

MEREMERE SCHOOL

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Term 2 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 e te whanau,

Our beautiful Autumn weather continues with cold nights and bright blue days.

ROLL

Our roll stands at 10 children ranging from Year 1's to Year 5. Essentially, we are now a junior/middle school.

BEHAVIOUR

Overall behaviour is settled with the occasional incident which is managed effectively with consequences to deal with inappropriate conduct.

CURRICULUM

This term we looked at Social Science and our topic was Anzac Day.

We are now looking at Health and our topic is Social Interactions and Social Relationships. Initially we used an MOE video called Oat the Goat to identify inappropriate and appropriate behaviours.

We also had a visit from the Life Education caravan this week and looked at emotions and feelings, how to identify these and strategies to deal with those.

Next term we will be looking at a Science topic and in Term 4 we will look at a Technology topic.

LIFE EDUCATION CARAVAN

We have just had a visit from the Life Education caravan, and the class had two lessons with Whaea Leiset, a fabulous teacher and of course Harold the Giraffe. The children love their time in the caravan. The focus for the lessons was on Health and Personal Growth ie socaila development and relationships.

LEARNING AND ACHIEVEMENT

Currently we have 60% of the school AT or ABOVE or WELL ABOVE for Reading, 80% for Writing and 70% for Maths. Our target is 80% or above in all areas; we have already hit that for Writing and are not far off for both Maths and Reading. This is an excellent result for this time of the year.

Please note that the Board and school's primary goal apart from safety which is paramount is Learning and Achievement.

Please share these great results with your neighbours and local community and help to promote the school as an excellent place for learning and achievement.

STAFF

I want to acknowledge my staff for their work, in particular our latest recruitments, Carien in the office and Bevan our caretaker/grounds person. When you have great people in a team, it lifts the overall performance of the school. Thankyou Carien and Bevan. Your work ethic, effort and communication skills is really appreciated.

LEADERSHIP PLD

Last week I was in Auckland for 2 days of Leadership Professional Learning Development with principals and deputies from as far south as Queenstown. It was excellent.

At the end of the month, I shall be attending the Rural Principal's Conference and shall be out of the school for four days. Whaea Pat will teach the class on the Tuesday and Wednesday.

REPORTS

Anne and I are well underway with our report writing using the new MOE rubic but including our previous standards so you can draw an easier conclusion about your child's learning. If any confusion exists, please query this at the 3 Way Conferences in Term 3. These go home on the last day of Term 2.

MOE	DESCRIPTION	SCHOOL
Emerging		Well Below
Developing	Some progress	Below
Consolidating	Meeting many expectations	At
Proficient	Meeting expectations	At
Exceeding	Exceeding expectations	Above / Well Above

STATIONERY

Thankyou to our families who have paid for stationery into our ASB school account.

If you are one of those families who have yet to pay for stationery, please do that now.

If you are suffering financial hardship and finding it difficult to pay for stationery, please come into school on a Thursday or Friday and discuss a payment plan with Carien in the office.

Remember we are a small school with an even smaller budget and we cannot afford to subsidise you. Please pay your way.

Please note that our stationery costs range from \$21.32 to \$27.81 currently. We are the cheapest school for stationery in all the Franklin Schools. They range from \$30 to \$100 per child!

UNIFORMS

All children are expected to be in clean and correct uniforms.

PROPERTY

Playground

Bevan has recently completed lifting the old weed mat which was over 15 years old and shredding. He has begun to lay new matting and spread new bark. This is a work in progress.

Driveway

We have now obtained permission from the MOE to go ahead with the upgrade of our driveway. When this happens, no-one will be able to access the driveway for three days. Everyone will be parking outside the school. We will let you know when that is going to happen.

WEBSITE

Progress with our new website is well underway and nearly complete. I shall let you know when it is live.

ATTENDANCE

I have included the school's Attendance Management Plan in this newsletter so you can see what is happening at each level of the plan. All schools are mandated to do this by the MOE.

Overall attendance is very good for most children and lateness continues to be an issue with some families.

Cold mornings affect all of us. Please ensure your children arrive at school on time.

HEALTH

Did you know a child in New Zealand has become irreversibly blind because he had a limited diet of pringles and chips, morning, noon and night! I understand the importance of a healthy diet but was shocked to read that recently.

Please ensure your children have a varied diet. This also helps to build a healthy immune system, prevents illness and helps to ensure regular school attendance.

WEEK 6

The Week 6 newsletter will go home in Week 7 due to my absence that week.

COMING UP

26 - 29 May	Maths day and Rural Principals Conference. Maxine out. Pat in Tuesday and Wednesday.
1 June	King's Birthday. No school.
3 June	Schooled Course. Maxine and Carien out. Pat in Wednesday.
8 June	Waikato Principal meeting in Hamilton. Maxine out. Pat in.
16 June	Maths Leaders Day. Maxine out. Pat in.

WRITING

Our writing this week is from our two Year 4 children Angel and Vaimoe who have both written great pieces about ANZAC Day.

Weekly Assembly

Date: 01.05.2026	Term: 2	Week: 2
Senior Role Models	Vaimoe & Angel	
New Students		
Birthdays		
Group Points	Foxes	
Newsletter Slips	David & Indica	
Teachers Caught Being Good	Indica & Kortez	
Contracts	David ✓✓, Indica ✓, Camero ✓, Kortez ✓, Larry, Carter ✓, Aurorah ✓	

100% Attendance draw	David
Role Models Caught Being Good	Kortez & Camero
Sports Certificate	Carter
Reading Certificate	Vaimoe
Writing Certificate	Angel
Maths Certificate	David
Principal Certificate	Aurorah

Weekly Assembly

Date: 08.05.2026	Term: 2	Week: 3
Senior Role Models	Vaimoe & Larry	
New Students		
Birthdays		
Group Points	Bluey: Teagan & Indica	
Newsletter Slips	Carter & Aurorah	
Teachers Caught Being Good	Angel x 2	
Contracts	✓✓	
100% Attendance draw	Teagan	
Role Models Caught Being Good	Camero & Kortez	
Sports Certificate	Teagan	
Reading Certificate	Camero	
Writing Certificate	David	
Maths Certificate	Carter	
Principal Certificate	Kortez	

Nga mihi nui

Maxine Stensness

Principal

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

✂ _____

I have received and read the newsletter.

Signed _____ Child's name _____

STEPPED ATTENDANCE RESPONSE - STAR



MEREMERE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MANAGEMENT PLAN

GOOD	WORRYING	CONCERNING	SERIOUS CONCERN
Less than 5 days absence a term. A good chance of learning success for your child	Up to 10 days' absence a term Less chance of learning success for your child	Up to 15 absences a term Difficult to make learning progress with your child	More than 15 days absence a term Very difficult to make learning and social progress with your child
PARENTS/WHANAU Send children to school every day unless sick or at a funeral/tangi. Text 0272154333 with reason for absence. SCHOOL Provide Board with School plan Make sure expectations about attendance are clear to parents/whanau and children Contact family if children are absent and no text has been received Ensure attendance on SMS is available to MOE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION Monitor school requirements Collect attendance from SMS and send reports each term	PARENTS/WHANAU Ensure children are returned to school following sickness and funerals/tangis Text 0272154333 with reason for absence. SCHOOL Contact family and discuss reasons for absence Implement consequences for lack of attendance Support family to ensure attendance happens Involve outside agencies if attendance does not improve Enter actions on SMS MINISTRY OF EDUCATION Support school where needed Collect attendance from SMS and send reports each term	PARENTS/WHANAU Return children to regular attendance Discuss with school, reasons for absence and contribute to an improvement plan Text 0272154333 with reason for absence. SCHOOL Contact family to discuss absences Make referral to Attendance Service Remove all barriers to ensure attendance happens Enter actions on SMS MINISTRY OF EDUCATION Support school where needed Collect attendance from SMS and send reports each term	PARENTS/WHANAU Return children to regular attendance Attend necessary meetings and implement improvement plan Text 0272154333 with reason for absence. SCHOOL Send formal warning and arrange meetings Escalate to multi agency response Undertake prosecution with the MOE Enter actions on SMS MINISTRY OF EDUCATION Support the school Undertake prosecution Work with Attendance Services

Dear Anzac Day by aimoe

Sorry for the passed ones. I feel so bad for the families who miss them. I'm so thankful that the donkey came to help the soldiers. But when the Turkish soldiers went to the hill they saw a donkey and his owner. The Turkish soldiers shot Jack. The Turkish soldier shot Jack in the back and through his heart. The soldiers helped to dig a grave for Jack. But the donkey carried on working. He carried some water for all the soldiers. He carried soldiers who were hurt back to the beach so they could go to the boat hospital. I'm so thankful the donkey still carried on. This happened in WW1. A soldier saw the donkey and gave it to an Indian so they could take care of the donkey.

ANZAC DAY by Angel

Once upon a time in WW1 everybody went to the war. 1000s of people were killed in the war. There were red flowers called poppies to remember them all. People from New Zealand and from Germany and also Turkey went to war.

In WW2 the soldiers were killing more and more people. In Turkey, at Gallipoli, Jack had a donkey. They helped everybody that got hurt in the war. A Turkish soldier shot Jack in the back. The donkey was sad to know that his owner was killed. The donkey went to help more and more soldiers that were shot in the legs or the arms or the back. The donkey put the soldiers on the hillside to rest while he got food, bandages and water for the soldiers to drink. The donkey heard a gunshot, so he ran to get the other soldiers that were hurt. Five or more soldiers were shot in the legs, and the other soldiers were dead.

We have ANZAC Day because we remember them all. Their families were sad to hear that their sons had passed away in the war. Their mothers and fathers were so sad and they cried all night because they loved their children very much. They went to their memorial to say a couple of words to them and say goodbye to their sons.