



M.E.N.P.S. Matters

School Board Newsletter

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Kia Ora Koutou and Welcome,

It's hard to believe Term 1 is halfway through already. A big welcome from the Board to all our staff, students and families to the school year.

The Business of Learning continues

It's lovely to hear the stories of the children settling back into school life, reconnecting with friends, meeting new classmates and of course being wide eyed and enthusiastic about their learning.

Our children need a stable and consistent learning routine. Knowing that Mt Eden Normal Primary school is operating onsite and has contingencies provides reassurance.

While it's a constantly changing situation the school will continue to keep everyone up to date.

With Covid within our communities an awareness that life is slowly returning to normal is a positive signal.

Our thanks go out to our wonderful teachers and support staff, you are doing a great job ensuring our children's education continues without interruption whether at school or at home

Thank you to Alan and the Senior leadership team who continues to ensure that Mt Eden Normal is doing its utmost for the wellbeing and safety of the students and staff.

Prepare for the Board in September

The school Board elections held every three years have been delayed till September. This is to allow time for systems to be set-up, so elections, for the first time can be conducted electronically.

This is an exciting opportunity as several our long serving Board members will be stepping down. This is a great avenue to focus your skills and abilities for the benefit of our school.

Our School Board is mostly made up of parents who wish to assist in the Governance of Mt Eden Normal Primary school. In conjunction with the principal and a teacher representative the Board helps set the direction that MENPS follows and supports the school.

Candidates put their names forward for election and serve a period of three years. Participating in your school is a rewarding challenge and one that is very satisfying.

Late last year Mei Tang was co-opted onto the Board, Mei has three children, two still students at our school. She brings a great perspective and understanding and has done some great work in providing essential communication channels to our Chinese community. Welcome Mei, we look forward to working with you.

If you would like to know more, please come along to one of our meetings, chat to one of our current Board members or contact our Board Chair Murray Streets, via bot@mteden.school.nz or request a call back via the school office

Reconnect, Reengage and Restore

One of the key functions of a School Board is to work with the Principal to set the Strategic direction for the school moving forward.

The plan has been reviewed for 2022, with the focus being to equip Mt Eden Normal Primary school with the support and resources to meet the needs of the students and staff.

Our goals are simple, Restore aspects of teaching, learning and wellbeing at school that have experienced significant disruption.

Reengaging - we believe that a renewed focus on strong curriculum foundations and responding to individual needs will be key to ensuring our students get back 'on track' and are able to experience the best education we are able to offer them.

Reconnecting with our school community both in and beyond the classroom.

Please follow this link to read our Strategic Plan in full. https://www.mteden.school.nz/files/ugd/2f5cce_8d9c90e46b6644dfa7dc954e8dfd8ac8.pdf

Putting up the Big Top

Roll up roll up the big top is coming, forget about the clowns and elephants, Mt Eden Normal's long planned Sports Canopy has had the Budget approved. Big thanks to the PTA; their 2021 fundraising has provided essential seed capital. This will be a permanent fixture which will be erected on the top court. This will allow our students to play and enjoy sports regardless of the weather. The Sports Canopy will also provide shade to facilitate other outdoor activities for the students.

This project was rolled over from last year during COVID disruptions. The timeframe hasn't been finalised but we are aiming to have the work underway before the end of the year if possible.

Setting the Stage

The wooden deck outside the junior classrooms has been completed and looks fantastic.

The three trees had previously been uplifting the asphalt, but the trees have been saved from the threat of removal and now this stepped decking offers a fun play area as well as a sought-after lunch spot with natural shade.

Approval has now been received from the MOE to repair structural defects on the rear deck behind the hall and library. While this area has been off limits, we now look forward to this project revitalizing this part of the school.

All welcome

Our next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18th of May at 6pm in the staffroom. We would love to see you there.

*Kia Kaha and Stay Safe,
The MENPS Board team*

Murray, Alan, Annette, Brad, Mathew, James, Fleur, Josie, Mei and Richard



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