

# MENPS News

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau | 02 August, 2018



**Mt Eden Normal  
Primary School**



**“ Wide-eyed &  
ENTHUSIASTIC  
*about*  
LEARNING ”**

## From The Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa,

With media attention focused on the upcoming teacher strike, it is worth explaining some of the reasons that educators have decided to take such significant action, which has not happened in the education sector for 24 years.

While it is certainly a factor, it isn't simply a question of pay. The recently stalled negotiations have hinged on some of the realities facing the education sector as a whole, which have changed considerably in the intervening years. We all - quite rightly - want and expect a world-class education for our children, who arrive at school with increasingly diverse learning needs. Our role is to provide high-quality, engaging programmes that are tailored to meet these at an individual level and ensure success for all, including those who are in need of significant levels of support. Ultimately, this comes down to attracting, recruiting and retaining well-trained, highly-skilled teachers and resourcing schools sufficiently to meet these needs.

The fact is that this amounts to more than just an idealised 'wish-list' of demands for education. Over the next 12 years, student numbers are projected to increase nationally by around 40,000, requiring something in the region of at least an additional 1500 high-quality teachers in classes. Enrolments in Initial Teacher Education, however, have been steadily declining in recent years (down 40% this year alone). Compounding this are the worrying statistics that 40% of those who do enter teaching leave within the first 5 years, at a time when around 35% of the workforce is nearing retirement age. All of this adds up to an escalating crisis in school staffing that is reaching breaking point.

Underlying this problem is the question of why teaching has become less attractive as a career option in the first place. Undoubtedly, it's no coincidence that, as professional

demands and workload have increased significantly, this has had an inverse relationship with salary in real terms. While the median NZ income since 2003 has increased by 60 per cent, teachers' pay has only increased by 38 per cent over the same time. The OECD has stated that our teachers are not only paid significantly less than other New Zealanders with comparable qualifications, skills and experience, but that they're also paid much less than their peers overseas (NZ teachers are ranked 19th in the OECD for pay, but - notably - 7th for workload).

As you can see, the situation is complex. One thing that is clear, however, is how much we value our outstanding teachers and support staff team here at MENPS. We know the importance of the positive relationships with learners that they foster, and work hard to ensure that our class sizes are manageable in order to maintain a consistently excellent standard of teaching and learning programmes.

Nobody wants to see disruption to teaching and learning, but in order to continue delivering on this, the issue of investment in the system can't be put off indefinitely. While fiscal and economic constraints will always impact on what can be realistically achieved, teachers are sending a strong signal that the need to take meaningful steps really has become a matter of urgency.

As for what this all means for our community, rest assured that the Board of Trustees will be communicating directly on this, including everything that you need to know for August 15th at MENPS and how teaching and learning may be affected on the day.

Ka kite anō au i a koutou

Alan Jackson

Principal

## Student Council Mufti Day Tomorrow!

A reminder that on tomorrow (August 3rd), we are holding a canned food mufti day for the Auckland City Mission Appeal.



If you don't know what the Auckland city mission is it is a place where the less fortunate can go to get food and shelter. If you are interested in this action, you can come to school wearing mufti but you have to bring some canned food to the school hall. For any other infomation please don't hesitate to ask a member of the student council such as Rm 27 Cooper, Rm 28 Annabel, Rm 24 Imogen, Rm 25 Elliot, Rm 30 Oliver, Rm 31 Ben, Rm32 Tom, Rm

## Notices & Reminders

- Tomorrow **MUFTI DAY** - Please bring a canned item for the City Mission Appeal.

- Friday 3 August - Second Hand Uniform Shop, 8.30-9am
- Tuesday 7 August - PTA Meeting, 7pm, Staffroom
- Years 5 & 6 Zone Netball is on Thursday August 9th
- Assembly this Friday in the hall, 2.30pm



## Morning Drop-off

Please be advised that we have a number of students being dropped off very early in the morning. Children who need to be dropped off at school before 8.15am must be enrolled in SKiDs on-site before-school care or have other care arrangements in place as we are not able to take responsibility for their safety and wellbeing before this time.



## MENPS Community Calendar

Click to view, download or subscribe and keep up to date with what's happening at MENPS

**Mt Eden Normal Primary School P.T.A.**

# Points to Talk About

CAN YOU HELP?

# CALLING ALL BAR MANAGERS

The PTA are looking for a parent with a Bar Manager's License for the ART AUCTION 2018. If this sounds like something you could help us with and you're free on the 21st September, please call Sarah on 021450930.

SAVE THE DATE

21/9/18

THE ANNUAL PARENT EVENT IS  
BACK...

## MENPS ART AUCTION

MENPS School Hall

From 6pm

Drinks, nibbles and entertainment



### Second Hand Uniform Shop

This Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>

School Hall Kitchen, 8.30 - 9am

Cash only

Uniform donations gratefully accepted

#### Term 3 Dates

Friday's

August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>

September 14<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>



### Upcoming PTA Meeting

Next Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> August 7pm  
in the Staffroom

All  
Welcome!

# Thanks, it's been totally magic!

Magic Spells, our school spelling challenge has been a great success raising close to a staggering \$10,500 towards new Learning Stations for our Year 3 Classes.  
This would not have been possible without a great deal of work by our 'spell bound' pupils with the help and encouragement of all our parents and teachers. Once again thank you for your support.



Mt Eden Normal  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



A huge **THANK YOU** to **Fleur Longley and Caro Gibson** for organising another fantastic Magic Spells fundraiser!



## MENPS Jute Bags

**Only \$5**

Purchase these great bags at the office or second hand uniform shop.

Cash or Cheque.

## Yummy Apples

Collect stickers and labels from Pak'n'Save, New World and the Parklands Fruit Shop (near Potter's Park).



Attach to a collection sheet (collect from the office or download from [www.yummyfruit.co.nz](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz)) or stick to a blank sheet of paper. Drop sheets to the office any time until the end of Term 3.

Support these local businesses and you can earn extra for the school!



Mention MENPS when you visit  
**Baker's Delight Eden Quarter** and the school earns  
**10% on all purchases!**



**Flight Centre Mt Eden** will generously give MENPS  
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booking holidays with them. So remember to  
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School PTA page

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## KOWHAI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

### 2019 ENROLMENT INFORMATION

### Mt Eden Normal Primary School Year 6 Students' Invitation

#### OPEN MORNING:

Tuesday 7 August - Visitors meet in the Kowhai Intermediate School hall at 9:30 am.

#### PARENT INFORMATION EVENING:

Wednesday 8 August 7:00 - 8:00 pm in the school hall

If you would like a meeting with the Principal, Associate Principal or Deputy Principal please phone 846 7534 or email:

Louise Broad - principal@kowhai.school.nz  
Barbara Cloonan - ap@kowhai.school.nz  
Tom Mackintosh - dp@kowhai.school.nz

Out of Zone enrolments close on Wednesday 5 September 2018



**\$2 ENTRY**

**NEW TO ME**  
PRELOVED FASHION MARKET

**Saturday 25 August 2018**  
**Mt Eden Normal Primary School**  
**Valley Road, Mount Eden Auckland**  
**10am-3pm**

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**Stall Holder Applications**  
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Saturday 25 August 2018. Mt Eden Normal Primary School, Mt Eden. Doors open 10am- 3pm. Bring cash.

If you are interested in being a stall holder please email Robyn at [newtomefashionmarket@gmail.com](mailto:newtomefashionmarket@gmail.com).

## WANT TO LEARN CHINESE

Pistachio Mandarin Language Centre is offering Chinese lessons on Saturdays from 5+ years old. Classes are 1 hour for total beginners & 1.5 hours for higher beginners. Focus on speaking & listening. Fun activities to engage students and to immerse them in a Mandarin speaking environment. **Come for a free trial!**

Venue: Kohia Terrace School, Epsom

Please contact; Email: [pistachiomandarin@gmail.com](mailto:pistachiomandarin@gmail.com)

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31 July and 2 August, Centennial Theatre

### *Winter Concert I - Tuesday 31 July at 7pm*

Grammar Virtuosi, Lighthouse, Grammaphonics, Grammar Voices,  
ItReallyBelikeThat, Jazz Combo, Big Band

### *Winter Concert II - Thursday 2 August at 7pm*

Pipe Band, Wind Band, Premier Concert Band,  
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7.30–9pm  
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## Tuesday 25th September

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Year 3 - 8 students

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