



# MENPS MATTERS

SCHOOL BOARD  
NEWSLETTER  
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## Spring & Term 4 Have Sprung

### Tēnā koutou katoa,

The MENPS Board warmly welcomes staff, students and families back to school following the holiday break. It is fantastic to see our students bursting with energy and enthusiasm and reconnecting with each other and their teachers.

After a term oversubscribed with illness amongst staff and students, we hope that the holiday provided some much-needed R&R and created a 'circuit breaker' for the ills and chills that upset well-being and learning for so many over the winter months.

### Term 3 Highlights

Term 3 seemed to fly by with a packed schedule of festivals, performances, events and themed weeks. Our MENPS teaching staff brought Pasifika Celebrations Week, Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori Week and the Moon Festival to life for our students, with creative and engaging learning and activities; a wonderful celebration of the richness and diversity of cultures integral to us here in New Zealand.

And from the wonderful MENPS PTA, our community was treated to two fabulous extra-curricular events. The students' Spiderman Movie screening was great fun with action-packed big-screen viewing, and for the grown-ups, the much-anticipated Casino Night. This social evening was enjoyed by all who attended and included entertaining casino games and competition over an auction of desirable items and experiences, kindly contributed by our community and key sponsor, Ray White Mt Eden.

### PTA Super Stars

The PTA commit considerable time and effort to planning a busy calendar of events each year, and the Board would like to acknowledge and give thanks to Pam Clifford and Rosemary Li, PTA Co-chairpersons, and their incredible team. Not only does their hard work generate funds for our school, but contributes greatly to MENPS' culture and establishes important connections within our community.

### Canopy: Completed

Many will have spotted that over the break the Sports Canopy was given its finishing touch, with the installation of a new specialist artificial turf. This exciting and colourful addition will provide the ultimate play surface for sporting games and any number of school activities in the future.

### Hello, Sunshine!

While the weather has been erratic lately, to say the least, Spring is upon us with warmer temperatures and sunshine. To protect our students from harmful UV damage, it is MENPS's policy that all children must wear a hat outdoors during Term 4. We also ask that parents and caregivers please apply a minimum of SPF30 broad-spectrum sunscreen to their children before school, each day. Children who do not bring a hat will be required to remain in shaded areas during break time.

*We look forward to another exciting fourth term ahead.*

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

Our next Board meeting is in the Staff Room at 6pm, on October 18. All are welcome!

