

Kia ora e te whanau MNS

**This is the latest newsletter from your
Board of Trustees**

Last term we met on Thursday 27th February and by Zoom on Thursday 2nd April. The main focus of our meetings has been our Strategic Goal setting for the period 2020 - 2022 and Covid 19 management. We also continued our focus on our property projects, the Budget and our work plan for 2020.

We welcomed Jeremy Corkin (Kennedy and Peyton's dad) and Jeff McHardy (Harriet's dad) onto the board of trustees. We are very happy to have them join the team.

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Covid - 19

Firstly we would like to acknowledge the challenges that our community is facing during the Covid 19 rāhui. We know that it's a stressful time with a lot of insecurity for our families. We hope you are all feeling connected and have the support you need. Please do check that those around you have what they need to continue isolating safely.

After this week's announcement that we'll be moving to Alert Level 3 on Tues 28 April 2020, we know that the school will reopen for some tamariki on Wed 29 April 2020. Where possible, please keep your children at home. If you haven't already completed the google form about whether or not your children will be returning to school [here it is](#). Joyce and the team have met and will update you as they go through the process of planning for this period. They're working hard to ensure the curriculum can be delivered both in the classroom and online. The board would like to extend a **huge thank you** to all the teachers for their mahi supporting our children's learning through this time.

In the meantime, here are some links that may be helpful for you or someone you know:

[Looking after your mental health](#)

[Looking after children and young people while they are learning from home](#)

[Tips for supporting children](#)

[Family or sexual violence support](#)

[Accessing healthcare during Alert Level 4](#)

[Covid 19 information in different languages](#)

[If you're feeling unwell](#)

[If you or someone you know needs food or accommodation](#)

Strategic goals and our future direction

Our strategic goals will steer us through the near future as we navigate a new normal in the context of Covid 19, and for the next three years.

We have set three strategic goals for MNS to guide our direction. These goals underpin the curriculum, school programs and other decisions that are made at both the operational and governance level. We've taken into consideration our roll number, the changing demographics of Miramar, our continued desire for excellence, and what we believe are the needs of our community.

We are now seeking your feedback about these goals to ensure they reflect what you would like for the school. You will find them on the next page of this newsletter and they will go up on the school website for future reference.

Please consider our Strategic Goals in the context of our MNS mission and values. Our most recent Education Review Office Report is [here](#).

We look forward to hearing your thoughts on this. You can complete this [google form](#) or email your thoughts to Amanda Hood, our board chair at amandahood007@yahoo.co.nz

Our Mission: Help our young children learn the knowledge, skills and values necessary to be confident, connected and engaged lifelong learners.

Our Values:

Integrity - te whakapono We do and say the right thing and we are fair

Kindness - manaakitanga We care for each other and our school

Determination - whāia te iti kahurangi We try our best and do not give up

Acceptance - whakaaetanga We are positive about different views, beliefs, and cultures. We are an inclusive school and we celebrate diversity

Responsibility - kawenga We are sensible and people can count on us

Respect - whakaute We treat each other and the environment well

Teamwork - mahi ngātahi We work together

Curriculum Planning and Design: Develop a future-focused and student-centred locally and culturally relevant program that includes teaching strategies to fully realise the potential of all students.	Hāpori Mauri Ora: To strive for the wellbeing of tamariki, kaiako, whānau, hāpori MNS and Papatūānuku, recognising wellbeing as interconnected and holistic.	Be the school of choice in the Motu-Kairangi area:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The curriculum reflects the school’s vision and values • Learning experiences make deliberate connections to learners lives, our local environment and curriculum • Planning considers those students who need to be supported, extended and promotes accelerated learning • Our school-wide focus encompasses a broad and balanced curriculum which enhances relationships and links to our community, NZ and the world • Student progress and achievement in all areas of the New Zealand Curriculum is monitored, recorded and evaluated against MNS expectations • Review and evaluate the systems we use to measure student progress • Maintain inclusive practices • Use the strengths and expertise of our staff to deliver and enhance professional development • Implement use of Digital Fluency 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student wellbeing is recognised as being the interconnected weaving of many strands and is measured as such • Identify areas of need or gaps in wellbeing that impact learning and take action to address • Policy and procedures support upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi, cultural values, inclusivity, and environmental sustainability (BAU) • A mutually supportive relationship exists between school and whanau • Prioritise and facilitate community consultation- staff, students and whanau – for determining community needs and fundraising goals • Parents, whanau and wider community feel capable and supported to participate in school community events • Parents, whanau and the community are actively involved and support the teaching and the learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain an optimum roll that ensures consistent government funding • Attract the best teachers • Have a high profile in the community and hold fundraising, cultural and community events that are well-supported • Develop a meaningful connection to local early childhood learning centres and kindergartens • Consider our community in curriculum planning and promotion • Plan for welcoming and modern learning spaces • Promote our school visually by maintaining grounds and buildings and be future-focused in playground planning • Ensure a global focus with engagement in sustainable practices • Improve ways we communicate with parents and promote our learning

School Security

During the Covid 19 Alert Level 4 all schools are closed to the public. We have nominated certain people to keep an eye on the school, but if you happen to be nearby and see someone enter the school please contact Joyce at joycea@mns.school.nz.

Driveway project

We are waiting on further updates from our Project Managers on our Driveway Project. We will keep you posted.

School donations

We really appreciate those who have already paid some or all of their annual school donation. Don't forget that it is tax deductible and you can pay all of it at once, in instalments on Kindo or make an arrangement with the office. School donations really help us to deliver a well-rounded curriculum. If you'd like more information on how our funding works you can read about it here: [Managing our funding at MNS](#) which is from our school website.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 7 May, possibly by video link. We welcome community participation in the first 15 minutes of our meeting so please get in touch if you would like to join us.

That's all for now!

We'll be keeping you informed by newsletter each term, but if you have any questions please don't hesitate to be in touch.

You can find our contact details on the school website

<http://www.mns.school.nz/a/6r3imBA>