the approach in other schools in the North Waikato region. She designed our posters.

Morning tea is only 10 minutes although it often stretches to 15 minutes.

This term Monday is a no junk food day.

3 Way Conferences

These will be held on 19 MARCH. Forms for this will go home shortly.

Board Elections

Because Rebecca has resigned from her position as a staff member she can no longer be on the Board. This forces a staff election which will now need to take place.

Roll

Our roll currently stands at 9 but will grow to 10 at the end of the month with the addition of Aurorah. While a small roll poses problems with a very small budget, it does allow us to teach every child every day for writing, reading and maths. This is a privileged opportunity for your children.

Property

In the holidays the Room 3 toilet block was repiped, and carpets were installed into the admin area, Room 3 and 5 and the library. The drive way is next.

Wheelie Wednesday

On Wednesdays the children can bring their wheels to school e.g. bike, scooters etc. Thankyou to the parents who send helmets.

Attendance

Please ensure children arrive before the bell goes. If children are absent, can you please email principal@meremere.school.nz with the reason. The only reasons children are justifiably absent is for sickness or attendance to family funerals.

Before school routines

Before the 8:30 bell, children have to hang up their bags, put their morning tea into their tote trays, take down the chairs at their tables and put a sticker on their attendance sheet. It is disruptive if children arrive after teaching has started.

Stationery List

Stationary lists go home on Monday. Please pay for this online. The school's account number is 12 3109 0012607 00.

Weekly Assembly

Date: 13.02.2026	Term: 1	Week: 1
Senior Role Models	Larry Angel	
New Students	Teagan	
Birthdays	Indica	
Group Points	Superstars Kortez	
100% Attendance draw	Kortez	
Teachers Caught Being Good	Kortez Angel Indica - eating lunch - 3 days - school on time - 3 days	
Role Models Caught Being Good	Camero Vaimoe	
Newsletter Slips	Larry Vaimoe	
Sports Certificate		
Reading Certificate		
Writing Certificate		
Maths Certificate		
Principal Certificate	Larry Vaimoe Angel	

Date: 20.02.2026	Term: 1	Week: 2
Senior Role Models	Angel Vaimoe	
Birthdays	Vaimoe	
Group Points	Foxes	
Newsletter Slip	David	
100% Attendance draw	Kortez	
Teachers Caught Being Good	Vaimoe David	
Role Models Caught Being Good	Carter Kortez	
Sports Certificate (1)	Angel	

Reading Certificate	Teagan
Writing Certificate	Indica
Maths Certificate	Larry
Principal Certificate	Vaimoe

Date: 27.02.2026	Term: 1	Week: 3
Senior Role Models	Vaimoe Larry	
Group Points	Bears	
100% Attendance draw	Indica	
Teachers Caught Being Good	Carter Teagan	
Role Models Caught Being Good	Vaimoe Teagan	
Newsletter Slips		
Sports Certificate (1)	Larry	
Reading Certificate		
Writing Certificate	Vaimoe	
Maths Certificate	Teagan	
Principal Certificate	Indica	

Nga mihi nui

Maxine Stensness

Principal

PS: If you send back the slip below, it goes into a lucky draw at our Friday assembly.

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I have received and read the newsletter.

Signed _____ Child's name _____