

MEREMERE SCHOOL

23 Heather Green Avenue, Meremere, Mercer 2474
Ph: 09 232 6712 Email: office@meremere.school.nz
Meremere School Account: 12 3109 0012607 000
www.meremere.school.nz



Term 3 Week 4

14 August 2026

SCHOOL VISION

Believe Achieve Succeed

SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Success through Achievement. Achievement through Education.

MEREMERE, a great little SCHOOL

Kia ora whanau,

Firstly, a huge welcome to Mahuika and Phoenix and their whanau. Both boys have settled in quickly and have reported that they have enjoyed their first few days at school. We thank their whanau for the high trust they have placed in us to provide an excellent education for their boys.

3 WAY CONFERENCES

We had a 100% turn out last week for the 3 Way Conferences. Thankyou for your excellent response. Anne reported that she had a great afternoon with you all. The winners of the Lucky Draw for their attendance are Erin [\$50 food voucher] and Indica.

Thankyou for participating in our Health survey. We will put the analysis of this into the next newsletter.

ZOO TRIP

Hopefully the weather for our zoo trip will be good on 21 August. Thankyou for returning your permission slips. We are just waiting for the last few.

BOARD ELECTIONS

We have had to hold a school by-election because Erin McKinney resigned as cleaner and could no longer be the school rep. on the Board.

Carien was the only nominee for our by-election so is duly elected and will take office on 25 August.

BEHAVIOUR

Behaviour is extremely settled at the moment, and I have had two wonderful weeks of teaching. I think your children are just fantastic. They are so kind to one another and overall, they listen and get on with the job.

Well done, Meremere School tamariki.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Just type in Meremere School on the search bar and click and you should have it. You will find most of what you need on there. If you feel we have missed anything please forward your suggestions.

MORNING TEA/LUNCH

Whaea Anne and I supervise morning tea time from 10.40 to 10.50. It is 10 minutes only and is a snack prior to lunch. Children eat their fruit/vegetables first. We also supervise the hot lunch programme. This is from 12.50 - 1.05 and is 15 minutes long.

Children are welcome to a second lunch if they want and often do.

WATER

We are a water only school. No fizzy or coloured drinks allowed.

DEVICES

The Juniors Year 1 & 2 use iPads while the seniors Year 3 upwards have their own chrome pads.

These are used during Maths when the children's set activities are completed. Often children do not get to their devices.

Juniors use Maths seeds. Seniors use Mathletics. They are also used in Reading after children have had fluency practice with readers and a library session.

Juniors use Fast phonics. Seniors use Reding Eggs.

YOUTUBE

It was suggested recently that children are on YOUTUBE all day! That is totally untrue. They are able to access YOUTUBE at morning tea and lunchtime if they are inside on wet days. Other than that, they can access YOUTUBE when we have a FULL HOUSE. This is for 10 minutes only at the end of the day if all children attend school that day.

SPORT

Each term we teach skills for two sports.

Currently it is Basketball.

Term	Week 1 - 5	Week 6 - 10
1	Padder Tennis	Softball
2	Ripper Rugby	Touch
3	Basketball	Football/Soccer
4	Volleyball	Cricket

Swimming skills are taught at the end of every term at the Recreation Centre in Pukekohe.

Sports & P.E skills are taught on Monday and Friday.

On wet days when we cannot get outside, we go to Room 5 and practice our P.M.P. (Perceptual Motor Programme).

FRIDAY ASSEMBLIES

These are held on Friday at 2.00 in Room 1. These are a celebration of learning and behaviour for the week where we hand out certificates etc. You are welcome to attend. Thankyou to those of you who already pop in.

CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND and GROUNDS UPDATE

The playground perimeter has been extended in front of the old slide to accommodate the new slide and its landing area. Old redundant iron climbing frames have been removed. You will also see the perimeter being extended at the North end of the park. This is where the new basket swing and two single swings will go. We have also planted new kowhai trees alongside the drive.

COMING UP

Week 6 - 10 - Soccer with Brett (Little Dribblers) on Mondays 1.30 - 2.30.

21 August - Zoo trip.

27 August - Trip to Puni School to see their production.

21 September - Duffy Role Model assembly.

26 September - Pool trip

Weekly Assembly

Date: 31.07.2026	Term: 3	Week: 2
Senior Role Models	Larry & Vaimoe	
New Students		
Birthdays		
Group Points	Bears	
Newsletter Slips		
Teachers Caught Being Good	Carter & David	
100% Attendance draw	Vaimoe	
Role Models Caught Being Good	Teagan	
Sports Certificate	Teagan	
Reading Certificate	ABSENT	
Writing Certificate	Vaimoe	
Maths Certificate	Aurorah	
Principal Certificate	Vaimoe	

Weekly Assembly

Date: 08.08.2026	Term: 3	Week: 3
Senior Role Models	Vaimoe & Larry	
New Students	Mahuika	
Birthdays		
Group Points	Red Foxes	
Newsletter Slips	Carter, Aurorah & Vaimoe, Larry	
Teachers Caught Being Good	Angel & Camero	
100% Attendance draw	Camero	
Role Models Caught Being Good	Carter & Vaimoe	
Sports Certificate	Kortez	
Reading Certificate	Angel	
Writing Certificate	Indica & Larry	

Maths Certificate	David
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.

✂ _____

I have received and read the newsletter.

Signed _____

Child's name _____

The Animal's Story

by Vaimoe

Once upon a time when the staff went home the animals went home too. As soon as the morning came the animals woke up and brushed their teeth so they could go to the zoo. All the animals went in different vehicles. Some went in the bus and were careful because they did not want to be eaten by the lion. Some went in the train and the howler monkey got one of his legs and tangled it on the holding rail in order to hang upside down! A troop of baboons were sitting on the floor. Some animals went on motor bikes. The tiger was on the little scooter. Two little animals were on a big motor bike to go to the zoo. A couple of red kangaroos came later than everyone else, so they got a taxi . When they arrived there, the red kangaroos got some money from their pouch where the joey goes. The last one of all, was a tall, yellow animal called a giraffe. He had a little, old, rusty bike and he came down the hill fast! So that was how the giraffe got to work.

Going to the Zoo

by KorteZ

The tiger is stripy. The giraffe has a long neck. A hippo has four legs. A kiwi has two legs but a kiwi has no hands. A pig is pink. A kangaroo hops. A monkey climbs on a tree. He climbs high up into the tree. An alligator is green and scaly. A spider can make webs. A howler monkey can howl so loud that we can hear him from the mountains. An elephant has a long nose. A flamingo has long legs and pink feathers. A lion is strong. I wish I could see all of those animals at the zoo.