

MEREMERE SCHOOL

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Term 2 Week 8

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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, Talofa. Greetings to you all

This is an eleven week term but it has sped by and we only have three weeks left.

REPORTS

These are basically complete although we continue to add achievement data as children move to new levels. They go home on the last day of term.

WRITING REPORT

While the writing comments are good, I am not happy with the format and so I am going to revise the writing report in line with the new curriculum at the end of the year. It will be formatted like the maths report.

ATTENDANCE

Thankyou to those families whose children have had 100% attendance this term. They are Camero, Kortez, Angel, Teagan and Carter. Well done everyone.

LATENESS

School starts at 8:30. Any child constantly arriving late will be referred to the Attendance Service.

SICKNESS

Children must stay home when they are genuinely ill. It is so easy to catch other people's viruses and bugs during winter when we are trying to keep warm and have no ventilation or fresh air.

HEALTH

Why are some children always healthy and at school and others not? I believe it is about the bodies resilience and this is impacted by several factors.

a healthy diet including vitamin C ☐

long restful sleep and the more hours before midnight the better ☐

warm clothes in winter including singlets or Tshirts to keep the chest warm ☐

sunshine hours ☐

lots of water ☐

If your child is constantly sick, consider why this is and try to discover the underlying cause instead of just dealing with the manifesting symptoms.

WEBSITE

We have been developing a new website. It has gone live, but it is not finished and on-going refinement is needed. Overall though it is looking good and has some fabulous photos of your children on it. There is more to come.

ATTENDANCE PLAN

The school attendance plan is up on the website. Please check to see the part you must play as parents regarding attendance especially parents whose children are absent a lot. Well done to those that are already playing their part. Of course, by doing this you are supporting your child's education because for most children regular attendance and high achievement are linked.

ACHIEVEMENT DATA

Currently the school sits at 80% achievement for Reading, Writing and Maths. This is our highest ever achievement at this time at the year and I put it down to our structured approach and targeting children who need support.

WHAEA ANNE

Whaea Anne has recently been sick and absent from both schools she works out. Fortunately, I was able to get relievers the first week Anne was away, but I could not get them the second week. I ended up in the classroom myself the second week on the Thursday and Friday. This is a problem as a principal because it creates a huge back log of work.

PRINCIPAL ABSENCE

I have had a busy term and out of school more than I would have liked at conferences, workshops, meetings etc but sometimes that's the way it happens. There have been a lot of changes with Government initiatives in the last 18 months, and it is necessary to keep up with all of those e.g. attendance, assessment, SMART tools, PATS, reporting to parents etc.

I will also be absent for a week at the end of term. I am travelling to Singapore with 30 other principals from the Waikato.

Singapore has one of the best and most successful education systems in the world particularly in Mathematics, so I am very excited to be going. We will be visiting 5 schools and talking to the High Commissioner and other Government officials about the Singapore Education System, and I expect to see and hear about ideas I can implement here.

CLEANING JOB

This is being advertised in Seek.

The job which is 2 hours a day for three days a week will start in Term 3.

If you are interested, please bring your C.V to school.

SCHOOL PROPERTY ADVISOR

I had a visit from Jacob Draper today. He is the Property Advisor for the Hamilton Ministry of Education, and he is very happy with the state of the school inside and out.

PROPERTY

HOT WATER CYLINDER / WATER FOUNTAINS

On Monday the cleaners hot water cylinder will be replaced. The plumber will also be checking our water fountains to confirm they are no longer fit for purpose. I am expecting that funding from one source, or another will cover the cost of replacing these.

DRIVE

We are expecting this job to be done in the next month.

ROLL

Our roll is steady and stands at 10.

Weekly Assembly

Date: 15.05.2026	Term: 2	Week: 4
Senior Role Models	Angel & Vaimoe	
New Students		
Birthdays		
Group Points	Foxes	
Newsletter Slips	Teagan	
Teachers Caught Being Good	Indica x 2	
100% Attendance draw	Whaea Maxine	
Role Models Caught Being Good	Angel & Camero	
Sports Certificate	Kortez	
Reading Certificate	Teagan	
Writing Certificate	Kortez	

Maths Certificate	Aurorah
Principal Certificate	Angel

Weekly Assembly

Date: 22.05.2026	Term: 2	Week: 5
Senior Role Models	Vaimoe & Angel	
New Students		
Birthdays		
Group Points	Bears & Cars	
Newsletter Slips		
Teachers Caught Being Good	Vaimoe x 2	
100% Attendance draw	David	
Role Models Caught Being Good	Carter & Kortez	
Sports Certificate	Angel	
Reading Certificate	abs (Larry)	
Writing Certificate	Carter	
Maths Certificate	Camero	
Principal Certificate	Indica	

Weekly Assembly

Date: 05/06/2026	Term: 2	Week: 7
Senior Role Models	Larry & Angel	
New Students		
Birthdays	Carter	
Group Points	Bluey - Teagan & Indica	
Newsletter Slips	Carter & Aurorah	
Teachers Caught Being Good	Angel & Kortez	
100% Attendance draw		

Role Models Caught Being Good	Carter & Angel
Sports Certificate	Wet Week
Reading Certificate	Indica
Writing Certificate	Teagan
Maths Certificate	Vaimoe
Principal Certificate	Camero

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 _____