

# MENPS News

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau, May 13, 2021

## From The Principal

Kia ora koutou,

This week, we celebrate New Zealand Sign Language Week, which is a great opportunity to engage with one of the official New Zealand languages. I would also like to take this opportunity to send best wishes to all those who celebrate Eid Al Fitr this week, marking the end of Ramadan and a festival of great significance to the muslim community in Aotearoa and all around the world.

This week saw a fantastic performance from our Basketball Zones Team at Unitec. They showed great skill and teamwork during what was a fun and fast-paced day for all, placing 4th overall in the Zones - a great achievement! Thanks to our Sports Specialist, Karen Moore, for her hard work in preparation for this event.

Finally, I would like to bring to your attention an important national consultation regarding possible changes to the way school zones are implemented. Currently (as with many schools in New Zealand), we operate an enrolment scheme to manage capacity constraints and high demand for places at our school.

School boards of all zoned schools decide annually if there are likely to be any spaces available at any year level for the following year. If this is the case and spaces are, therefore, made available, this is advertised for students outside the home zone. All schools are currently required by law to offer those places to students using the following ballot priority categories;

### Current

1. students accepted into a special programme run by the school (not applicable at MENPS);
2. siblings of current students;
3. siblings of former students;
4. children of former students;
5. children of board employees and board members;
6. all other students

Three options to review this have been put out for public consultation (closing 16 June, 2021). The questions seek to identify views and any issues that might support retaining or changing the categories through legislative amendments. The possible options are:

### Proposed Options

1. **Status quo** – leave the categories as outlined above.
2. **Increase the priority of children of board employees** (teachers and other staff) and board members to priority three, **lower the priority of siblings of former students, and remove the children of former students as a priority group.**
3. **Retain current priority groups one and two, increase the priority of children of board members and employees to priority three, and hold an open ballot for all other applicants**

The various options would have differing effects on different families and would apply to all zoned schools (including MENPS). There will no doubt be a range of views. Whatever your position, I would encourage all members of staff and the school community to engage with the consultation, as it is likely to have a significant impact on the way school zones and enrolment ballots are run in future.

There's only one way to have your voice heard on this, so it would be a worthwhile investment of time to click on the link below to be directed to the national survey.

[Click here - Priority Enrolment Categories Consultation Survey](#)

Ka kite anō au i a koutou

Alan Jackson  
**Principal**



## Events & Reminders

Friday 28th May will be the next school assembly (2.30 in the school hall)



Congratulations to last week's Merit Award winners!



**MENPS PTA**

Mount Eden Normal Primary School Parent Teacher Association  
[www.menpspta.co.nz](http://www.menpspta.co.nz)

## Buy Apples With Yummy Stickers

Every year during Terms 2 and 3 the Yummy Fruit Company run a sticker promotion for North Island primary and intermediate schools. Schools collect stickers and labels from Yummy apples on pieces of paper and at the end of the promotion, these are redeemed for a share of the \$200,000 of DG Sports equipment. Last year MENPS was allocated over \$1,100 worth of gear, which has been well used during PE lessons and lunchtimes.



### WHERE TO PURCHASE

We are asking MENPS families that purchase Yummy apples from Pak n Save, New World, Countdown and the Parklands Fruit Shop (near Potter's Park) to collect the stickers and labels.

### WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR STICKERS

A copy of the collection sheet can be downloaded from the Yummy Fruit Website [www.yummyfruit.co.nz](http://www.yummyfruit.co.nz) or collected from the office. **Apple Stickers** can be attached to any blank sheet of paper and do not have to be on an official collection sheet. Completed sheets can be dropped at the office any time until the end of Term 3 and new sheets are available from the same box.

# We are looking for 6 volunteers to sell ice blocks

## When

On the last day of each Term

## How long

2:45pm - 3:30pm (if school finishes at 3pm) OR

12:45pm-1:30pm (if school finishes at 1pm)

## What to do

1. Bring a cooler box if you have (need 2 or 3 on the day)
2. Get ice blocks from the PTA room
3. Sell ice blocks to children at the top courts
4. Bring back the remaining ice blocks to the PTA room

Please support this wonderful tradition that children love so much. Please email to [menpspta@gmail.com](mailto:menpspta@gmail.com) if you can help.



# Second Hand Uniform Shop

**8:15 am - 9:15 am, 11th June, Friday**

Outside the School Hall Kitchen

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



# PTA - Supporting Our School Through Fundraising & Fun Events

 Facebook

**Chairperson** Renáta Latimer

**Deputy Chairperson** Marina Borodatova

**Secretary** Melanie Woollard

**Treasurer** Linda Waddington-Miller

**Class Coordinator Leader** Jane Cunningham

**PTA Advisor** Scott Optican

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

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## Community Notices

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	09 948 7000   <a href="http://GoodeRentals.co.nz">GoodeRentals.co.nz</a> 3/2 Edwin Street, Mt Eden, Auckland	Darryl Goode 021 270 4455	Ali Herter 021 966 096	Shonelle Collings 021 333 459	Andrew Lawrey 027 333 584	Jeff Reid 027 333 2354

## AFTER AND BEFORE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

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stretch and have fun*

# Move Term 2

**GREYFRIARS CREATIVE  
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KIDS CLUB**

**WHAT:** Come join us as we explore creativity through dance

**When:** Wednesdays  
5th May- 16th June  
3:30-4:45pm

Dress rehearsal 20th June  
1-2:30pm & Showing 27th 4-6pm

**Who:** Age 7-10 years old

Once a term Gold coin donation for afternoon tea

**Where:** Mt Eden memorial Hall, corner Mt Eden Road and Windmill Road

**REGISTER**

Please register your child(ren) by contacting Ellie  
eleanor@greyfriars. or.nz

**Before and After  
School Care**

**Holiday  
Programmes**

**Fun, Safe,  
Out of School Care run  
Mt Eden School Hall**

- Our AWESOME activities include FoodStorm, Sports, Art & Craft and Music
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