

Respect, Responsibility, Aroha, Self-discipline, Honesty

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Nga mihi te whānau,

It is so nice to see the sun shining this week as there has been a dark cloud over Miller Ave School these past few weeks. Our thoughts and awhi go out to Mila-Rose and her whānau for the tragic loss of her Mum Shavarn. This is a time to remember to look out and support each other when times are tough.

Last Saturday staff and students from Miller Ave School attended the memorial service of Mrs Bedford who had taught at MAS for 30 years and provided many tamariki (about 500 students) with wonderful learning opportunities. You will always be remembered, Mrs Bedford.

Take care and be safe everyone.

UPCOMING: Movie Marathon - Friday 15th September (note home today) Wacky Wednesday - 20th September - these are fundraisers for senior camp.

	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
Best attendance	Tupuārangi-5	Tupuārangi-5	Matariki-4	Tupuārangi-5
Most Compassion tokens	Tupuānuku-6	Tupuārangi-5	Waitā-9	Matariki-4 & Waitā-9
Tidiest Class	Tupuārangi-5	Matariki - 5	Waitā-9	Matariki - 4

Well done to the following classes for having the best attendance and most compassion tokens last week. The winning class is displayed on the admin window facing the courts.

Principal Acknowledgements: for **Mark** from Matariki: for working hard on writing his recipe and then making it - great persistence. **Ari** from Waitī: for using capital letters & fullstops in her story. **Kiwa** from Waitī: for writing a great story about her family.

Nga mihi nui Whaea Debs Tumuaki/Principal

COMING EVENTS September—Mahuru

- 15th Movie Marathon
- 18th Ohinemuri Speech Competition
- 19th Lost Property Display
- 20th Wacky Wednesday
- 22nd Sharing Assembly—LAST DAY TERM 3

A very happy birthday to *Ben, Hunter H, Deon'dre, Paige and Keanu* who celebrated their birthday's this week. *We hope you all had a great day!*



"May there be comfort in knowing that someone so special

will never be forgotten."

From the MAS Board...

Kia ora Koutou

It's hard to believe we are almost at the end of Term 3, the year has flown by. Thank-you to all our staff team for your continued mahi.

Just a reminder that there still remains at least one parent representative vacancy on the School Board . Elections will come around again until 2025, however we are in a position to select a further parent representative into this vacancy.

Being on the School Board means attending 8 board meetings a year (2 each term) of about 2.5 hours duration on a weekday night. It is a strategic (governance) role where we meet to review and discuss overall student achievement in the context of the strategic direction of the school. This means reviewing the educational data presented by the school principal and understanding where resourcing is needed. The Principal and Board work alongside advisors from the Ministry of Education and the School Boards Association to ensure that finance, property, curriculum, and staffing are all maintained and improved where necessary to the benefit of all children attending Miller Avenue School. This is not only now, but to ensure good future planning for the success of tamariki yet to come to Miller Avenue.

Our meetings are positive and supportive, with some kai and good laughter thrown in; even though Board meetings are a formal part of school functioning, we keep the meetings as relaxed and informal as possible with our discussions to ensure everyone has a voice around the board table. We have one more meeting this term (date to be confirmed) by Monday due to an unforeseen postponement of the Board meeting this week. Please come along and see what we do, or contact the principal or myself if you think you may be interested.

The only qualification required is that you are a parent :)

This will be a busy time for the board entering Term 4 with developing further consultation with our school community for our 2 year strategic plan moving into 2024. We invite you to give your feedback no matter how big or small. This all contributes to the review process and gives due consideration to our community's views and aspirations on the future of Miller Avenue School.

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