



M.E.N.P.S. Matters

School Board Newsletter

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Look out - it's Term Three



Cool to be Back at School

We hope you've managed to take time during the recent term break. Aren't holidays great? The kids look to be energized and getting back into school. Learning can be fun even with rain or grey outside. As we start our 3rd term we still need to spare a thought for those overseas still under the cloud of Covid.

Teaching, In - Out & All About

We have been lucky at Mt Eden Normal. The challenge of home-based teaching was handled smoothly, teachers, support staff and the Leadership team seamlessly integrated the children back into normal school life. It is awesome to see pupils, 'wide eyed and enthusiastic' where learning is taking place.

The online learning was particularly impressive, teacher interaction within small groups of pupils continued the teacher - student relationship. The Board extends it's thanks to the entire Mt Eden school team for all their hard work over the unprecedented first half of 2020.

The Wheel Turns at The PTA

The Parent Teacher Association is fluid and organic in nature. It's always moving, as parents enter and leave school. Our PTA effectively reflects the school, it's attitude, its aspirations and direction. It's an exciting opportunity to participate with your child's educational journey.

However as the wheel turns the faces change. We say farewell to Adelle Hall-Jones (Chair), Janice Cearn, (Deputy Chair) and Nicola Paoli, (Treasurer). Thanks to Melanie Woollard, (Secretary) for her continued support.

We extend a warm welcome to their replacements, Renata Latimer Chairperson; Marina Borodatova, (Deputy Chair), Linda Waddington Miller, (Treasurer). Thank you to Melanie Woollard, (Secretary), for her continued support. We look forward to working with all of you on future key joint projects.

Learning Landscapes at MENPS

PTA and school developments continued over the holidays with planting around Te Puna, the riverbed, which looks fantastic. PTA assistance and funding has benefited the school. Recently added picnic tables, learning landscape projects and sports equipment being some examples. Watch this space for more developments.

Teacher Aids Aided

The last 12 months saw teachers and principles challenge the Ministry over untenable salaries. Only when confronted by one of NZ's largest nationwide protests was this finally addressed. The latest body to gain a review is the Teacher Aids who've now received additional remuneration. MENPS has always supported Teacher Aids paying over their set rate as we believe their role in education is pivotal.

All Aboard

Our parent community is welcome to view our board meetings, the next being Wednesday 29th July in the school staff room at 6pm. If you wish to contact the MENPS Board of Trustees please email Fleur Longley, Board Chair at the address below.

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