MENPS News

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau, Aug 30, 2021

From The Principal

Kia ora koutou,

As I'm sure many were anticipating, the current lockdown has been extended in Auckland for a further 2 weeks.

While it is encouraging to see lower case numbers today, we are advised that this does not yet represent a trend (and may also be somewhat reflective of lower weekend testing numbers). The numbers will, of course, need to stabilise and decline before the current Alert Level is lowered.

This means that, at this stage, we can't predict the timeframe or how the rest of the term will play out. It would be reasonable, however, to anticipate a graduated lowering of alert levels, with an eventual move to Level 3 requiring school opening for limited numbers (for those essential workers who are unable to make alternative arrangements).

Put simply, the touchline is still some way ahead at this stage.

On the bright side, it's easy to forget that we have, nonetheless, experienced relatively brief lockdowns and disruption in comparison to many countries since the onset of the pandemic. It is also clear that the current measures appear to have mitigated what could have been an exponential outbreak, which would have been a much greater concern for all families. Challenging as it may be for us all, things really could be worse.

It's also heartening to see the very high levels of engagement in distance learning right across the school, including enthusiastic participation in online groups with teachers. There have been so many great examples of interesting and creative tasks, a few of which are included below.







Y1 - Shapes & Patterns

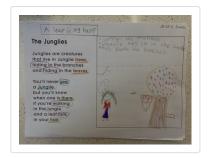
Well done Rico for using so many different shapes to make a train using repeating patterns!

Y1 - Playground Designs

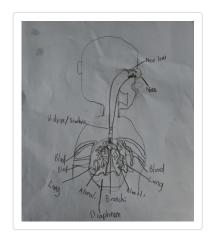
Iris showed great imagination and attention to detail in her playground design ideas!

Y2 - Money

Georgia has been demonstrating her excellent money sense!







Y2 - Reading

Sara is very skilled at spotting different word types in her reading!

Y3 - Art Outside Your Window

Blake's outdoor art is a great showcase for his impressive artistic skills!

Y4 Inquiry Research

Some very well-researched investigative work from Aria!

rne sun (acrosuc)

Sunshine feels so nice! Under the shade of my umbrella, Not a single bit of coldness.

The Colourful Blossom tree (haiku)

The blossom tree blooms on a sunny and warm day! It's so beautiful.

Jack (tongue twister)

Jack junk was jumbled in a jukebox and he was jogging around the jellyfish joy

Write and order

1)12,839=twelve thousand eight hundred and thirty

2) 1,079=One thousand and seventy nine

3)104,279=One hundred and four thousand two hundred seventy nine

4)748=Seven hundred and forty eight

5)1,265,109=one million two hundred sixty-five thousand one hundred nine

6)32,007= Thirty two thousand and seven



Y4 - Poetry

Victoria wrote not one but three expressive poems exploring differing poetic styles!

Y5 Maths Charts

Abigail in Y5 has been hard at work tackling numerous maths challenges!

Y6 Inquiry

Jason has come up with some ingenius technological ideas for renewable energy!

It's hugely encouraging in these challenging times to see the children continuing to be enthused and inspired despite the current predicament we find ourselves in. The way in which parents and teachers are collaborating to make this possible once again is something we should all be proud of.

As always, we will keep you up to date with any new developments as they arise, and hope that all of our families are doing well. We may be in this for a little while longer, but the light at the end of the tunnel gets closer each day!



Ka kite anō au i a koutou

Alan Jackson **Principal**

Community Notices



With Father's Day coming up on Sunday, 5th September, our friends at Team Mike Robson are running a Facebook competition to win a \$150 Mitre 10 gift e-card. To find out more and enter the competition – head over to the @MikeRobsonRealestate Facebook page or click here













PTA - Supporting Our School Through Fundraising & Fun Events



Deputy Chairperson Marina Borodatova
Secretary Melanie Woollard
Treasurer Linda Waddington-Miller
Class Coordinator Leader Jane Cunningham
PTA Advisor Scott Optican

Chairperson Renáta Latimer

Follow us on Facebook and keep up to date with the PTA on Mount Eden Normal Primary School PTA page.





Keep in touch



Check back on our website, or join the official Mt Eden Normal Facebook page to keep up to date!



