



MENPS MATTERS

SCHOOL BOARD
NEWSLETTER
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MENPS 2023 off to a flying start!

Kia ora koutou katoa,

As we settle into the new year at MENPS, the Board would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to all of you, especially our new staff members and students, and their families. We are excited to begin another year of learning, growth and community-building with you.

An unexpected start...

2023 has unfortunately brought us all yet another reminder that we can expect the unexpected. It has been shocking and profoundly saddening to understand the devastation caused by the late-January floods and Cyclone Gabrielle across the North Island. We know many of our MENPS families, or their loved ones, will have been touched by these disasters and we would like to extend our deepest sympathies to all those affected.

As a Board, we are committed to protecting and supporting our staff and student's health and well-being. While it was disappointing and frustrating to close the school at the beginning of the term, particularly in the wake of the past years' Covid disruptions, our people's safety is an absolute priority and it was our responsibility to exercise caution under the circumstances.

Holding our school values close

Despite these interruptions, we have been heartened to witness the enthusiasm and

natural resilience of our students returning to school, and believe it is in part due to the dedication and care of our incredible teaching staff, who provide our students with a supportive and inclusive environment every day.

Kindness, contribution and community are some of the core values represented in the MENPS Touchstones and will be a continuing focus to further foster our children's resilience in the future.

Looking forward to the future

The MENPS Board is currently finalising the 3-year Strategic Plan that will place emphasis on a strong curriculum and seek to develop our student's potential and varied talents, as well as embody our important Touchstone values.

Underpinning the Strategic Plan will be investments in the upkeep and betterment of our facilities and environment, with the most exciting forthcoming project being the much-anticipated canopy over the top court, due to begin mid-year.

For now, we wish all MENPS staff and families well for an exciting 2023 ahead at school. As always, our meetings are open for parents to attend. All are welcome.

Nga mihi nui,

**Annette, Alan, Richard, Brad, Mei,
Fleur, Mike, Anna, Nigel & Virginia**

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 15 March at 6pm in the Staff Room.

