



M.E.N.P.S. Matters

School Board Newsletter

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A hive of activity - Market Day in full swing.

Term Two starts in a 'Bubble'

Term 2 is on but in unique circumstances! 2020 sounded so more promising than 2019, after all it rolled off the tongue smoother. Alas it is going to be remembered but sadly for far more than that.

This is a defining moment, literally our whole world has stood still. We trust everyone has enjoyed some quality time inside their bubbles. It certainly has given us a chance to reset and maybe get some things ticked off the to do list.

A big thanks to all staff at Mt Eden Normal, for their continued focus in providing an adaptable learning environment. They are facing new challenges in creating a quality online learning environment to continue teaching while their classes remain at home. We know first hand that our children are enjoying continued contact with their teachers.

Parent engagement is critical to the success of our 'current normal' so please accept our appreciation for juggling your work and family at home commitments. Hopefully today we find out when we will be moving towards level three. Alan will continue to keep us updated on developments and Ministry requirements. His communications are much appreciated.



Fun at the fair



Mrs Levi washes her hair



Trying the new marble run

A day out at the school fair

The annual food and fun fair was certainly a great last hurrah for social interaction and raised the school around \$43,000. A wide range of people contributed to bring the stalls to life. A great turnout saw treasures uncovered in White Elephant, bargains in Books and fashion finds in Clothes to name a few. It was great seeing the children, families and our wider community converging for the occasion. Hot weather and a high level of activity saw Mrs Levi and Miss Edwards cooling off on the dunkin machine! Well done to Adelle Hall-Jones and Janice Cearns and all fair helpers for making this magic happen. Remember to support our generous sponsors who every year ensure our fair is the success it is.

Our school landscape is changing

Thanks to PTA fundraising, the Valley Road side of school, nicknamed Spider Alley has had a facelift. An interactive marble run, complete with bamboo, carved logs and adjustable lines has been installed. Children will be able to design and change their own runs. Well done parents who helped get this rolling.

On the other side of the school adjacent to the pool a riverbed has broken through the school boundary! No, Mr Jackson is not taking up kayaking, rather the MENPS riverbed project releases water from the top of the hill to flow its length, to simulate river dynamics. Mrs Matene and Mr Beaumont have cleverly created resin discs with natural items for children to discover. A fantastic space for play, exercise and learning. Many thanks to Cassidy Construction whose expertise has assisted in bringing the riverbed to life. Steve Cassidy is a past parent who saw three sons go through Mt Eden Normal Primary.

Board meeting

Our next scheduled meeting is on Wednesday 6th May. We will advise closer to the time on just how this will be conducted. If you have any questions or want to contact the board please email Fleur Longley, Board Chair at the address below. Please continue to keep your bubbles intact, and everyone inside safe. We look forward to seeing some normality returning hopefully in the near future.

The MENPS BOT Team Fleur, Murray, Alan, Brad, Richard, Annette, Josie, James and Mathew

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