



# MENPS MATTERS

SCHOOL BOARD  
NEWSLETTER  
JULY 2024



## Celebration, Culture, Community

### Kia ora koutou katoa,

Wow! Term 2 seems to have flown by at speed, but not without making a colourful impression. MENPS students, teachers, families and our wider community came together this term to share in learnings and celebrations of some of the wonderful cultures that make up our school and Aotearoa.

### Pasifika Fun

Led by Associate Principal, Aone Laufili, and with help from some captivating Pasifika Aunties and Uncles, Samoan & Pacific Languages Week bustled with vibrant Pacific Island music, craft, history and customs. *Chee hoo!*

### Dragon Boat Delights

MENPS' 2nd Dragon Boat Festival was once again a lively and fun-filled community event showcasing many rich and colourful aspects of Chinese culture with performance, food, craft, demonstrations and of course, the much-loved dragon dancers.

The Board extends its sincere gratitude to the PTA and their hard-working volunteers, whose efforts make these wonderful events possible. Your commitment strengthens our community and school.

### Honouring Matariki

Matariki is a special time for reflection, celebration, and future planning. Students across our classrooms engaged in art, games and celebrations to mark the Maori New Year and were encouraged to reflect on their learning journeys and set personal goals for the months to come.

### Mid-year Reports

Reports and parent conferences also offered a chance to pause and reflect on our students' progress and development. Our dedicated teaching staff invested significant time preparing insights for each student and supporting them to share their work with pride. The Board would like to acknowledge and thank our teachers for their efforts and care during this period.

### People News

Earlier this term, we farewelled Sean McKenzie from MENPS and as Staff Representative on the Board of Trustees. We thank Sean for his valuable contribution and insights and wish him well for his next chapter in Queenstown. We warmly welcome new Staff Representative, Martina Stevenson, and look forward to working together.

We also bid farewell to Disha Sanjanwala in Year 5, who is moving to exciting new horizons overseas, and pass on our best wishes to Jeewan Cheema as she takes up maternity leave. Next term, we welcome Roselle Amooore, Michaela Passmore, Liwei He and Fran Mes to the teaching team.

### Happy Holidays!

As we head into the break, the Board wishes our community a restful holiday and time for reflection. We look forward to welcoming everyone back at the start of Term 3, renewed and committed to supporting our children in achieving their goals for the remainder of the year.

### Ngā mihi nui,

Virginia, Nigel, Alan, Annette, Martina, Mei, Fleur, Mike & Anna

**Our next Board meeting is at 6pm in the Staff Room, on Wednesday, August 14.**