

MENPS News

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau, September 30, 2021

From The Principal - End of Term 3

Kia ora koutou,

There can be no doubt that Term 3 has marked a tremendous and prolonged challenge for the whole school community. Our hope at this stage is that the hard work and sacrifices made will mark something of a turning point as we look ahead to Term 4 and rising vaccination statistics.

I'd like to sincerely thank everyone for their hard work and fortitude as we've endured the realities of the situation. To the parents, teachers, students, PTA and Board of Trustees, this has undoubtedly been tough and mentally challenging, but we have emerged strengthened from these experiences before, and I believe we will once again.

For now, a break really does feel timely. We have asked a great deal of our tamariki, and the holiday will hopefully allow a little more time to put distance learning aside and focus on the essential business of being children.

As we turn the page on the term, we also farewell two important and very well-known members of our team.

Lucy Gibson and Becky Matthews - our office stalwarts for many years at MENPS - have decided the time is right for them to step away from their roles. Having worked closely with them for a number of years, I would like to personally thank them for their unique commitment and contribution to our school on behalf of the whole school community. They have truly been part of the lives of so many in our community.

From welcoming new families to tending bruised knees and being the voice on the phone and first faces of the school, they have been there on the 'flight deck' in countless ways great and small. I know everyone will join me in wishing them all the very best for the future. Lucy, Becky, you have our thanks, and you will be greatly missed!

I am pleased to announce that, filling the vacancy, we welcome Suze Heinrich to the role from next term. I'm sure everyone will make her feel welcome as she takes over the front desk for us at MENPS, and we're delighted to have her join the team.

Finally, next term I have been awarded a Teach NZ sabbatical, which means I will be investing time on professional learning full-time through to the end of the term. As a result, our experienced Deputy Principal, Maria Matene, will take on the role of Acting Principal during this time, with Martina Stevenson joining the Senior Leadership Team in a supporting role as Acting Associate Principal.

Maria will be first port of call while I am on leave and take on full delegated authority as the professional leader of the school for the term. We're fortunate to have her skills and expertise at the helm.

After many years of Principalship, I am not entirely sure how I will feel being 'out of the action' (albeit temporarily) for a while, but I'm very grateful to the SLT and our supportive Board of Trustees for allowing and enabling me to take advantage of this unique opportunity. While I will still be involved in key aspects of planning for 2022, for the most part I will be focusing my energies on exploring the Early Childhood curriculum and the transition to Primary level, which will be invaluable professional learning to bring back with me on my return.

In the meantime, I wish everyone well for the break as we set our sights on a smooth transition back to school.

Stay safe, stay positive, and let's focus on great things ahead!



Ka kite anō au i
a koutou

Alan Jackson
Principal

Events & Reminders

Friday, 1 October: Term 3 ends

Monday, 18 October: Term 4 begins

Please note that further information on dates for Term 4 will be made available depending on Alert Level announcements.



At Level 2, children will return to school, with some restrictions and precautions in place. Some of our usual events will not go proceed until we are back to Level 1.

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1. Buy Apples with Yummy Stickers at Pak n Save, New World, the Parklands Fruit Shop or at Countdown.
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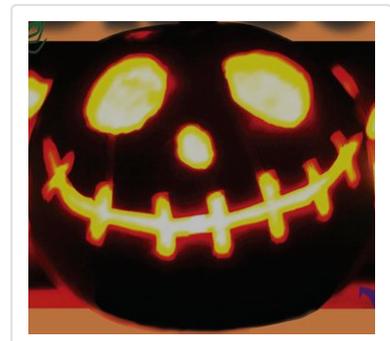


Quiz Night

We cannot responsibly run this night in Term 4 so we **had no option but to cancel this event** - we are so sorry! It's such a shame but we hope to bring it back, better than ever, in 2022! If you have bought a ticket, we will email you about refunds so, if you have not heard from us by Friday, please email menpspta@gmail.com

Halloween Disco

Halloween Disco scheduled for Friday 29th October will only go ahead **if we are in Level 1** - which seems unlikely. If anyone has any brilliant ideas for the kids to celebrate virtually/ with online fun please email menpspta@gmail.com





NEW PTA leaders needed.

It's time to hand over to a new **PTA Chairperson** and **Deputy**. We hope to find those special people with the energy, enthusiasm, time and organisational skills to bring our MENPS community together; supporting the school and parents to achieve a great educational experience for our kids.

There will be busy weeks but you have a great team to help you! We'd love to hear from anyone who's keen to be involved at menpspta@gmail.com.

PTA Special Meeting to elect new leaders

TUESDAY, October 19th at 7pm in the Staffroom (if Level 2)

It's a great time to come along and see how the PTA committee works. We always welcome new people - and provide an opportunity to get to know more parents and contribute more widely to the school community!



Designer Clothing Donations Are Now Open!

The MENPS Fair team are hoping that you have been able to clear out your cupboards and might have found some special items that you'd like to donate!

I would like to collect any special, designer clothes that you are now ready to part with - so please contact me to organise a contactless pickup or delivery.

**Many thanks for your support,
Jane Cunningham (Secondhand stalls coordinator)
Ph 021 673 074 or jane@cunningham.co.nz**



Second Hand Uniform Shop

8:15 am - 9:15 am, 22nd October, Friday (Contactless, if Level 2, as usual if Level 1)
Outside the School Hall

Donations of clean and tidy items are greatly appreciated.



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Chairperson Renáta Latimer
Deputy Chairperson Marina Borodatova
Secretary Melanie Woollard
Treasurer Linda Waddington-Miller
Class Coordinator Leader Jane Cunningham
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