



# MENPS MATTERS

SCHOOL BOARD NEWSLETTER  
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## Term 1: A bright & busy start to '26!

### Kia ora koutou,

As we come to the end of Term 1, it's clear this has been a fast-paced and fulfilling start to the year. The MENPS calendar has been packed with rich learning experiences, sport, the arts, adventure and plenty of fun along the way. The Board is proud of our students, who continue to embody our vision of being "wide-eyed and enthusiastic about learning."

Every day, they demonstrate eagerness to discover and inquire, encouraged by our dedicated staff, who support our students to thrive, with their creativity and energy.

### Strategic goals

The Board's 2026 Strategic Plan has now been finalised and is available on the school website. This plan reflects our commitment to excellence and outlines our focus on nurturing the strengths and potential of both students and staff. It reinforces the importance of our school values and relationships, while promoting student responsibility, whakawhanaungatanga and agency. The plan also supports the continued development of our rich, differentiated curriculum and the implementation of Government mandates and aims to build on connections within our community through people, culture, the environment, and partnerships.

### Colourful fun

A highlight of the term was the much-loved Colour Run, hosted by our amazing PTA. This vibrant event brought together students, staff and families for an afternoon of laughter, colour and community spirit. Our thanks go to the PTA for their organisation

and enthusiasm, and to our wider school community for your generous fundraising.

### Recognising mana

The end of the term is an opportune time to reflect on the school's values, the Touchstones, and shine a light on three outstanding students who demonstrate our values in action and set a wonderful example. This term, Malak Mohamed, Kenzie Purcel & Ella Johnson were presented with Mana Awards by Principal Alan Jackson and Board of Trustees Presiding Member Virginia Brown, at a special school assembly. Congratulations to them and all those who received Merit Awards this term.

### MENPS Kapa Haka on show!

We are especially excited to host this year's Kapa Kahui Festival at MENPS today. Schools from across our local area are coming together to celebrate te reo Māori and Kapa Haka performance. We hope many whānau will be there to support our talented Kapa Haka group, led by Lucy Matene, Kaiako Māori. It promises to be a memorable way to conclude the term. The PTA will also be running a 'Food Court,' offering a range of delicious kai and sweets.

### Did you know?

...our school receives no direct funding for our library. Your school donation plays a vital role in maintaining and growing our collection of books, helping to foster a love of reading and supporting this essential life skill for all our students.

Wishing everyone a happy, safe and relaxing Easter and holiday break.

**Nigel, Alan, Virginia, Yanni, Matt & Anna**

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

