

MENPS News

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau, February 4, 2021

From The Principal

Kia ora koutou,

With the term now well underway, we'd be hard pressed to ask for a more seamless start. The atmosphere has been very positive, with staff across the school commenting on how motivated and settled their classes have been.

Change can often bring a mix of excitement, anticipation and, for some, a little trepidation, but we have been immensely proud of how well all of the children have risen to the challenge. It's a credit to all of our families, staff and children that we are able to hit the ground running and get back to classrooms filled with so much enthusiasm and meaningful learning!

It's fantastic to see everyone back, with a particularly warm welcome to all those families who join MENPS for the first time, along with our new members of the teaching team, Mr Martin and Ms Sivewright. We are also delighted to begin work with a number of student teachers who will be in classes alongside Associate Teachers this term.

As ever, there's a great deal ahead to look forward to. You should by now have received the Key Dates for Term 1 via email (with paper copies sent home today). You will also soon receive a newsletter for your child's year level from the Team Leader.

In the coming weeks, we will be sharing more of our broader goals for the year ahead, aligned with the continuing MENPS vision for learners who are;

"Wide-eyed & enthusiastic *about* learning!"

On a practical note, you may have noticed we are approaching completion on our windows upgrade and repaint programme, with thanks for your patience where some classroom entrances may still be temporarily blocked off due to scaffolding. We anticipate this project will close in the next few weeks. Sadly, it will also involve losing one of our existing murals (on the end of Block 2) due to deteriorating condition. It's a small but colourful part of the school's history that we will be very sorry to see go, but perhaps this may inspire opportunities for a new mural project to be considered in the future.

For those who have been wondering about our usual Term 1 Swimming lesson, I'm pleased to report that the current repairs to Mt Eden Pool are reportedly on schedule to be completed in the first half of the year, so we aim to re-introduce this essential programme as soon as possible once the facility re-opens.



Finally, best wishes and hopes for glorious weather over the Waitangi Day weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday next week.

Ka kite anō au i a koutou

Alan Jackson
Principal

NOTICES AND REMINDERS

- **Fri, 5 Feb:** Whole School Assembly (Hall, 2.30pm)
- **Fri, 5 Feb:** Second Hand Uniform Shop (Hall, 8:15-9:15am)
- **Mon 8 Feb:** School closed for Waitangi Day

- **Tue 9 Feb** Camp Parent Helpers Meeting (Staffroom 6pm)
- **Wed, 10 Feb:** PTA Meeting (Staff Room, 7pm)
- **Sun, 14 March:** MENPS Food & Fun Fair



REMEMBER

to return your summer reading books to the library.

MENPS Community Calendar

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MENPS PTA

Mount Eden Normal Primary School Parent Teacher Association
www.menpspta.co.nz

Message from PTA

Kia Ora Fellow Parents and Guardians,

Just as every year, the first day at school came by surprisingly quickly! We hope that you are feeling refreshed and like us (almost!) ready for the sprint towards the biggest event of the year – The Food and Fun Fair 2021.

But first things first... we want to welcome our new parents and students to the MENPS community and to celebrate the occasion we invite all parents, guardians as well as all our current, former and future MENPS students to join us later this month for our **Family Picnic, Tuesday, 23 February**. This event is popular amongst our school community and we look forward to having another fun-filled day on the school fields.

Now...back to the **Food and Fun Fair (Sunday, 14 March)**. This is our biggest (busiest) and the most successful event. We have been lucky to have had wonderful sponsors for many years and we hope that we can count on our wider community to support us again. We understand and appreciate though the difficult times many businesses are facing at present and hope we can work together to help rebuild the local businesses in return.

Over the coming days and weeks, we will be looking for help, volunteers, donations and sponsors and provide you with everything that you need to know about the upcoming Fair. Please let us know if you can and want to be involved.

We want to thank everyone who's already offered their help and donations. Please keep an eye on our regular updates in the weekly newsletter and if you can join the **PTA Meetings**, the first one this year will be held **next Wednesday, 10 February at 7pm** in the school's staffrooms or just message us at menpspta@gmail.com. You can also check out our updates on our website menpspta.co.nz

From all of us here we wish our young tamariki all the best in their learning adventures at MENPS.

Renáta, Marina, Jane, Linda, Mel and Scott.

Second Hand Uniform Shop Tomorrow

5th February Friday 8:15am-9:15am

School Hall Kitchen

Prices depend on the condition of the clothing item and all profits go straight back to PTA fundraising initiatives for the school.

Donations of clean and tidy items are greatly appreciated. Please drop off to the office





PTA Meeting Next Week

7pm Wednesday 10th February
Staff Room

Please come along if you are keen to help.

We Need Stall Coordinators for FAIR

FAIR 2021 is on Sunday 14th of March. We are still looking for help – without you we can't do it! It's not as scary as it sounds – you will have a lot of support, you might make new friends and you will have fun!

We will help you to co-ordinate

We will assist with questions

Email us now menpspta@gmail.com

Or complete the form here <http://menpspta.co.nz/fair-stall-coordinators/>



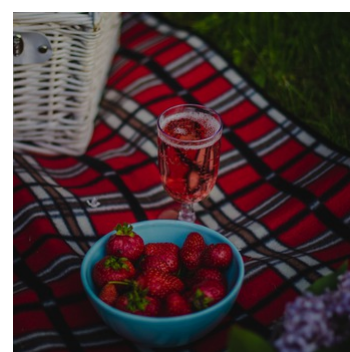
We need Coordinators for:

- Ham Roll
- Sandpit Dig
- Dunking Machine
- Face Painting
- Money Golf
- Environment
- Power
- TradeMe

Family Picnic

5pm, 23th February, School Field

Bring a picnic blanket, some food and drink, and let the kids play while you catch up with other parents





PTA - Supporting Our School Through Fundraising & Fun Events



Chairperson Renáta Latimer
Deputy Chairperson Marina Borodatova
Secretary Melanie Woollard
Treasurer Linda Waddington-Miller
Class Coordinator Leader Jane Cunningham

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The Incredible Years Programme (IYP) for Parents
Tuesday Mornings 9.30-12 from March 2nd 2021
Introduction and Questionnaires on Tuesday February 16th

We are hosting another Incredible Years Programme for Parents from March at 155 New North Rd Eden Terrace and have a few spaces available. The IYP programme is a 14 week morning time commitment. Please email Julia Langford julial@rtlb7.school.nz to reserve your space.

There is no charge to attend

The Incredible Years Programme for Parents

***14 Week Programme**

The programme

*Supports parents to effectively manage challenging behaviours *

*Encourages learning in a supportive environment

* Helps to raise children's self esteem, emotional regulation, social interaction, persistence, compliance

*This programme is invaluable for all parents

Where: 155 New North Rd Eden Terrace

When: starting March 2nd 2021 Tuesday mornings (with one introductory meeting on 16 February)

Meet once a week for two and a half hours over a 14 week period (excluding holidays)

To register interest please email: Julia Langford
julial@rtlb7.school.nz

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