



MENPS MATTERS

SCHOOL BOARD
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With thanks to our community

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we reach the end of another busy, successful and fulfilling school year, the Board of Trustees would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to our entire school community. It has been a year full of learning, growth, connection and celebration - one in which our students have continued to progress and achieve across all areas of school life.

This year, we have taken great pride in our rich and varied curriculum. The introduction of new specialist subjects has been a highlight, quickly becoming much-loved additions to the learning timetable and offering students new paths to explore culture and creativity. The arts, sports and sciences continue to flourish, supported by our passionate teachers who bring energy and imagination to every activity.

2025 has seen a range of cultural and social events that have strengthened our community and sense of belonging. These occasions remind us of the importance of fostering inclusion, celebrating diversity and building meaningful connections between students, staff and whanau.

We have also loved seeing relationships forming between older and younger students through mentoring, leadership roles and Tuākana-tēina (buddy class) activities. Our school Touchstone values shine through these initiatives, and model what it means to be supportive, responsible and proud members of a community.

With gratitude

To our wonderful staff - teaching, support, and senior leadership - *ngā mihi nui!* Your commitment and care for our students are what make MENPS so vibrant and special. Thank you for the energy and dedication you bring to school every day.

Thank you to the PTA and their volunteers for your invaluable contribution to our school community this year.

None of the wonderful events, activities and initiatives our children look forward to and cherish would be possible without your time, creativity and willingness to pitch in.

And finally, thank you to every parent and community member who has given their time - whether helping at events, welcoming new families, supporting school trips, coaching teams or simply lending a hand when needed.

Fond farewells

As the term comes to an end, we also farewell our wonderful Year 6 students who head off to their next chapter at Intermediate. We are incredibly proud of the young people they have become, and we wish them well in the exciting years ahead.

We also extend our sincere thanks and warm wishes to our departing teaching staff - Siantha Gopal, Zoe Murphy, Te Awatea Rangiua, Tasmyn van Breda, Cassie Zhang and Christine Adamson. And a special farewell to the much-loved Library Manager, Amanda Griffin, who will be greatly missed after almost two decades of incredible service at MENPS.

Looking ahead

December can be a frantic time, and this year's early warm weather has certainly dialled things up a notch. We know many of you are feeling ready for a well-deserved summer holiday, and we wish all our staff, students and families a safe and joy-filled break with time to relax, recharge and enjoy time with loved ones.

As we look ahead to 2026, the Board remains firmly committed to excellence for all our students, to providing a safe and inclusive environment and to ensuring our strategic goals continue to support our vision of learners who are 'wide-eyed and enthusiastic about learning.'

Meri Kirihimete! From the MENPS Board of Trustees,
Anna, Yanni, Matt, Martina, Nigel, Alan & Virginia