



# M.E.N.P.S. Matters

School Board Newsletter

July 2022



# That's #ilarious

**Kia Ora Koutou and Greetings, What a busy term! Cross Country, Matariki, Zone football to name just a few. It's also great to see the kids engaging in a wide variety of activities again**

### We have past the winter solstice

It was a breath of fresh air to be able to invite parents back onto the school grounds to celebrate Matariki. Last week one member of each family was invited to join their child at school to learn about Matariki, Māori traditions and to enjoy some tea ta (*morning tea*) together.

Well done to all the staff involved in putting together this special programme.

### Winter Woes

Tis certainly the season for winter chills, colds and flus' There are many bugs, in addition to Covid playing havoc for families, staff and children alike.

At this time, we would like to remind you that while the Board have not mandated masks, we recommend your children wear a mask, particularly in the classroom. Whilst we understand they are inconvenient they are one measure that can be effective in reducing the spread of infection and keeping everyone at school as safe as possible.

We will continue to monitor sickness and keep the situation under review.

### Kid's share views on the school board

The school board elections are coming up next term.

This is an exciting opportunity as several of our long serving board members will be stepping down. This is a great avenue to utilise your skills and abilities for the benefit of our school.

We have produced three mini, one minute videos to outline just who the board is and what it does.

We hope you enjoy our productions; we have spared no expense, however the scene stealers of the three board productions are certainly our MENPS kids! We had some great responses from them, especially around how their parents might assist the school board!

Board Candidate Forms will be sent out to all school families. We welcome all parents interested and ask you please ensure you submit your application before Friday 5th of August when nominations close.

**What's the board of trustees do?**

[https://youtu.be/\\_ngb8IA7ASl](https://youtu.be/_ngb8IA7ASl)

**Who is on the board?**

<https://youtu.be/bWuNNiUkFg>

**How much time does the board involve?**

<https://youtu.be/duTO5cT8lkw>

### Check out what our students think of the board

The invitation to vote on new board members commences Wednesday 10th of August with voting closing on Wednesday 7th of September.

If you would like to know more, please come along to one of our meetings, chat to one of our current board members or contact our Board Chair Murray Streets, at [bot@mteden.school.nz](mailto:bot@mteden.school.nz)

You can also request a call back via the school office. We would like to hear from you

### We would like to hear from you

To assist our new board, we have put together a short Community Consultation survey. Together with feedback from staff and students this information will help steer the boards decisions over the next three years.

At the surveys conclusion, you have the option of answering a few questions in relation to the health curriculum offered at MENPS. The Education Act requires boards of trustees to consult their community about how the school implements health education.

Thank you for your input. If you can also assist further in the form of a focus group, please indicate in the survey.

<https://latbmr4ti2.typeform.com/to/aqApT8BT>

We would appreciate it if you could complete this before you head off on holiday or by the 15th of July.

### All welcome

Our next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 17th of August at 6pm in the staff room. We would love to see you there.

### Kiha Kaha and Happy Holidays,

**The MENPS board team Murray, Alan, Annette, Brad, Mathew, James, Fleur, Josie, Mei and Richard**

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