

# MENPS News

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau | 28 February, 2019



**Mt Eden Normal  
Primary School**



## From The Principal

Tēnā koutou katoa,

I'd like to congratulate all of our participants and finalists from last week's MENPS Swimming Championships, particularly all those who made it through to the Zones team. Despite some of our Y5 students being absent due to Camp, we placed an impressive 3rd place overall in the inter-school competition, showing great teamwork and determination! Special mention goes to the following members of the MENPS 2019 Zones Swimming Team:

**Zachary Chu:** 1st (25m Y6 Boys' freestyle), 3rd (Y6 Boys' 25m breaststroke), 2nd (Y6 Boys' 25m backstroke), 2nd (Boys' Open 50m freestyle)

**Riley Halstead:** 2nd (Y6 Boys' 25m freestyle), 3rd (Y6 Boys' 25m backstroke)

**Syoma Ruban:** 2nd (Y5 Boys' 25m breaststroke), 2nd (Y5 Boys' backstroke)

**Tony Li:** 2nd (Y5 Boys' 25m breaststroke)

**Charlotte Warren:** 3rd (Y5 Girls' 25m Freestyle), 2nd (Y5 Girls' 25m breaststroke)

**MENPS Boys' Relay Team (1st place):** Zachary Chu, Luke Thomson, Sammy Bamford, Riley Halstead

*For full results from our school Championships, please click [here](#)*

Our thanks go to all of the parent helpers and staff for setting the children up for success. Thanks also to Andrew for his help on the day and, of course, our Sports Coordinator, Karen, for organising the whole event with her usual meticulous attention to detail.

With our Y5's returning yesterday from a very successful Camp experience, I would also like to acknowledge all the teachers and parent volunteers who helped make this such a memorable experience. There was a great spirit of camaraderie at the Camp, and it is always affirming to see the children being so supportive of each other. Having returned to us tired but full of exciting stories of their time and achievements at Carey Park, congratulations on a job well

done to all concerned, particularly the Y5 Team, Team Leader, Aone Laufli, and Camp Leader, Hilary Edwards!

Finally, I ask all parents to take a moment to read the notes below, as we are actively seeking to minimise interruptions during valuable learning time in classes. One way that you can help with this is simply to schedule medical/dental appointments out of school hours if at all possible.

We also receive a regular stream of phone calls from parents during lesson time, the majority of which are not actually urgent, so we would like to enlist everyone's support to improve this so that the staff and children can stay focused on teaching and learning during the school day. See below for guidelines and information on ways that you can help, which - as ever - is much appreciated.

Ka kite anō au i a koutou

Alan Jackson

**Principal**

## Communication With School

- *If you email staff, please allow 48 hours for them to respond (excluding weekends!). If it is an important or sensitive matter, we suggest arranging a face to face meeting if possible. Please be aware that the teachers do not check emails during lesson time*
- *We value our 'open door' approach, but teachers have busy schedules and may not always be able to talk in depth, especially just before or after school. If you call in for more than a 'hello' or passing conversation, please email to request a meeting*
- *Please note that the School Office will only put phone calls through to speak to children on the phone or pass on messages during class time if it is really necessary, such as an emergency*
- *Children who are not picked up at the end of the school day are directed to wait at the office, where we can pass on any messages or contact you directly if needed*
- *If your child forgets their homework/drink bottle/reading book or similar item, we recommend you don't drop them off. Doing so will not help them learn to take responsibility! We avoid delivering non-essential items to classes across school as it takes up time and interrupts lessons*
- *In the event of a forgotten lunchbox or lunch order, this can be dropped at the office (we don't want them going hungry!) - teachers will send the children to collect it at break time*
- *Please don't casually 'drop in' to classes or the playground during class or break times. All visitors during school hours are required to first sign in at the office*
- *Please don't request to pick up your child early unless this is for a medical/dental or other professional appointment (or leave that has been pre-approved by the Principal)*
- *If you do have to drop off or pick up your child late/during the school day for any reason, please don't take them straight to class - drop them at the school office so we can note this in the roll*
- *Please be assured that we will contact you if your child is unwell and we need to let you know, so there is no need to call through the day to check how they are feeling. No news is good news!*

THANK YOU!

## Notices & Reminders

- **FAIR Lucky jars** go home today & **Gold Coin Mufti Day** tomorrow
- **FAIR Collections start on Monday 4th March**
- **FAIR Help:** See our list of jobs below to see where you can help
- Assembly 2.30pm in the school hall
- A reminder that **children must not be dropped off at school before 8.15am** as they are unsupervised. If you are in need of early morning childcare, please contact SKiDs before school care: [menps@skids.co.nz](mailto:menps@skids.co.nz). Between 8.15 - 8.30am, children should wait by the flagpole outside the hall

## 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

Mt Eden Normal Primary School

**Food & Fun Fair**

**2**  
Weeks to go

**SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
11am - 3pm  
Rain or Shine!

## What's Coming Up...



## Gold Coin Mufti Day - Tomorrow!

Don't forget tomorrow, Friday 1st March is mufti day.



## Lucky Jars

Lucky jars should have come home with the children today. Please fill these up with small toys or treasures that you think children would like to buy. **We will post some ideas of what to fill them with on the MENPS PTA Facebook page so don't forget to check that out.** Please return all filled Lucky Jars to the box in the office. All empty ones can also be returned.



## Class Rosters

Rosters will be up on Google Docs by the end of the week and a link will be sent to you by your class co-ordinator. Please sign up for an hour on each of your class's stalls.

Collections for Clothing, Toys, White Elephant and Books START NEXT WEEK on Monday 4th March.



## Bottle Mufti Day - Next Friday!

Mark your diaries... Next Friday 8th March is another mufti day but this time it is a **Bottle Mufti Day**. We are asking all children to bring to school a bottle (eg: soft drink, bubble bath, hot chilli sauce) that they would be happy to win on the Bottle Stall. ***Important Note: This year we have a change and we are not asking for alcohol so please NO bottles of wine or beer. The decision to not have alcohol this year on the Bottle Stall was informed by further understanding of the Gambling Regulations that we need to observe***

## A Special Request This Year:

**Our aim is to sell everything we get donated but if we do have items left over we want them to be in GOOD QUALITY for the charities we donate to.**

To achieve this, we ask that all items you donate to us are things that YOU yourself would be happy to purchase.

So please do not donate items that are broken, not in working order or looking worse for wear. Please check out the specific notes under each category below.

We thank you in advance for your help and understanding.

### **Collections start next Monday 4th March**

Please drop off your donations between

**8.30am to 9am** or **2.45pm to 3.15pm**

### Clothing to the Hall

- We are happy to accept clean and sellable women's and children's clothing.
- Please no men's clothes.
- Our sorting volunteer parents would greatly appreciate it if you are able to wash and/or iron the clothes.
- Unfortunately we find that dated clothes do not sell as well so please can we ask for current fashion items.
- Any particularly special or designer items can be delivered to **Sarah Lamont (021 2681327)**. These items can be sold at higher prices and we have been very lucky to have had fabulous donations in the past so looking forward to this year.

### Toys to the Hall

- We are happy to accept your donations of all toys that are clean and in good working order.
- Please no jigsaw puzzles or games if all the pieces are not complete.
- Please no soft toys as we find these do not sell well.

### White Elephant to Room 6

- We would love to receive all your household items that are in good condition.
- Please no electrical items, no broken items or car seats.

## Books to Room 5

- We would love to receive books that are in good condition.
- Please no text books.

## Sandpit Dig donations to Room 25

- We are looking for any new or unused toys to be used as prizes in this year's dig. Big, small, or just plain weird - we are not fussy and will happily take them off your hands.
- **They just need to be NEW or UNUSED.**

## No Smash Palace this year

Please note that we are not doing Smash Palace this year to align with our Waste Minimisation focus. **So we do not require any broken plates or mugs to be donated.**

## Help We Need From Our Parents

Thank you to all the volunteers that have already joined the Fair Team. We love getting new energy into the team and it is a great way to meet people. Plenty of ways to still get involved below.



### Sorters needed from next Monday 4th March!

**We need sorters to come and help in the Hall to sort through donations.** If you have 5 minutes or 20 minutes - we would love to see you. Go to the Hall and make yourself known. Someone will then give you a large hug, give you small job and the fun will start. Please come along at pick up or drop off.



### Trailer & Trestle Tables

We need the services of someone who has a **Trailer** and a friend who can together do the heavy lifting work of collecting **Trestle tables** from local schools. This needs to happen either on Friday 15th March afternoon or Saturday

16th March in the morning. And then returned on Monday 18th March. Please contact Emma Wallace on 027 412 8242.

## Can You Knit?

Are there any parents out there or friends of parents that can knit? The craft stall would love to get new hand knitted items - baby booties, baby clothes, toys. If you are a clever knitter we would love you to send something our way - just drop into the school office



## Can you help run our Lucky Wheel on the Fair day?

We need someone who can take charge and co-ordinate our volunteer ticket sellers and look after the prizes. It is a great job to do if you work during the week but still want to help. Please call Emma Wallace on 027 412 8242



## Site Set-Up on Fair Day

Is there someone in your family that is a builder or an electrician? We need someone to help set up the school site on Fair day so that there is power for all our stallholders. Please contact Emma Wallace 027 412 2824 if you can help



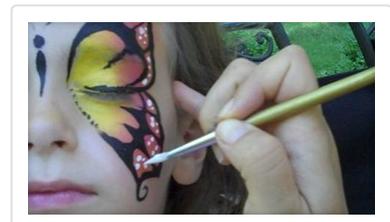
## Soccer Shot Stall Co-Ordinator

**We need a Soccer Shot Stall Co-Ordinator please!** This is a very easy stall to run for a soccer mad parent or family. It is very popular with the children. Please call Emma Wallace 027 412 8242 if you can do this for us.

## Face Painters

**We need face-painters for the school fair!** Have fun helping kids become pirates and butterflies!

Contact Sandra 021 181 4013 / [sandrafay@gmail.com](mailto:sandrafay@gmail.com)

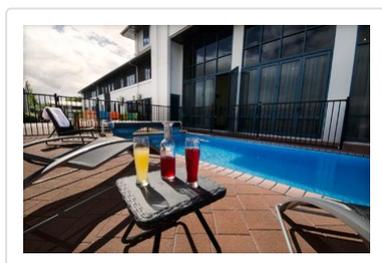


## Preserves!

Thank you for all your white sugar and tomatoes donations!  
**Now we need brown sugar and tomatoes!** Please drop to the office.



## Silent Auction Preview



### Family weekend away in Rotorua

**Two nights in a Family Suite** (for 4 people) at the Jet Park Hotel in Rotorua with Continental Breakfast included and free car parking. The Hotel has a great bike storage area (for the Mountain Biking fans) too!



### A Signed All Blacks Jersey

Your chance to own an All Blacks jersey signed by **Beauden Barrett!**



### Watch KISS at Spark Arena

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**Collections start next Monday 4th March**

**8.30am to 9am or 2.45pm to 3.15pm**

**Special One-Off Collection, Sunday 10th March**

**9am to 11am**

*Drive right up to the hall!*



# Second Hand Uniform Shop

Friday, March 1st  
School Hall Kitchen,  
8.30 - 9.00am, Cash only

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

## Mark your Diaries

Term 1	Friday's	
Dates	March	1 <sup>st</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup>
	April	5 <sup>th</sup>



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Flight Centre Mt Eden will generously give MENPS \$25 for every \$1000 spent by MENPS families booking holidays with them. So remember to mention us when booking!

Mt Eden Normal Primary School

**Food & Fun Fair**

**SUNDAY 17th MARCH**  
*Save the Date!*

## Supporting Our School Through Fundraising & Fun Events

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## **BEFORE SCHOOL HELP NEEDED**

Searching for a reliable person to look after our 2 children (5+7) from 7am to 8.30, from April. The job will involve getting them ready for school and driving them from our home in Mt Albert to MENPS.

Days required will vary between 3 to 5 per week.

You will need to have a full drivers license.

If you are interested or know someone who might be, please get in touch.

Sandra 02102225304 / [bourkesandra@hotmail.com](mailto:bourkesandra@hotmail.com)

## ***MONDAY 15th - THURSDAY 18th APRIL 2019***

Games + fun activities, meaningful learning about God, team challenges, outdoor games, crafts,  
a GIANT Easter egg hunt, cookie decorating + so much more!!



Register at: [www.greyfriars.org.nz/holiday](http://www.greyfriars.org.nz/holiday)

- Cost:** \$18 per day for each child for the Holiday Programme. Only \$60 if you book all 4 days (you save \$12)!
- Times:** 9 am to 3:30 pm. After-Care is available till 5 pm
- Ages:** Primary school (5-11 years)
- AfterCare:** \$10 extra per day for each child.
- Venue:** Memorial Hall, Greyfriars Presbyterian Church, corner Windmill and Mt Eden Roads  
(entry from the Carpark)

Morning and afternoon teas are provided but children should bring their own lunch.

If you have any queries, please phone 630-2460 (office hours Tues-Fri) or email [holiday@greyfriars.org.nz](mailto:holiday@greyfriars.org.nz)

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