



# MENPS MATTERS

SCHOOL BOARD  
NEWSLETTER  
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## Meri Kirihimete, MENPS!

### Kia ora koutou,

Welcome to the final Board newsletter of the year. December brings a flurry of activity for most, and at MENPS, it also brings a sense of excitement, marking the end of another great year and looking ahead to the summer holidays.

2024 has brought both change and challenges within the education sector. However, MENPS has stayed true to course, committing great effort and consideration towards our vision and strategic goals, aiming to inspire curiosity and wonder and support every child to achieve their full potential.

The Board is proud of our students' energy and progression across their individual learning journeys this year - whether in the foundation curriculum areas, the arts, sports or culture. They have also made meaningful contributions to MENPS' community and their peers, demonstrating the Touchstone values.

### With thanks...

The rich and diverse learning experiences our students receive would not be possible without our incredible staff. Whether administration, property, teaching, learning support, senior leadership or the Principal, it is a true team effort.

From providing leadership and mentoring, curriculum implementation or support systems, or simply a smiling face in the office, recommending the perfect book at the library or patching a knee in the sick bay - each staff member plays a crucial role in creating the best outcomes and a positive environment for our students.

The Board extends its sincere gratitude to each and every staff member for their dedication, hard work and care in their roles this year. *Ngā mihi nui!*

### PTA Power!

We'd also like to offer heartfelt thanks to the MENPS PTA. Once again, this generous team volunteered countless hours to our school and students this year, fostering school spirit and a sense of belonging. Through their initiatives and events, an outstanding \$97k was raised and donated for key projects, including a new playscape in 2025 and event tables and gazebos.

### Looking ahead...

With reports and class placements shared earlier this week, anticipation is already building for an exciting 2025 and the opportunity to work on personal goals and make new connections.

2025 will also mark the final year of this Board's 3-year term, and we are looking forward to inviting community nominations for trustees ahead of the September election. Watch this space!

To our Year 6 leavers and staff members departing the school this year, we wish you the very best in your new chapters. Ka kite anō au i a koutou.

*Finally, we wish our staff, students and families a safe, relaxing and happy summer break.*

**Ngā mihi nui,  
Virginia, Nigel, Alan, Annette, Martina,  
Mei, Fleur, Mike & Anna Ngā mihi nui,**