



MENPS MATTERS

SCHOOL BOARD
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Our Place, Our People...

Tēnā koutou katoa,

The end of the school year is upon us, and while December brings a flurry of excitement and activity, we would like to take a moment to reflect on 2023 at MENPS.

The year has seen a vibrant calendar of learning-focused activities, events and themed weeks, and arts, sports and culture for our students and MENPS community.

Our school vision, 'Wide-eyed and enthusiastic about learning' remains at the core of everything we do. This year, our strategic goals sought to realise the potential of every student, whatever that meant for each individual, and continue to focus on a quality curriculum and foster our people and culture.

Every day saw examples of our children experiencing the joy of learning, guided by our dedicated teaching and non-teaching staff, who wrapped around our students and delivered a curriculum that enabled them to explore, share ideas and collaborate.

Cultural and social events have allowed important opportunities for staff, students and our families to connect and build on our highly valued sense of community.

Although not entirely in our rearview, it has been of great relief to be able to operate unrestricted and with little disruption from Covid. We are immensely proud of our children's resilience and positive re-engagement in school life, in the wake of an unsettled period.

With Thanks...

It is clear that at the heart of our school is its community; our people. The Board would like to acknowledge all those who have dedicated their skills, vision, time and care to enable MENPS to continually deliver the best possible outcomes for its learners and contribute to a positive and inclusive environment.

Our sincere thanks go to Principal Alan Jackson, the Senior Leadership Team, our teaching staff, learning support and ESOL teachers, support staff, Library staff, property staff, the PTA and its army of volunteers and finally, our MENPS families. We all share a common goal of happy, healthy, thriving children and your dedication and contributions are invaluable towards achieving this.

Bring on 2024!

There is much to look forward to in 2024, including welcoming students from Central Auckland Specialist School to our community and the exciting extension of the much-loved Tiger Turf on the top court. Many thanks to the PTA for their efforts and generous contribution to make this happen.

For now, we give a special farewell to our staff moving on and our Year 6 students and their families.

And to all our MENPS staff and families, our well wishes for a safe and happy festive season and holiday break.

Miri Kirihimete!

Annette, Alan, Richard, Sean, Mei, Fleur, Mike, Anna, Nigel & Virginia

He aha te mea nui o te ao. He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata.

What is the most important thing in the world? It is the people, it is the people, it is the people.

