



# MENPS MATTERS

SCHOOL BOARD  
NEWSLETTER  
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## Term 3: Efforts & Highlights!

### Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we reflect on the many wonderful activities of Term 3, we are reminded of the considerable efforts and diverse offerings that contribute to a rich and comprehensive education for our students. Once again, the MENPS team delivered an exciting calendar filled with engaging learning opportunities across the curriculum, culture, sports, adventure, and the performing arts.

From themed weeks to camps, sporting competitions and productions, these varied learning experiences allow our children to develop their knowledge and life skills, helping them realise their full potential.

### For the Love of Reading!

Book Week was a joyful highlight, led by our wonderful librarians, Amanda Griffon & Vivianne Kerr. Throughout the week, MENPS students enjoyed an imaginative line-up of literacy activities in and out of the classroom. Their enthusiasm and love for books were clear to see on Book Character Day, as students and teachers alike showcased their creativity at the costume parade, with a generous helping of fun and school spirit.

### Thank You, BSLA Team

This term also marked the continued rollout of MENPS' new structured literacy program, Better Start Literacy, which will strengthen the approach to systematically teaching phonological awareness and letter-sound knowledge. The assessment and selection of the program, along with training and

implementation in our classrooms, have required significant effort and collaboration from our Senior Leadership Team and teaching staff. The Board would like to acknowledge and thank all those involved for their commitment and dedication, the countless hours of additional time on top of their already busy schedules, and the support they provided each other throughout this process.

### Beats & Bingo

A fabulous night was enjoyed by all who attended Beats by Bingo, hosted by the PTA. Dressed as a variety of music icons, attendees delighted in an epic Bingo battle to tunes from the eighties, nineties and noughties. Many thanks to the PTA organisers for a fun-filled event and our community for their significant fundraising efforts towards an exciting playscape project for the school... Watch this space!

### Ake ake ake... Forever Language

This week, echoes of waiata, kapa haka and te reo can be heard throughout MENPS as we celebrate Te Wiki o te Reo. The theme, Ake ake ake (A Forever Language), symbolises hope and resilience, highlighting the enduring nature of te reo Māori, an official language and intrinsic part of our culture in Aotearoa.

*Safe and happy holidays to all!*

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



Our next Board meeting is in the Staff Room at 6pm, on October 23. All are welcome!