

MEREMERE SCHOOL

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Term 3 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,

We have two weeks left of term and we are looking forward to warmer weather for the holidays.

PLEASE REMEMBER

- School starts at 8.30.
- Text or email if your child is absent.
- On Wheelie Wednesday's children can bring their bikes, scooters, skates, skateboards
- On Friday's you are welcome to our Friday assembly at 2 o'clock.
- Carien is in the office at 8.30 on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
- Morning tea is only 10 minutes long. Eating always starts with a piece of fruit.
- If your child is sick, they must stay home.
- Unless your child is sick or at a tangi, they must be at school.
- After school, please wait outside until the bell goes at 2.30pm.
- Newsletters usually go out once a fortnight starting Week 2.
- You can vote at the school on 7 November.
- We are a water only school. No coloured or fizzy drinks.

FOOTBALL SKILLS

Brett Goodchild from 'Little Dribblers' teaches football skills from 1.30 - 2.30 on Mondays until the end of term.

BEHAVIOUR

Behaviour is remarkably settled. Thankyou for your great parenting skills because that plays a huge part. When behaviour is settled, teachers can focus on teaching.

LEARNING

We are currently 80% of children AT or ABOVE for Reading, Writing and Maths.

We have 2 children who are now ABOVE for Maths and 2 children who are ABOVE for Reading.

Children who are not where they should be, are targeted which means they are taught every day in order to get the acceleration we need.

We also engage with RTLB [Resource Teachers of Learning and Behaviour] if we cannot accelerate a child. Often, they will provide resourcing so we can employ a Teacher Aide to support those children.

WRITING

This term we have focussed on Audience/Purpose and Punctuation while teaching Writing. The processes of planning, drafting, revising and editing and writing to either entertain, inform or persuade have also formed part of our teaching focus. The new writing report at the end of the year will reflect this process.

Spelling and Handwriting are taught Monday - Thursday. They are minor skills of Writing.

REDUNDANT MATHS RESOURCES

We ordered a pack of money to teach Financial Maths and the company sent us Australian currency instead of NZ currency. As we can't use this at school for teaching purposes we have sent it home. We believe most children have been using this already. If you have the time, you could help build their understanding with money and develop ideas of change addition & subtraction, sharing etc.

PLAYGROUND

The slide and swing set goes in during holidays, weather permitting.

UNIFORM

We have ordered long sleeved blue shirts with a logo. Unfortunately, these will not have the white trim on the collar but I'm sure you will agree that these will help to provide extra warmth.

HEALTH

Please teach your child how to be warm in winter to keep them healthy.

- Children need to wear multiple layers.
- Natural fibres, merino or cotton warm up against the body and are preferable to synthetic fibres ie (substances made with plastic, man-made rubber etc).
- Clothes need to be tucked in i.e. the top layer into the bottom layer.
- Tucked in layers trap the bodies warmth and keep children's chests warm.
- Eating and drinking foods with Vitamin C eg lemons and oranges builds the body's immune system.
- Coughing into elbows helps to prevent germs.

MOE DONATION SCHEME

You may have wondered why we do not charge you for school trips for entry fees and to subsidise van hire age etc.

It is because I have chosen to opt the school into the MOE Donations Scheme. If I agree to not charge parents for a school donation, school trips etc then the MOE makes a contribution to the school. For small schools this is very beneficial for parents but for large schools, they can gather large streams of money for their operations from parent donations, trip etc so they often do not go the way of the Donations scheme.

COMING UP

14 September - Monday. Football skills with Brett 'Little Dribblers'.

18 September - Friday. Hamilton Zoo Trip

21 September - Monday. Duffy Role Model.

25 September - Friday. Pool Trip.

25 September - **TERM 3 HOLIDAYS.**

12 October - **TERM 4 STARTS.**

STORIES

DAVID

Orangutans live in the jungle. The baby orangutan is on his mother's back. The big orangutan was stomping. He was stomping too much until he was in the grass.

TEAGAN

Mum and baby orangutan are walking. They are looking for food.

They climb the trees. They make their nest at the top of the trees.

MAHUIKA

The giraffe was going down the hill on the old rusty bike.

David and Mahuika are playing outside.

PHOENIX

Whaea bought us an ice cream after the show.

Xavier is my friend and his dad said he could come over to my house.

Weekly Assembly

Date: 28.08.2026	Term: 3	Week: 6
Senior Role Models	Angel & Kortez	
New Students	Phoenix	
Birthdays	Kortez & Phoenix	
Group Points	Foxes	
Newsletter Slips		
Teachers Caught Being Good	Mahuika & Kortez	
100% Attendance draw	David	
Role Models Caught Being Good	Mahuika - Whaea Maxine	
Sports Certificate	Aurorah	
Reading Certificate	Indica	
Writing Certificate	Mahuika	
Maths Certificate	Kortez	
Principal Certificate	Phoenix	

Weekly Assembly

Date: 04.09.2026	Term: 3	Week: 7
Senior Role Models	Angel & Larry	
New Students		
Birthdays		
Group Points	Superstars	

Newsletter Slips	Angel, Camero & Kortez
Teachers Caught Being Good	Vaimoe & Kortez
100% Attendance draw	Angel
Role Models Caught Being Good	Carter & Angel
Sports Certificate	Mahuika
Reading Certificate	
Writing Certificate	Larry
Maths Certificate	Vaimoe
Principal Certificate	Aurorah

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 _____