



M.E.N.P.S. Matters

School Board
Newsletter

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Easing into Term 2

We hope everyone's enjoying the start of this new term after the break. This edition of MENPS Matters includes:

- sKids MENPS After School Programme
- School Uniform update
- Enviro-Leaders
- Board Succession



Thank You

The BOT would like to recognise our teachers' and support staffs' on going quality of work, in conjunction with the senior leadership team. Their efforts are much appreciated by all including, parents, students, the principal and the BOT. The ultimate validation of this is the high level of academic achievement and engagement displayed by MENPS students.

It was also great to see our brave Principal and Deputy Principal on the dunkin machine at the school fair, strangely the queues of children were longest at these times!

We'd also like to acknowledge the work and dedication by outgoing PTA Chair Sarah Lamont and her Deputy Gill Morgan. They've ensured the PTA remains a fun, welcoming body of parents that successfully organises a wide range of fundraisers. We look forward to working with the new PTA Chair Adelle Hall-Jones and her Deputy Janice Cearn.

Before and After School Care

After assessing providers, we are happy to confirm that sKids have been appointed to conduct before and after school childcare services in our school hall. This will be available from Friday 1st June, from 7.30-8.30am and from 3.00-6.00pm. This service has been adopted in response to parent feedback and we trust it will be of assistance to our MENPS families.

Uniforms



Thanks to Emma Wallace's work, reviewing uniform suppliers we've negotiated savings of over 10%. The biggest reduction, of over 35%, is on tunics, from \$87.50 to \$55. All uniform items will now be available from the School Uniform Centre, at 553 Remuera Road, or through their website. Please note our red bucket hats and caps will still be sold from the school office. A limited number of tunics will also be available from the office until these stocks have sold out.

Our Environment

Thanks to the senior leadership team for their work with our student eco warriors in addressing sustainability, a MENPS strategic goal. Part of our aim towards a modern, safe and effective learning environment is the goal to become an Enviro school. Our team of Enviro-leaders aim to reduce landfill waste from the school, including more recycling. We've invested in a commercial worm farm to utilise waste lunchbox food. It's great learning for all our children on how we can work together as 'Kaitiaki', or guardians, of our environment, and they have certainly risen to the challenge with great enthusiasm!

School Donation

Thanks to those who have paid their school donation for 2018. Payment of the donation is voluntary, however it is essential to the smooth running of our school. Due to increasing costs, the Board increased the donation level for 2018 by a minimal amount. This year's donation is \$480 per student and is discounted for families with three or more children attending.

A Decile 10 school, MENPS receives a lot less assistance from the government than lower decile schools. We are reliant upon fundraising and the generosity of the school community to ensure we can maintain our school's high standards.

Board Succession

Have you considered becoming a MENPS Board Member and having a greater involvement in your child's school? You are welcome to attend one of our meetings. These provide an opportunity to observe what we do. Our next meeting is Wednesday 16th of May at 6pm in the staffroom. Further monthly dates can be found on the public school website. Each Board term is a three year period. For feedback, information or enquiries on joining the Board please contact: Ginny Parsons (Chairperson) admin@mteden.school.nz