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Mt Eden Normal Primary School

Students wide eyed and enthusiastic about learning !

2 February 2012 Principal's Note

Nga mihi nui ki a koutou katoa

Welcome to the 2012 school year. As is usual, we began the year with a *Powhiri* to welcome new teachers, and of course, our students and staff back to MENPS.

We have begun the year with 608 students, 20 in advance of that predicted. It is likely that our end of year roll will be approximately 700.

The great majority of students are wearing regulation hats or caps and seem to be implementing our new litter management strategy, of which – *Any litter coming from home is returned home* – encompasses its main aspect. Thanks again for your support of the MENPS *Sun Safe* and *Litter* schemes.

Thank you also for your support of our stationery procedures – your response has been wonderfully affirming of the service. With reference to the recent Herald articles regarding school stationery schemes, MENPS does not view stationery sales as a fundraiser, as our prices are fixed to break even. You will note that we do not require students to purchase basic reference material such as dictionaries and the like, as the BOT regards the provision of these items as an operational cost, and something that should be provided by the school for all students.

Although there has been significant progress on our playground additions, we are still not at the point where we can use all of Rocky Hill and the new Junior play area, but hope to do so in the near future. The new play and shade sail area adjacent to the lower court will be at least a month away from completion. As such, there is restricted access to Rooms 5 and 6 from the court area. Please use the Valley Road access to these rooms and avoid travelling through Rooms 7 and 8 en route.

The MENPS swimming event will be held on Thursday March 1 at the Diocesan School for Girls aquatic complex off Clyde Street in Epsom. Students keen on participating will be asked to complete their entry forms next week.

2012 marks the end of the BOT's 2005 – 2011 Strategic Planning Cycle and the beginning of a new strategic step-out for a further five to six year period. Please contribute to the overall direction of MENPS by becoming involved in the process, the detail of which will be with you shortly.

The best as always,

John Faire



TERM 1 EVENTS

February 7	Food & Fun Fair Meeting 7.30pm Staffroom
February 15	Team 5 Camp Information Evening 6.30 pm Staffroom
	Board of Trustees Meeting 7pm Meeting Room
February 16	Zone Touch Rugby
February 21	PTA Meeting 7.30pm Staffroom
February 23	Zone Cricket
February 24	New Parent Morning Tea @ 10am
March 1	MENPS Swimming Sports Yrs 5 – 6@ Diocesan Aquatic Centre
March 6 & 7	Parent Conferences—MENPS closes at 1pm both days
March 11	Food and Fun Fair
March 22	Zone Swimming @ Cameron Pools
March 26-28	Team 5 Camp – Carey Park
April 4	Term Ends at 3pm

Walking School Bus News

Welcome Back to School!

Or for those of you who have just started at MENPS – welcome to our school!

Mt Eden Normal Primary School encourages safe, healthy and active ways to travel to school. The Walking School Bus programme is a parent-run initiative that receives support from Auckland Transport and the school. Give it a go – get fit and walk to school!

We have four established walking routes, each managed by a Route Coordinator. It's free to participate and is a great way to meet other parents and kids in your local area. Please don't hesitate to contact the Coordinator nearest you for more details. We would welcome the opportunity to talk with you.

Henley / Woodside / Grange Roads	Cath Lomax	638 7961
Marlborough / Walters Roads	Justene McNeice	846 5545
Leamington Road	Rachel Cranch	630 9019
Prospect Terrace	Jane Robson	630 0512
School WSB Coordinator	Kate Reese	630 4366



Wynyard Road Walking School Bus - Route Coordinator Vacancy

The Wynyard Road Walking School Bus will not operate unless an enthusiastic volunteer to coordinate local families can be found. The Wynyard Road route follows Wynyard Road, up View Road, then along Sherbourne Road to school.

The Route Coordinator would arrange a walking roster, featuring the mornings that kids walk on the bus and parents 'drive', and communicate this roster to participating families. At the end of 2011 there were five participating families.

Full support from the School WSB Coordinator (Kate Reese) will be available. So if you're a keen and able parent who lives near the Wynyard Road route, feel free to call Kate Reese (630 4366) or Deborah Lightfoot (638 5012) for more information, no obligations.

Thank You!

We would like to acknowledge the superb efforts of Stephanie Allan (Grange Road), Dave Nicholas (Walters Road) and Deborah Lightfoot (Wynyard Road), who were Route Coordinators for our Walking School Bus programme. Thank you, and best wishes for future endeavours!

Kate Reese
School WSB Coordinator
(09) 630 4366

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A CLASS CO-ORDINATOR??

If you are happy to:

- Organise an email contact list for your class
- Help pass on information from the class teacher and PTA if needed
- Co-ordinate class calendar orders at the end of the year
- Maybe organise a class social gathering
- Help muster support for a fundraising event ...

This could be the job for you. Minimal time and effort required.

Better still, grab another parent and share the experience. It would be good to get co-ordinators up and running in the next two weeks. We already have volunteers for Room 5, Room 27 and Room 28. If you are interested in volunteering or would just like to find out more please contact Karen Donnelly on 630-8829 or email karen-donnelly@xtra.co.nz.

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Food & Fun Fair

Our Major School Fundraiser

Sunday 11th March 2012

To make it happen we need volunteers! We need them to run stalls, put up tents, supervise sideshows and lots of other little things.

We need people before the day and on the day. To find out how you can help, come along to the next meeting.

Fair Meeting School Staffroom at 7.30pm

Tuesday 7th February

Come along and see what's involved.



ABSOLUTE
PILATES

62-64 Valley Road Mt Eden AUCKLAND
www.absolutepilates.co.nz ph 09 630 0562
pilates@absolutepilates.co.nz

Fantastic News - Absolute Pilates has relocated 92 - 94 Valley Road - Straight opposite Mt Eden Normal School. They are located in the beautiful rooms upstairs in the Diabetes Centre.

We have added some convenient 'after school drop off' classes at 9.15am starting in February.

Monday - Naam Yoga

Wednesday - Pilates Beginners Course

Friday - Pilates Mat Work, Open Level.

We also run a full range of other day time and evening classes as well as Fit Club starting Mid Feb, which combines Pilates awareness, strength and agility with some outdoor cardio training, in our very own Mt Eden.

For full information on all our classes / times / fees, please visit www.absolutepilates.co.nz or call Clare or Kim on 09 6300562

All classes and payments can be made online via our website. We look forward to seeing some fresh faces in the door.

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RELAY FOR LIFE

A team of our teachers has entered the 'Relay for Life' which is to be held on Saturday Feb 18 and Sunday Feb 19 at Mt Smart Stadium. The 'Relay for Life' is a 24hr sponsored run - raising money for the **Cancer Society**. Teams participate in a continuous 24 hr walk/run - with at least 1 team member on the track all times.

Our team would be very grateful for
community sponsorship



If you are able to sponsor us please visit:

<http://www.relayforlife.org.nz/index/donation>

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