

# MENPS News

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau, 31 October, 2019



**Mt Eden Normal  
Primary School**



“ Wide-eyed &  
**ENTHUSIASTIC**  
*about*  
LEARNING ”

## From The Principal

Kia ora koutou

As we are now well into Term 4, much of the groundwork for next year is already underway, including budgeting, staffing, resourcing and organisation of year levels.

The process for class placements is one of the important steps that we give careful consideration to around this time of year and is often, of course, of particular interest to parents (and children!).

The first step to configuring personnel, the teaching teams, class sizes and year level groups is based on the needs of the school and the expected staffing/operational funding from the Ministry of Education, (with the shortfall made up by local fundraising such as PTA and family donations).

Meanwhile, current class teachers begin the process of making recommendations for the composition of next year's classes at team level, based on the following criteria, in line with the Board's [Class Placement Policy](#). Overall, across the year level, we aim to achieve the best possible balance of;

1. High learning support needs
2. Gender
3. Behavioural factors
4. Positive/negative relationships

While this might seem straightforward when you consider 1 or 2 children, achieving all of the above is a complex task for an entire cohort of individual learners (with an exponentially increased number of possible combinations).

As part of the process, we make every effort to take into account friendships and friendship groups to ensure children start the year with as many positive, familiar connections as possible, although we are not able to accept requests for which peers are to be placed (or not placed) with individual children, unless in exceptional circumstances.

Similarly, we are not able to accept teacher requests from parents or take these into account as part of the process.

It's important to note, however, that you should let your child's teacher know if there are significant, learning-related priorities (as opposed to preferences) that we may not already be aware of, so that we are able to take all factors into account.

In the case of Y0 students, as a general rule of thumb, those children with birthdays from May/June onwards would typically start next year as Y1's. As you would expect, the teachers may make recommendations for those who have birthdays close to this cut-off date if they feel there are compelling social and academic reasons to take into account. We ultimately make the final decision as a school, but please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you would like to discuss this with them in more detail.

As always, we believe transparent processes and positive dialogue with families is key to making well-informed decisions in every child's best interests, so please let us know if you have any questions or would like any further information.

Ka kite anō au i a koutou

Alan Jackson  
**Principal**

## Notices and Reminders

- **THURSDAY 14TH NOV, 9am**, New Parent Morning Tea, please RSVP to the school office
- Halloween Disco - Friday 1st of November. Tickets on sale [www.kindo.co.nz](http://www.kindo.co.nz)
- No assembly this week
- Ice cream containers needed please for our Resource Room!

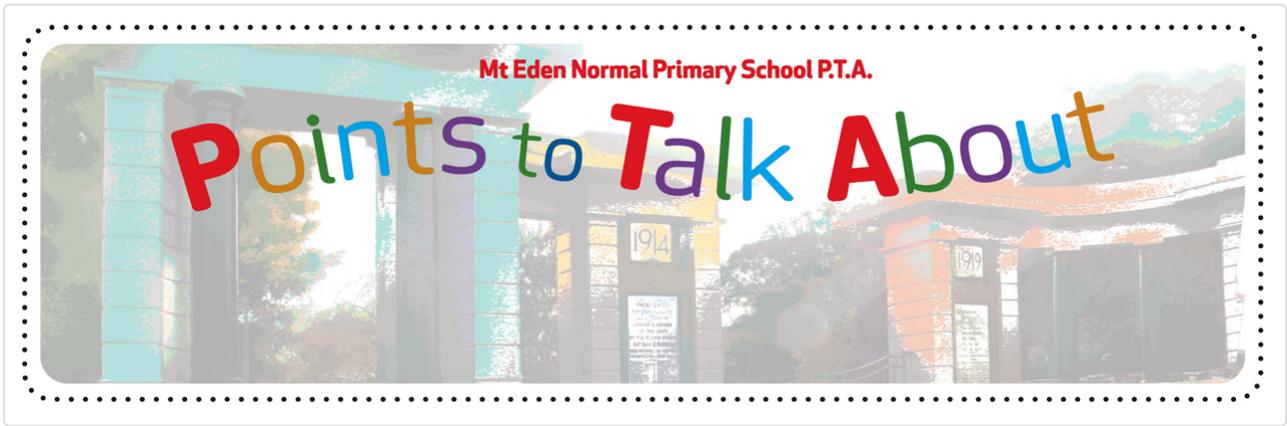


## MENPS Community Calendar

[Click to view, download or subscribe and keep up to date with what's happening at MENPS](#)

**BABYSITTING SERVICES AVAILABLE**

Experienced local babysitter / nanny available from beginning of November to the end of February. Please text Lucy on 0279107709



We urgently need your help! Click the link below to sign up for THE 2020 FOOD & FUN FAIR!



[Yes, I want to help with the 2020...](#) [forms.gle](#)

The complex block contains a thumbnail image on the left showing a sign-up form titled "Yes, I want to help with the 2020 MENPS Food & Fun Fair!". To the right of the thumbnail is a link with a chain icon and the text "Yes, I want to help with the 2020...". Further right is a button with the text "forms.gle".

The Halloween Disco is on tomorrow!



# HALLOWEEN DISCO

IN THE SPOOKY SCHOOL HALL

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1

**YEARS 0 - 3** 5:30 - 6:30

**YEARS 4 - 6** 7:00 - 8:00

Please check your children's school bags for tickets and bring these along on the night! Remember this is a Dress-up and Drop-off Disco and no parents are allowed in the hall (except parent helpers) due to space restrictions. To ensure your children's safety, we are trialing a new procedure for collecting children at the end of each Disco (please see schematic below). Children will be seated in the hall on the lower section, parents will then be allowed to enter the hall through the green "enter" door in small groups to collect their child/children and exit the hall through the red "exit" door.

**Children seated here**

**HALL**

**Parents to collect children here**

ENTER

EXIT

**UPPER COURTS**

2020 Calendars



Cards



## The Annual "Calendar Art" PTA fundraiser is back!

Order your child's art as calendars, diaries and more!

Your children have produced amazing artwork which will be available as beautifully finished Cards, Mousemats, Sketch pads and 2020 Calendars and Diaries. They make perfect Christmas gifts and are great for sending overseas.

Art available to view and order online from next Monday, 4th November

Watch for the order form coming home with your child on Monday - it will have the website details and your child's unique code  
Easy ordering online, delivery for Christmas!

**Starts Next Week!!**



The MENPS Food and Fun Fair needs a new  
Central Co-ordinator!  
Can you help motivate a dedicated team of parents to bring  
together this fantastic community event?

GET IN TOUCH!  
[MENPSPTA@GMAIL.COM](mailto:MENPSPTA@GMAIL.COM)

# Fair Stall Vacancies

If you're interested in helping run one of the stalls below, please contact the PTA on [menpspta@gmail.com](mailto:menpspta@gmail.com)

**Giant Slide**  
Coordinator

**Book Stall**  
Helper/assistant

**Bottle Stall**  
Helper/assistant

**Bouncy Castle**  
Coordinator

**Drinks & Ice-Blocks**  
Coordinator

**Candy Floss**  
Coordinator

**Burgers**  
Coordinator

**Other food stall**  
Coordinator

**Gazebos**  
Coordinator

**Lucky and Lolly Jars**  
Coordinator

**Money Golf**  
Coordinator

**Soccer Shot**  
Coordinator

**Toy Stall**  
Helper/assistant

**White Elephant**  
Helper/assistant

**Environmental coordinator**  
Coordinator



100% Natural, Carbon Free Jute

**Bag your MENPS Jute Bag**  
only \$5 Purchase from the school office or second hand uniform shop. Cash or Cheque only.



**Bakers Delight**

**Earn 10% for the school**  
Mention MENPS when you shop at Bakers Delight Eden Quarter and they'll donate 10% of the purchase to us



**FLIGHT CENTRE**

Flight Centre Mt Eden will generously give MENPS \$25 for every \$1000 spent by MENPS families booking holidays with them. So remember to mention us when booking!

## Second Hand Uniform Shop

Friday, November 1st  
School Hall Kitchen,  
8.30 - 9.00am, Cash only

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



**Mark your Diaries**

**Term 4 Dates**  
Friday's  
1st, 15th, 29th November  
13th December



# Supporting Our School Through Fundraising & Fun Events

 Facebook

Follow us on Facebook

Keep up to date with the PTA on Mt Eden Normal Primary School PTA page

 [menpspta@gmail.com](mailto:menpspta@gmail.com)

 [mteden.school.nz/pta](http://mteden.school.nz/pta)

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

New: Chess Tuition available at MENPS starting this Term...

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|  <b>GOODE RENTALS</b><br>& PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LTD<br>Professionally managing your rental property | <br>Darryl Goode<br>021 270 4455 | <br>Ali Herter<br>021 966 096 | <br>Shonelle Collings<br>021 333 459 | <br>Andrew Lawrey<br>027 333 584 | <br>Jeff Reid<br>027 333 2354 | <br>Milton Barber<br>027 299 3331 |
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Where we celebrate each child's unique  
journey...

We cater to ages 2-5 years

Open 8.30am-3.30pm

Visits welcome

**ENROLLING NOW...**

Enrol before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020 and  
receive **20% off the first 3 months!**

(09) 630 4847

2/22 Cromwell Street, Mt Eden

[Admin@flyingstartkindergarten.co.nz](mailto:Admin@flyingstartkindergarten.co.nz)





TERM 4 EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

COME AND TRY

# FAMILY FRENZY FOR FREE DURING NOVEMBER



**Health&Sports**  
FITNESS CLUB

FAMILY FRENZY is a fun and energetic class that combines basic boxing techniques along with simple circuit training and is great for increasing fitness and confidence.

**MON-FRI: 3:30PM**  
 **45 MINS**

**ADD YOUR CHILD TO YOUR  
MEMBERSHIP FOR \$12 P/W\*  
SUITABLE FOR KIDS 8+**

\*TS & C'S APPLY. TWO CHILDREN CAN BE ADDED FOR \$20 P/W. THIS GIVES YOU ACCESS TO THE BENEFITS OF OUR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP.

**TEXT FAMILY TO 2414 TO FIND OUT MORE**



## Before and After School Care Holiday Programmes

**Fun, Safe,  
Out of School Care**

We operate from the MENPS Hall  
7.30am to 8.30am and 3pm to 6pm

Our AWESOME Activities include:

- Our Specialist Programmes FoodStorm and sKIDS Active Sports Programme as well as our regular Art/ Craft, Dance/ Drama, Sport/ Games and Technology
- sKIDS is NZ's #1 provider of Out of School Care, offering quality service since 1996
- Ministry of Social Development Approved
- 10% Discount when presenting this advert at the time of booking.

\*New enrolments only. One discount per family. Discount applies for one term only. Valid for 2018 bookings.

Enrol now at  
**[www.skids.co.nz](http://www.skids.co.nz)**  
click on Parent Login  
for more details, you may reach us at  
09 948 45 48  
Centre Number: 027 77 SKIDS

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| <a href="mailto:menps@skids.co.nz">menps@skids.co.nz</a> |              |



**sKIDS**  
Safe Kids In Daily Supervision  
Mt Eden Normal Primary  
Operating from the safety of  
your School Hall



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