

# MENPS News

Te Whare Akoranga o Maungawhau, October 22, 2020

## From The Principal

Kia ora koutou,

You may have noticed media commentary on the subject of 'child-led' learning following a recent report published by a NZ Think Tank. The report was breathlessly entitled "New Zealand's Education Delusion: How Bad Ideas Ruined a Once World-class System".

The position taken by report was quickly denounced by many voices in education (who dismissed it as an outdated, partisan call to a standards-based, colonial model of education). The media, as you might expect, leapt at the headline-grabbing potential with equal haste.

Cries that 'the end is nigh' have been around about as long as formal education has. So, are we to believe that the NZ Education system really has disappeared 'down the rabbit hole'?

Central to the Report is the idea that this 'slide' is the direct result of a liberal, progressive move away from curriculum content and towards a 'child-led' model. This certainly wouldn't be an isolated or fringe view. When measured against international academic standards, there is clear evidence of decline in some key areas. As is often the case, the reasons for this are nuanced and complex, and correlation doesn't imply causation. For one, NZ has faced dramatic changes in demographic and socio-economic terms over the years.

There is no question that our schools (and approaches to teaching and learning) have changed immeasurably over the years (and in so many ways for the better). The days of children obediently sitting in rows while authoritarian teachers regurgitate content aimed at the 'average' ability level are - thankfully - long gone. The system is more personalised, responsive and inclusive than it has ever been.

It is also true, however, that many parents (and a significant number of educators) remain skeptical of a 'new orthodoxy' in education that has emerged over the last decade or so. The prevailing concern is that the education system has become increasingly distracted from the core business of teaching and learning.

Most people recall great educators who had an impact on them personally. The qualities that made them inspirational were - in fact - timeless. The truth is that it had nothing whatsoever to

do with open-plan learning environments, play-based learning, digitally 'flipped' classrooms, online maths programmes or the proliferation of colourful beanbags.

Our job at MENPS is to find the balance. This requires us to have an open mind and be adaptable, but also to make decision based on what we know makes a difference for our learners. For us, a teacher is still a teacher, and a well-planned curriculum is still essential to ensuring children are inspired to reach their potential.

Enjoy the long weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday next week.

Ka kite anō au i a koutou

Alan Jackson

**Principal**

## NOTICES AND REMINDERS

- **REMINDER - Teacher Only Day tomorrow and Labour day holiday on Monday**
- Icecream containers required for our Resouce Room please
- **Halloween Disco Tickets on Sale now via [kindo.co.nz](http://kindo.co.nz)**



## MENPS Community Calendar

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# MENPS PTA

Mount Eden Normal Primary School Parent Teacher Association

[www.menpspta.co.nz](http://www.menpspta.co.nz)

## WE HAVE A WINNER

### Cancer Society Sunscreen Campaign

Hope you are all enjoying the warm weather arrived just in time for the long weekend. Most of you are now well set for the sunshine with sunblock purchased through our campaign that finished last weekend and we thank you for the support.

As well as **raising \$422** towards our school's outdoor projects, we have also raised over **\$200 for Cancer Society**.

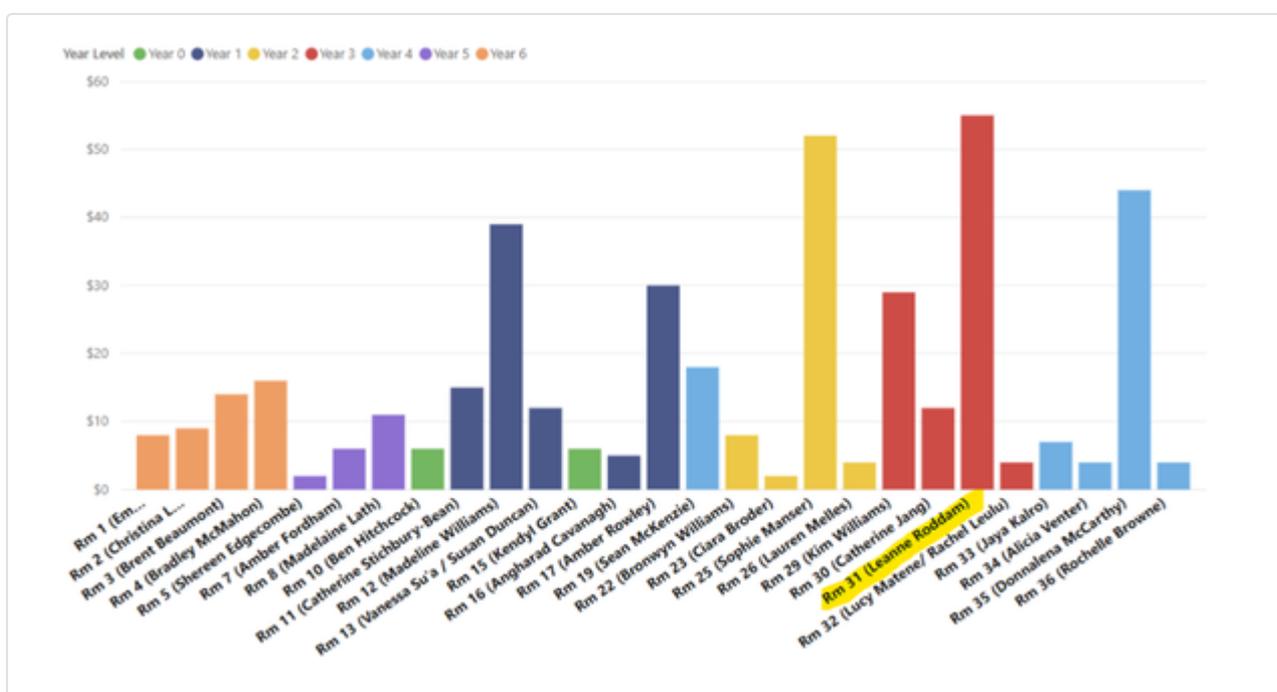
As part of the fundraiser we have been also able to get a **FREE PIZZA** for our winning classroom



### ROOM 31 – WELL DONE!!

(we will be in touch with you shortly to make arrangements)

Special thanks to **Karyn Hollister** for running this successful campaign and for making someone's lunch very special



## Bake Sale – Sweet Success

**Thank you** to all of you clever MENPS bakers who helped us to put on a delicious sale of tasty treats, cakes, cookies and even mini-sausage rolls.

Thank you also to all those volunteers that helped to set up the morning and clean up at the end as well all the new parent volunteers that came to help us throughout the day. Of course, great thanks to everyone that came along, stopped for a chat, had a giggle with us and even bought a treat or two.

The day was so successful that we sold out most of the treats by 11am and were packing up by 1pm!!

Together we **raised over \$720!** Well done and thank you for your support.

Special thanks to Georgina Cervin,  
our enthusiastic parent volunteer for organising everything and everyone!!!



Halloween Disco is on Friday 30th of October and we need your help.

This is a Dress up & Drop-off disco for kids only.

The Junior Disco Parent Help Roster is now FULL - thank you so much - but we still a bit more help with the Senior Disco. Please fill the form here: <http://menpspta.co.nz/i-will-help/>



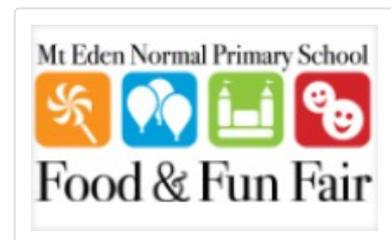
## FAIR 2021

Planning is getting underway – watch this space for updates.

Next PTA Meeting will be all about the “Fair 2021”, so make sure to mark your diary if you are keen to help:

**Tuesday, 10th November 2020, 7pm at MENPS Staffrooms**

(Over the next few days we will be in touch directly with everyone that managed a stall earlier this year)



# Second Hand Uniform Shop

Friday, 6th November  
School Hall Kitchen,  
8.15 - 9.15am, Cash only

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



Share your rewards with your School and support your local business.

*Bakers Delight*

Collect your Loyalty Card stamps and when completed bring it to MENPS Office and PTA will exchange it for treats and cash to support events and Teacher's Wellbeing

HAPPY TEACHERS = HAPPY CHILDREN



**MENPS**

## PTA - Supporting Our School Through Fundraising & Fun Events

 Facebook

**Chairperson** Renáta Latimer  
**Deputy Chairperson** Marina Borodatova  
**Secretary** Melanie Woollard  
**Treasurer** Linda Waddington-Miller  
**Class Coordinator Leader** Jane Cunningham

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

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EQUIPPERS  
HEART WEEK

# LIGHT PARTY

SAT 31 OCT  
4-6PM

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May Road Memorial  
Hall, 13 May Road  
Mt Roskill

**FREE Family Fun**  
Games, Prizes, BBQ & Treats

**Invite your friends!**

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**SIGN UP**

[www.playball.co.nz](http://www.playball.co.nz)

5-8yrs  
**Playball**  
is here at Mount Eden School

Time: 08.00-08.45

Day: Monday

12<sup>th</sup> October – 14<sup>th</sup> December

\$117 per child (9-week Term)

[www.playball.co.nz](http://www.playball.co.nz) <http://www.playball.co.nz/>

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- Using sport as a means, we provide children with the opportunity to develop a host of necessary social, educational and personal skills.
- Small groups - maximum coach: student ratio of 1:12
- Positive, fun coaching environment for junior students!



Karen

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**MT EDEN  
SKATE  
SCHOOL**

*Young Guns*  
Est. 2010  
Skate School

**WEDNESDAYS**  
3:30PM - 4:30PM  
AT MT EDEN NORMAL  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
\$16 PER CLASS

For more info and bookings please contact  
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