



MENPS. Matters

School Board Newsletter

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Year 6 Graduation 2020

Wow 2020 was a challenge... let's look forward to 21

This year's been a first for all, yet through lockdown the MENPS team never missed a beat. The children maintained contact and enthusiasm, thanks to added work put in by teachers, support and leadership. Our appreciation goes out to all MENPS staff. That our students are still learning, still positive is the result.

We wish a fond farewell to Amber Rowley, heading to Hamilton, Kendyl Grant and Ben Hitchcock- who have taken new entrant classes this year and look forward to catching up with Martina Stevenson and Rachel Leulu rejoining the team after parental leave.

10%+ of our students (yr6) graduate every year. We wish our leavers the best at their new schools. Don't be strangers, I'm sure your teachers would love to see you after class some time. Our thanks also goes out to all school families, both those whose children have graduated and those returning.

Hot-house schooling

The heat's on at Mt Eden Normal Primary. Possibly in the classrooms but certainly in the new school greenhouse. The large aluminum framed, twin walled polycarbonate building has been installed by the Sherbourne Road gate. A part of the school's strategy for accreditation as an Enviro School. The worm farm and wildflower garden being prior steps towards this goal. The greenhouse will be used as part of the school curriculum for plant studies and will be a great life experience.

Ongoing school maintenance continues to be a focus with Block 2 joinery largely replaced. This project will continue over the summer break. Block 1 has also been repainted this year. The Board and PTA are planning in collaboration to revamp the lower court. Enquiries are being made into the option of turning this into a sports area with astro turf and canopy coverage. We will keep you updated.

Keeping track of students

Just as you signed your child up to start at Mt Eden Normal so you also need to update the school before you change your home address. The school has to manage its roll and matching the right number of teachers to students is a balancing act.

When moving out of zone please inform the school in advance. If moving within a 12 month period there is a form required which is available on the school website or from the school office.

Parent Power - the PTA

Our PTA's a vital part of MENPS. Their fair and other events provide added funds. Without their organisational skills we couldn't have fairs. This years was a welcome relief before reality hit home. Thanks to the entire PTA team for your hard work and the dedication you put into all your initiatives to help our school.

Your donation - helps us teach your child

Because of our high decile rating MENPS is heavily dependent on funding from our PTA and parents. Parent contributions in the form of a tax deductible donation are an essential support in the education of your child. To the majority who have already paid their 2020 contribution, a heartfelt thankyou. If you haven't paid as yet we remind you to please assist us before the school year finishes.

Take care and see you next year

New Zealand's been lucky to date, especially when we think of those with family and friends around the world where COVID is still impacting on everyday lives. Best wishes to all our students, staff and school community. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a restful, safe and happy summer holiday from the MENPS BOT team Fleur, Murray, Alan, Richard, Josie, Brad, Annette, James and Mathew

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