



MENPS MATTERS

SCHOOL BOARD
NEWSLETTER
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Curious minds & confident performers

Kia ora koutou,

Term 3 has flown by, packed with learning, performance, sport and plenty of fun along the way.

Maths Week

Maths Week challenged our students to think mathematically in fun, creative and sometimes unexpected ways – exploring patterns, solving problems, reasoning and estimating.

It is a great reminder that maths is much more than getting the “right answer”: it is about curiosity, making connections and persevering when things are challenging. Thanks to our teachers and the Maths Team for bringing maths to life so creatively.

Fledgling superstars

A huge thank you to the Year 1 & 2 teams, Year 5 & 6 teams, and the staff who supported them for the creativity and care that went into their stage performances this term. Thanks also to the parents and whānau who came along to cheer on our fledgling superstars – and to the one and only Clive, our Assistant Caretaker, who worked his magic on the stage dressing.

Well done!

Congratulations to our Y6 girls' Rippa team, Y6 Rugby team and Year 6 boys and girls netball teams, who took out top spot at the Zones. Many thanks go to Karen Moore and the parent volunteers. A fantastic result!

A warm welcome

The Board is pleased to announce that Y6 teacher Martina Stevenson has returned as our Staff Representative. We look forward to her insights around the table once again.

We are also delighted to welcome Angela Didier as our new Deputy Principal, who will join us at the start of Term 4.

We want to hear from you!

The Board is preparing for 2027 strategic planning – reviewing our direction and identifying the opportunities and challenges ahead. We want to understand our community's priorities, values and aspirations, now and into the future, and we are keen to hear from a diverse cross-section of our people. Connecting with you is an important part of whanaungatanga: building relationships by listening. Please take a moment to complete the survey via the link on Hero. It is part one of our consultation, to be followed by focus groups on specific topics in Term 4.

Have your say!

The survey is a great chance to make your voice heard...

Plus, one participant will be drawn to win a \$150 Farro voucher.

Did you know?

We have one Walking School Bus route running, Henley.

Email lucym@mteden.school.nz to join or to help as a parent supervisor. Kids enjoy a Milo morning tea at school and get a free family trip to the Zoo, plus more exciting events for the children and families.

Wishing everyone a great finish to Term 3!

Nigel, Alan, Virginia, Yanni, Matt, Martina & Anna

Our next Board meeting is in the Staff Room at 6pm, on October 21. All welcome!