



Mount Eden Normal
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau

MENPS News

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau, December 9,
2021

From the Principal

Kia ora koutou,

As the year draws to a close (and my Term 4 Sabbatical nears conclusion), it's stating the obvious to say that this year has proved to be like no other, and not something any of us would wish to repeat.

Since the outset of the Pandemic, as a school and as a community, we have prioritised the goal of keeping our tamariki safe until such time as interventions such as vaccines and therapeutics were able to offer ways to safely manage the risks presented by the pandemic.

It's been incredibly tough, and I want to thank each and every parent, student and member of staff for adapting to such challenging circumstances and making the most of the situation we found ourselves in during recent months.

As we look ahead to new approaches to 'living with covid', we can be optimistic that we are better informed and better prepared than ever to confront the challenges ahead. With this in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to share what we know so far.

While some details are still subject to Ministry of Health clarification and guidance, our commitment will continue to be ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the children in our care as we focus our energy on re-connecting and re-engaging with life and learning at school next year. There will be a lot of work to do, but I believe we will continue to pull together to achieve the results our children deserve.

We will be structuring our staffing slightly differently in order to provide more learning support for all students, particularly targeted at our Y1-3 students (who have not benefited from the foundational time in class we would usually expect). We will share further details of these plans, and also include a draft of what the move to the 'Traffic Light' Covid Protection Framework will mean for the new school year.

The key message is that, as Mrs Matene has stated previously, school will be *open in full for all students*. We will, of course, continue to have contingencies in place in the event of a diagnosed case occurring within the school at any stage, which we will continue to work hard to avoid and mitigate.

I'd particularly like to thank Maria Matene, for her outstanding professionalism as Acting Principal this term, alongside Hilary Edwards and Nicky Hill. I would also like to acknowledge Martina Stevenson for stepping up into the role of Acting Associate Principal so capably, and with characteristic energy and enthusiasm.

A final newsletter for the year will go home early next week with some final information to end the term. I know a break will be welcome and well-deserved for all, but I feel as excited and enthusiastic about next year as ever, and look forward to sharing more of our plans with you soon.


"It's amazing how a little tomorrow can make up for a whole lot of yesterday." —John Guare, Playwright

Ka kite anō au i a koutou

Alan Jackson
Principal



COVID PROTECTION FRAMEWORK PLAN (Version: Dec, 2021)

		RED	ORANGE	GREEN
ON-SITE ARRANGEMENTS	SCHOOL FULLY OPEN (all students, 9am-3pm, Mon-Fri)	✓ YES Students with medical needs seek GP advice	✓ YES	✓ YES
	STUDENTS	Regular hand hygiene Split break times & limited cross-year mixing	Regular hand hygiene Normal break times	Regular hand hygiene Normal break times
	VISITORS (including parents during school hours)	X NO Limited to essential only	Parents permitted on school grounds outdoors only during school hours	✓ YES
	GATE DROP-OFF	✓ YES Socially distanced - masks recommended	X NO	X NO
MASKS	 Y1-3 Students	Optional - recommended (indoors)		
	Y4-6 Students	✓ YES (indoors)	Recommended (indoors)	Optional
	Staff/Adults	✓ YES (indoors)		
EVENTS & GATHERINGS	ASSEMBLIES, GATHERINGS & EVENTS (during school hours)	X NO	✓ YES (Outdoors where possible/practical)	✓ YES
	USE OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES (including swimming pool)	Max 50 capacity (if no vaccine pass required) No capacity limit if vaccine pass required	✓ YES	✓ YES
	PTA/COMMUNITY EVENTS (incl. meetings out of school hours)	Max 50 capacity (if no vaccine pass required) No capacity limit if vaccine pass required	Max 100 capacity (if no vaccine pass required) No capacity limit if vaccine pass required	✓ YES
	PARENT CONFERENCES	✓ YES	✓ YES	✓ YES
	IN-SCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS	✓ YES Limited to class P.E./Sports outdoors	✓ YES	✓ YES
	INTER-SCHOOL SPORTS EVENTS	X NO	Unlikely to proceed Case by case (based on school risk assessment)	✓ YES
	SCHOOL TRIPS, CAMPS & EOTC	X NO		✓ YES
GENERAL	USE OF PLAYGROUNDS & SCHOOL FACILITIES	✓ YES (drinking fountains for bottle filling only)	✓ YES	✓ YES
	VACCINATION	Proof of full vaccination is required all staff/workers/contractors who may have student contact		
	CONTACT TRACING	Visitors Register and QR Code scanning required at all times		

All settings - **stay home if unwell** and seek medical advice. Those requiring testing must await a negative result before returning to school

Download the Draft 2022 Framework By Clicking the Link Below

Please note that some guidelines for schools are yet to be finalised, so the information in the Draft Framework may be subject to amendments early next year.

MENPS DRAFT CPF DEC 21.pdf

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160.7 KB

Coast to Coast!



Events & Reminders

Christmas Raffle: Tickets on sale through my Kindo
Tuesday, 14 December - Term 4 Ends, 3pm

2022 Term Dates

TERM 1: Tuesday 1 February – Thursday 14 April

- *Waitangi Day (observed): Monday 7 February*
- *Good Friday: Friday 15 April*

TERM 2: Monday 2 May – Friday 8 July

- *Teacher Only Day: Friday 3 June*
- *Queen's Birthday: Monday 6 June*
- *Matariki: Friday 24 June*

TERM 3: Monday 25 July – Friday 30 September

TERM 4: Monday 17 October – Thurs 15 December

- *Teacher Only Day: Friday 21 October*
- *Labour Day: Monday 24 October*



MENPS PTA

Mount Eden Normal Primary School Parent Teacher Association
www.menpspta.co.nz



merry christmas

AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy Holidays from PTA

The PTA wishes everyone a safe and enjoyable Christmas, New Year and holiday break.

We would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time or made donations to the PTA this year. Your contributions make a huge difference to the school.

We are planning to bring you some exciting events for 2022 so stay tuned.

For those students who are graduating this year, we wish you all the very best for your next educational journey. For everyone returning next year, we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Meri Kirihimete

MENPS PTA are excited to bring you

CHRISTMAS Raffle

Six Winners:	14 DEC	1 ticket - \$12
1 Grand Prize		3 tickets - \$25
5 Gift Bags		6 tickets - \$50

Grand prize of a 3 course meal for 10 people at your place cooked by a Michelin star trained chef. This package has been generously donated by Mike Robson and team from Ray White Damerell Group (value \$2,500).

Five gift bags packed full of goodies for Christmas like, Pals drinks, Ham, toys, books, vouchers (each bag value over \$400).

TICKETS AT MYKINDO.CO.NZ 10 Nov - 13 Dec
MENPSPTA@GMAIL.COM

TEAM MIKE ROBSON
THINK GOOD. TALKING LOCAL.

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Tickets can be through [myKindo](https://mykindo.co.nz) OR email menpspta@gmail.com with your child's name and how many tickets you'd like, then pay the money directly into PTA account (06-0145-0239303-000) using your child's name as a reference"

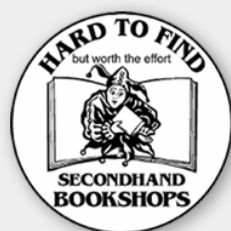
We Thank Our Amazing Sponsors

We are very humbled by the ongoing support that [Mike Robson](#) and team give our school. Their generosity makes these PTA fundraisers achievable. In a covid world it's very difficult to host events so the donation Mike Robson and team have given is very much appreciated. PLEASE remember his amazing and hard working team if you are thinking of selling your home.



We bring the exciting raffle to you with the support of these local business. We thank them for their generosity and support for our school and community. We look forward to supporting them in return.

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Free Ice Blocks

We really love our tradition to sell \$1 ice blocks on the last day of each term.

Next Tuesday, 14th December, every student will get a FREE ICEBLOCK to celebrate the end of the school year! Happy holidays! :)



**Mt Eden Normal Primary School has \$2,218.00 to spend on sports gear!
THANK YOU!**

Any stickers not handed in this year from children that are not returning can be brought back in Term 1 2022! We will use them next year.



Second Hand Uniform Shop

Unfortunately, we can't run the Second Hand Uniform Shop at this alert Level.

If you need anything from the Second-Hand shop, please email us at menpspta@gmail.com with the details and we will organise a solution.

New uniform can be ordered here <https://schooluniformcentre.co.nz/mt-eden-normal-primary/>



PTA - Supporting Our School Through Fundraising & Fun Events

Chairperson Aimee Chikunda

Deputy Chairperson Marina Borodatova

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Class Coordinator Leader Jane Cunningham

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

Email: menpspta@gmail.com

Website: <http://menpspta.co.nz>

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Jasmine's Baby Sitting Service

Hello, my name is Jasmine Longley and I would love to look after your children. If you have an appointment or want an evening out, I would be happy to hear from you.

- I am 15 and live in Mt Eden.
- I have a current St Johns First Aid Certificate.
- I'm happy to provide references.
- My hourly rate is \$13 an hour.

Call, 021 108 0787



CHRISTMAS COOKIES!

Hi everybody, my name is Charlotte Fox and I'm your local Cookie Time Christmas Seller for 2021! I've grown up in Mount Eden, and MENPS was my primary school back in the day. I have just finished up with my exams at the University of Otago, and now I am straight into cookie selling!

I would love to take the hassle out of sorting Christmas gifts for you... If you are interested in purchasing any delicious, affordable Cookie Time Christmas buckets please let me know. Simply email me on charlotte.fox@christmascookies.co.nz or call 0211336870 to place an order.



Mon 13 th Dec	Tue 14 th Dec	Wed 15 th Dec	Thu 16 th Dec	Fri 17 th Dec
School Day	School Day	Wheels Day	Arty Party	sKid Detectives
Join us for After School Care!	Join us for After School Care!	Bring Wheels & Helmet! Make your own obstacle courses, compete in relays and time challenges!	We make art backwards, paint in cubism, pop art, and pointillism styles, then we'll paint with anything other than brushes!	Make detective glasses, spy glass cookies, dust for fingerprints before using your detective abilities to figure out who did it...
Mon 20 th Dec	Tue 21 st Dec	Wed 22 nd Dec	Thu 23 rd Dec	Fri 24 th Dec
Garden Party	Celebrations around the World	Jolly Holidays	Monster Mash	Closed
Let explore our garden outside with a scavenger hunt, make tree art with science and enjoy music from nature!	Let's celebrate December traditions with a Kwanzaa, a Star of David for Hanukkah, and a Philippine Parol.	We'll make a reindeer fly, a photo frame inspired by Christmas lights and create a life-sized gingerbread drawing!	Monsters keep hiding in our crafts! They're pretending to be cookies and artwork and they're fizzing up the play dough!	We hope you enjoy the holidays with your Family!

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Mt Eden Normal Primary School, Auckland
10-28 January 2022

Mon 10 th Jan	Tue 11 th Jan	Wed 12 th Jan	Thu 13 th Jan	Fri 14 th Jan
Busy Bees Build a beehive, make honey slime and learn how pollination works with a bee we make! 	All Star Cheer We have a special guest teaching us the basics of cheer, from chants to tumbling, we'll do it all! 	Wacky Wednesday We get wacky with wacky hair styles, wacky socks, wacky painting and make wacky dancing worms! 	Splash Pad We're off to the splash pad to cool down in this summer heat! Remember your togs and towel! 	Pirates & Mermaids Treasure hunt for fizzing rocks and pearls, make air dried clay seashells and apple pirate ships! 
Mon 17 th Jan	Tue 18 th Jan	Wed 19 th Jan	Thu 20 th Jan	Fri 21 st Jan
Feed Your Whanau Smile with our self wrap. Eat fresh with Carbo-Nara and attack berries with Smoothies! 	Zumba Get up and get moving! We have one of the best Zumba instructors to teach us the best moves! 	S.T.E.A.M Get creative today during our building challenges, binary codes, and rainbow water science! 	Strawberry Picking Let's enjoy the summer with Strawberry Picking! We'll enjoy some fresh strawberry ice cream too! 	Filled with Colour We'll try tie dye paper, colourful experiments with milk, oil & glue, and make rainbow cupcakes! 
Mon 24 th Jan	Tue 25 th Jan	Wed 26 th Jan	Thu 27 th Jan	Fri 28 th Jan
Messy Monday Make erupting foam dough, oobleck, marble art, paint and bubble bombs and silly putty. 	Drumming What beat can you groove to? We're jamming with our friends from Fuse Drumming! 	Kiwi Summer Bring out your jandals and other classic kiwi summer favourites today as we make sidewalk ice chalk! 	Butterfly Creek We'll see roaring dinosaurs, alligators, kiwi, mythical mermaids and unicorns! 	sKids Farm House Create paintbrushes from veggies, play farm animal ring toss and make butter to enjoy with scones! 



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Alan Jackson

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