



M.E.N.P.S. Matters

School Board Newsletter

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Artist's impression of proposed school canopy

The school gates have opened

Kia Ora, welcome to Mt Eden Normal Primary School. 2021 is upon us, but in our absence things have certainly kept moving at school. With new students and teachers, a fresh coat of paint and other plans Mt Eden Normal is set to be as exciting as it's ever been. The school gates have opened to a new year, new arrivals and students returning to new classes.

A warm welcome to two fresh faces, joining our teaching team, Ciaran Martin who joins our year 5 team and Brianna Sivewright joining our year 6 team. Ciaran brings overseas experience having taught in New Zealand and Ireland. Both Ciaran and Brianna bring a high level of expertise and enthusiasm, we are excited to welcome them to the team.

Rachel Leulu and Martina Stevenson are returning to us from maternity leave and it's really great to see them back, they will be working together on a job share arrangement.

We trust that you have all enjoyed a fantastic Christmas and summer holiday break and the children are ready to let loose for what we hope will be a rewarding, productive and successful school year.

New year - new school

Renovations and improvements have continued at Mt Eden Normal Primary School. Block 2 has been updated with aluminium windows and has been repainted in fresh, clean colours. Walking through the front gates you will notice the school's presentation has become brighter and more enthusiastic, just like our students.



This year's key project

One of our goals this year is to upgrade the lower Basketball court beside Block 3 and Block 1. An extensive arched canopy is being proposed over this area to provide a shade for sports, whole school assemblies and gatherings. Ideally the basketball court will be retained and the playing surface upgraded to Tiger Turf.

We foresee this area being hugely popular and much enjoyed by our pupils as well as providing an additional resource for our teachers. This development would also provide a space for our students to enjoy the outdoors even on rainy days. While by no means obsolete our existing school hall is challenged by our increasing student body. The canopy area would provide an airy, relaxed location for school activities and whole of school gatherings.

This proposal is planned as a collaboration between the school board and our parent teacher association. Funds raised through the fair and other PTA initiatives will be going towards this project. More information will be coming from PTA Chair, Renata Latimer and her team on how you can get involved to support this great goal.

Looking forward and having fun!

Our first board meeting for this year is scheduled for Wednesday 17 February at 6pm in the staff room. If you have an interest in our school board you are welcome to attend,

We trust this year will be an enjoyable and engaging learning experience for our students and teachers. Hopefully there will be minimal disruptions as the world adjusts and responds to Covid-19. Wishing you all the very best, for the start of this year. The MENPS Board Team Fleur, Murray, Alan, Brad, Mathew, Annette, Josie, Richard and James.

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