



MENPS MATTERS

SCHOOL BOARD
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Term Two : It's a wrap!

Kia ora koutou,

And just like that, Term Two has come to an end! It's been another busy and rewarding term, packed with learning, sporting opportunities and successes, cultural experiences, the arts, music, school camp, and countless moments that have created lasting memories for our children.

Time to say goodbye

The Board would like to wish our fantastic Deputy Principal, Aone Laufili, all the very best as she moves into a new role at Marina View School. Aone has been with our school for 15 years, beginning as a trainee teacher and progressing through to Deputy Principal. She leaves a significant legacy, making a big impact across our tamariki, staff, and wider community. We are deeply appreciative of the dedication and mana she has brought to our school.

Dom Reed is also leaving this week, and we would like to thank him for his contribution to MENPS, particularly his energy in the classroom and efforts towards our sporting programmes and events.

Cultural Week proves a big hit!

Cultural Week was a fantastic celebration across the school, with students learning about and embracing the diverse cultures represented in our school and wider community. The week concluded with the Cultural Festival—a vibrant mix of activities, performances, food, and fun.

The festival was opened beautifully by our Kapa Haka group, followed by a range of performances including dance, dragon displays, drumming, and a talent show. There was an abundance of food, with a

special mention to the Zongzi dumplings—hundreds handmade by our community, an incredible effort!

A massive thanks to the PTA for their tireless work and to all the volunteers who supported in the lead up and on the day – this event simply wouldn't be possible without you.

Strategic Plan - enabling success

As a reminder, the Board's 2026 Strategic Plan is available on the school website and reflects our commitment to excellence, with a focus on enabling all students to realise their potential. As part of our curriculum refresh goal, we have reviewed and implemented new assessment and reporting tools in line with national requirements. Thanks to the hard work of our teachers, this has now been embedded and was reflected in the end-of-term reports, including updated year-level indicators across core subjects.

Did you know?

...your school donation plays a part in helping to fund the digital learning tools and online programmes our students use. These resources enhance classroom learning, build digital confidence, and provide engaging ways for students to practise and extend their skills. We recognise it is a challenging time for many families, and we greatly appreciate the payment of school donations and the valuable support this provides for teaching and learning.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and relaxing holiday break. See you in Term 3!

Nigel, Alan, Virginia, Yanni, Matt & Anna

Our next Board meeting is in the Staff Room at 6pm, on July 22. All welcome!

