

THE EDENDALE EXPERIENCE: THINKING, LEARNING, CREATING

Kia ora, Kia orana, Namaste, Talofa lava, Malo e lelei, Ni hao ma, Fakaalofa lahi atu, Asalam alikum!

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term Four is proving to be fun and busy. We are heading into the last few exciting weeks of school and getting ready for 2018. Today our children are competing at the Eden Albert Athletics. We will let you know the results in the next newsletter.

The children are creating an Edendale owl sculpture as part of an Auckland initiative called The Big Hoot. We are very grateful to Westfield St Lukes who have sponsored our sculpture. Kus has worked with each class to create individual feathers that will cover our "Little Hoot". The children have named our owl Luna and she is beginning to look very beautiful. Next year Luna will go on display at Westfield St Lukes and become part of a sculpture trail around Auckland. Please [click this link](#) for further information.

Last week our senior choir performed in the town hall at the AP-PA Choir Festival. It was a wonderful evening and the Edendale choir were amazing. Thank you to all the parents, families and Edendale staff who were in the audience to support our choir. A big thank you to Catherine Oxenham for working with the APPA choir tirelessly all year, and thank you to Vanessa Felix.

On Friday 8 December the whole school will be travelling by bus to see Peter Pan at the Aotea Centre. This is a show by the National Youth Theatre Company (NYTC) and we have six Edendale students performing. NYTC have kindly paid for all of our bus costs and theatre tickets, which is extremely generous. Last year we watched Joseph and the Technicolour Dreamcoat. We are excited to see Peter Pan. A separate email has been sent with more details.

Our grounds continue to look beautiful and the children are enjoying the Tiger Turf and watching the vegetables and fruit grow, especially the strawberries! Thank you so much to Jodie Little and Robb Livingston for their daily work around the school grounds.

Last week the PTA held their AGM. This was a very positive meeting celebrating the successes of 2017 and forward planning for 2018. I would like to thank everyone who has helped with the PTA events this year, your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Ross Keane who has spent a lot of time coordinating and organising the events this year. A special thank you to Shyrel Burt and Jane Miller who will be leaving the PTA as their children move on to intermediate school.

Last newsletter I told you about our Edendale Travelwise students attending an event at The Cloud. [Here is a link](#) to an article and a lovely photo congratulating Edendale on receiving a gold award.

Warm regards,

End of year reminders

- School finishes at 2:00pm on Friday 15 December
- Post School does not run on the last day of term. All students must be picked up at 2:00pm
- Lost property that has not been claimed by 2:00pm on that day will be given to charity

Carolyn
'Aukafolau



3:00pm Wednesday, 20 December 2017.

The Board of Trustees has determined that 5 places are likely to be available for Year 1 out-of-zone students next year. The exact number of places will depend on the number of applications received from students who live within the school's home zone.

If the number of out-of-zone applications exceeds the number of places available, students will be selected by ballot. If a ballot is required it will be held on 20 December 2017. Parents will be informed of the outcome of the ballot within three days of the ballot being held.

2018 Out-Of-Zone Applications

The Edendale Primary School Board of Trustees invites out-of-zone applications from parents who wish to enrol their child at Edendale Primary School for next year.

Enrolment at the school is governed by an enrolment scheme, details of which are available from the school office.

Applications are to be made in writing, addressed to the Principal at Edendale Primary School.

The deadline for applications for out-of-zone places is by

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2018 Y5-6 Camp

In 2018 all Year 5 and 6 students will be attending camp at Sir Peter Blake's Marine and Education Center - Long Bay. Thank you to those families who paid the deposit on time. All 2017 Year 4 and 5 students are required to pay any balance owing **before Monday 4 December 2017** (Week 8, Term 4).

Payments can be made on Kindo via the school website, eftpos at the school office and cash or cheque to classroom teachers. Please see Mrs Herbert or your child's teacher if you have any queries or if you are unsure of how much you have already paid.

Mathletics Certificates

We are so pleased with the effort being made by students doing Mathletics and achieving so many certificates. Students received their silver certificates this week. Gold certificates will be presented at upcoming assemblies.

You must earn five Bronze certificates to qualify for a Silver certificate and four Silver certificates to qualify for a Gold certificate. An impressive achievement!

Silver certificates: R.2: Eric; R.3: Neel, Rita; R.4: Jatin, Liam, Daksha; R.6: Harshiv, Lucy, Sasha; R.7: Palak, Milan, Shania, Amy, Will; R.8: Leesa; R.9: Jenet, Charles, Kalani, Marie; R.10: Akira, Laila; R.11: Rebecca, Finlay, Lucia, Grayson, Luke, Bob; R.12: Aryan (two certificates!); R.13: Anouk, Taqif, Jake; R.14: Elisa; R.15: Vinita, Priyanshu, Saad, Sneha, Sara, Eve, Suniska, Priyanshu (two certificates!); R.16: Ruth (two certificates!), Alexis, Annah, Manya, Kanika; R.17: Elizabeth, Hannah; R.18: Isabelle, Payton, Oscar, Lucas and R.19: Senay, Raj, Daksh, Lara, Alexander



Garden to Table Market Stall

You will not want to miss Garden To Tables fabulous Market Stall selling items all made by our amazing Y.5&6 students. We have our famous lemonade ice blocks, various preserves, delicious home baking and our showstopper - edible balloons as seen on Masterchef!!!

You will find us on the basketball court by the Tiger Turf from 2:45pm on Thursday 30 November.

(Please note: a parent or caregiver must be present to buy the edible balloons. Limited amount available.)



APPA Choir

Our amazing APPA Festival concert was a huge success and now it's time for the thank you's. We want to acknowledge all the Y.5&6 teachers and senior staff who allowed the choir members out of class to rehearse each week. We also want to thank the parent helpers for attending the off site rehearsals. A big thanks to Mrs Felix and Mrs 'Aukafolau for all their help and the fantastic Fiona's - Bygrave and Paul. Lastly, a massive thanks to the choir members themselves for singing their hearts out all year. Just keep singing! Next gig is Prizegiving so see you at Monday's rehearsal same place, same time. I'd love to see the 18 outstanding choir shirts on Monday too please! - **Catherine**



R.14 News Anchors

R.14 did a funny play called The Unusual News. We videoed it and showed it to the whole of the Middle School. We used a green screen for the background (Do Ink). Everybody loved it and it was very funny! **Reuben and Isla, R.14**

R.13 Authors and Researchers

R.13 have been writing narratives based on a David Attenborough Planet Earth 2 video, Iguana vs Snakes, which features a brave iguana hatchling escaping from hungry snakes. You can watch the video [here](#).

Small, blue waves crashed on the rocky beach. The bright yellow sun shone on the waves. A newborn iguana stood there. It felt great to be born. But then suddenly, out of the corner of his eye, he saw a long, scaly, poisonous snake. He knew that snakes could detect movement but had bad eyesight. He stayed still but then accidentally moved. Then the snake crawled over him. He decided to make a run for it. Magically, thirty snakes crawled out of the rocks. It was a wild, snake chase. The iguana ran as fast as he could. Suddenly, he was wrapped in snakes like a taco. He knew what to do. He squeezed out. He jumped on the rocks, one by one. There was one snake left chasing him. He did a big leap. The snake fell down a deep, dark hole. The iguana escaped. Lucky iguana! **By Shayla**

A baby iguana had just hatched out of its egg when suddenly the iguana saw movement. It was a snake! There were millions. The baby iguana just stood there stunned. But he knew to stay still because snakes' eyes aren't very good, although they can detect movement. One of the snakes got so close that the baby iguana just ran away. He saw some rocks and tried to run to them so he could climb them and get away, but the baby iguana got caught. He wriggled about and eventually got away. The baby iguana ran for the rocks and made it. The iguana ran for its life, kicked one of the snakes in the face and kept on running. It jumped over a crack in the rocks and the snake that was following tried to do the same but fell into the crack. The iguana had made it away safely. **By Callum**

I woke up feeling quite hungry. Suddenly I detected some movement from outside my cosy den, so I quietly slithered out to meet a newly hatched iguana. AKA food! So I slithered towards it thinking "Yum, yum iguana, here I come!" but apparently I said that out loud. Oh no. I quickly slithered like the wind, desperate to catch my dinner. While quickly chasing the iguana, I called my friends to help me chase the prey. I only just realised how an iguana runs. It kind of hops from foot to foot. Anyway, it was getting close to the rocks so I slinked to the rocks and hurled myself at the mid-air iguana but missed! Why does the iguana always get its way? **By Bethan**



R.13 are using the class devices to research their inquiry topic 'My Culture on a Plate'

News from Edendale's PTA

On Thursday evening last week we had our last PTA meeting of the year, as well as holding our AGM. We have now elected the office holder roles for the coming year:

Co-Chair – Kylie Darby-Smith & Ross Keane

Treasurer – Tracey Whitby

Co-Secretary – Kerry Hoult & Jo Lo

Welcome back to those continuing on in their roles, and a big welcome to our new office holders. We had a great evening beginning to plan the events for next year. Keep an eye out at the beginning of Term 1 2018 for more information about our exciting fundraisers. We'll also be putting the call out for volunteers, for those who are wishing to give back to the school and help out at these events.

Next year's events will include the Colour Run, School Disco, Entertainment Book, Quiz Night, Cards & Calendars, and with some other potential events in the pipeline.

Our **first meeting** of 2018 is on **15 February**. Come along to find out what we do at the PTA, and see how you can be involved to help raise money for the school community.

It would be great to see some new faces for the New Year, as we're always on the lookout for those looking to help support the school. There is no pressure to join the team. Come and see how things work, and see if it's something you would like to be a part of.

A big thank you to all those who have supported the PTA throughout the year. We are looking forward to having another great year of fundraising in 2018. Remember, all money raised is helping to support activities, events and programs in the school community, so it's great to see everyone supporting the PTA, through both volunteering as well as participation in the events.

And lastly a big thank you goes to Shyrel Burt and Jane Miller for all their hard work over the past few years in the PTA. We wish you all the best as your children continue on in their education at intermediate.

Edendale PTA

School Information

Edendale Scientists

R.14 and R.17 have been scientists this term. We have been making observations and inferences. Here we are learning about chromatography and surface tension.



Holiday Programme

The Edendale School Holiday Programme will be running during the holidays from Monday 8 January - Friday 2 February 9:00am—3:00pm (excluding Auckland Anniversary Day) for children aged 5 - 12 years.

There will be craft days and trips out. This is an OSCAR approved programme with both pre-care and post-care available. Bookings are now being taken at the school office. For any queries, please contact the office on 846 6340 or Karen on 021 0859 1275. Brochures are available from the office.

After School Arabic Classes

Arabic Classes are held at Edendale every day 5:00pm-7:00pm. The classes are suitable for students 5-15 years old. For more information please phone Yunus Patel 021 044 6674

Dare to Explore!

Looking for fun, free ways to keep your child learning and building their reading skills over summer? Sign up for Kia Māia te Whai- Dare to Explore, Auckland Libraries' summer reading programme for children aged 5-13 years. Look out for the fliers and take your children along to Mt Albert Library to take part in this bilingual programme. Participate in FREE library activities; earn stamps, stickers and receive a party invitation! Joining us at the party this year include the Pacific Mamas [Rarotongan Drummers], Mt Albert YMCA, face painters, and many more. See the attached page in this newsletter.

Edendale Term Dates 2017 and 2018

Term 4 2017: 16 October - 15 December	Public holidays falling in school terms
Term 1 2018: 7 February - 13 April	30 March - 3 April - Good Friday, Easter Monday and Tuesday
Term 2 2018: 30 April - 6 July	Monday 4 June - Queens Birthday
Term 3 2018: 23 July - 28 September	
Term 4 2018: 15 October - TBC	Monday 22 October - Labour Day

Board of Trustees

Next meeting will be held in the Meeting Room
Tuesday 5 December at 6:15pm
All welcome to attend.

Edendale PTA

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Thursday 15 February at 7:00pm
All welcome to attend.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM

DECEMBER 2017

SNORKELING FOR BEGINNERS

BEGINNER
1+

TUESDAY 19TH &
WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER

SESSION TIMES: 1:30PM – 4:00PM

Learn to snorkel, water safety/rescue,
raft making and the grand finale...

HEALTH & SPORTS SWIM CLUB ANNUAL RAFT RACE!

Mares mask and snorkel supplied.
(Includes nourishing afternoon tea!)



INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM

MONDAY 18TH TO FRIDAY 22ND
DECEMBER 2017

SESSION TIMES:
30 MIN SESSIONS FROM 9:00AM

5 consecutive days of 30 minute
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swimclub@healthandsports.co.nz

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The Auckland Libraries summer reading adventure runs during the school holidays.

It's an adventure. Get ready for awesome challenges!!!

Explore the fascinating world of Koro Kauri and his forest, listen to his stories and explore through six exciting challenge sets.

- Collect stamps and stickers as you go and track your reading.
- Complete at least four challenges to get your invitation to the party.
- Do activities at home, on holiday, at the library, on the internet and with friends.
- You can visit other libraries around Auckland.

Not a member of Auckland Libraries? Don't worry - it's easy!
Go online or talk to a librarian to sign up.

