



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,

On Friday 24 November we held a morning tea for volunteers who have helped Edendale during the year. Thank you to the parents and families who were able to attend, it was really lovely to see you all. A big thank you to all the other volunteers who were not able to come to the morning tea. We are so grateful for your support. We would not be able to run the Garden to Table programme or go on school and sporting trips without your help. The PTA volunteers help the school in so many ways. We thank you for your continued support for Edendale and look forward to seeing you again in 2018. A special thank you to the parents of Year 6 children for all your help over the years.

Thank you to all the families that supported the Garden to Table stall after school last week. Despite the rain everything sold out. A big thank you to Anna and Jodie and their team who cooked all the delicious goodies for sale. We raised over \$1000 which really helps to keep the Garden to Table programme going at Edendale.

Last Saturday we had two special Edendale events. Firstly, congratulations to Miller Bingley who received a medal for ICAS Digital Technologies at Auckland University. Secondly, the Edendale ukulele group attended the Kiwileles Festival at Mt Roskill primary and joined in with hundreds of other ukulele players. Thank you to Sharon Topliss for many hours spent preparing our group for this event. It was a lovely way to spend a summer afternoon.

Today we held the Year 6 Prizegiving. Congratulations to all the winners, we are very proud of your efforts this year. Tomorrow we will be having the Year 6 Leavers Dinner where we will be able to acknowledge all the Year 6 students and wish them well for intermediate school next year.

Tomorrow we have our exciting whole school trip to see Peter Pan at the Aotea Centre. Please ensure your child is at school by 8:30am and has eaten a good breakfast before coming to school. Thank you to Shirley Sequeira and the National Youth Theatre Company for organising this event for us. The theatre company cover all our costs so that every child in the school can attend for free. We are very grateful for this opportunity.

On Monday the children will be bringing home their end of year reports. You may have noticed that a few teachers are moving into different classrooms. I will be sending a letter with information about 2018 school organisation and an updated list so that you know which teachers will be in which teams etc.

Congratulations to Sarah Carlsen and Toni Hoy who have both had their gorgeous babies this week. Sarah had a son and Toni had a daughter. Mums and babies are doing well.

The Weetbix TRYathlon will be taking place on Sunday 18 February. We will send a separate letter next week about registering for this event if you are interested.

Warm regards,

Carolyn 'Aukafolau

Last day of School 2017

School finishes at 2:00pm on Friday 15 December.

Post-School will not run on this day.

Lost property that has not been claimed by 2:00pm will be given to charity



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ICAS at Edendale

Our own Edendale medal winner

Last Saturday, Miller Bingley received an ICAS medal in Digital Technologies at a special ceremony which was held at the University of Auckland. Miller was one of two who achieved the highest score at the Year 4 level across New Zealand and other countries. His success and award demonstrates his achievement is of a world standard. Congratulations Miller! May this be one of your most memorable moments for 2017.

This means he was at the top of his year level ahead of thousands of other students who sat this test. The medal was re-presented to him at school in front of his peers on Tuesday because of the significance of this achievement.

Similar ceremonies are held in the other countries where ICAS is sat. Around 1.5 million ICAS tests are sat in over 20 countries. The University of New South Wales conducts these ICAS tests. There are new tests each year in the 6 subject areas and are designed to develop higher order thinking and problem-solving skills.



Our results

This year the school has had some great ICAS results among our Year 3-6 students. Here is the summary of our student achievement.

ICAS Subject	High Distinction	Distinction	Credit	Merit	Participation
Science (82)	2	10	19	4	47
Spelling (61)	4	7	15	6	29
Digital Tech (61)	1	5	22	10	23
English (70)	4	10	15	7	34
Maths (86)	1	15	26	10	34
Writing (39)	2	0	10	1	26

Year 3 students can only sit Spelling, Science, English and Mathematics. Years 4-6 can sit all ICAS tests. There were some very positive results with an increased number of students achieving distinction and high distinction.

Thank you to all parents who have given the opportunity for their children to sit one or more of the ICAS tests this year.

Mathletics Certificates

We are so pleased with the effort being made by students doing Mathletics and achieving so many certificates.

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.1: Aaryan; R.11: Aidan; R.13: Huey; R.14: Esther; R.16: Clarice, Alexis; R.17: Yasmit and R.18: James, Isla

Gold certificates: R.2: Connor; R.3: Rita, Keeley, Zara; R.4: Josh; R.5: Hasit; R.7: Will; R.9: Kalani; R.11: Luke, Bob, Aidan; R.12: Nabihah; R.13: Harry; R.14: Shlok; R.16: Manya, Harmain; R.17: Ameera and R.18: Milly, Payton



Aroha Athletics Day

Parents are welcome to come and watch the Aroha Athletics Day on Tuesday 12 December.

- Field events—9:15-10:45 on the Bottom Field
- Track events—11:20-1:00 on the Council Field



Pre-Entry Visits Are Changing in 2018

From February 2018, all Edendale Pre-Entry Visits will be held on Tuesday afternoons 1:45—2:45. Visiting families will be able to stay and use the playground afterwards if they wish.

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

Ukulele Festival

The school ukulele group attended the NZ Ukulele Festival on Saturday 2 December. The group practises Monday lunchtime each week and the children have worked hard to develop their skills throughout the year. We had a great day and are looking forward to more strumming next year!



Kahu Athletic and EOTC Day

Well done to all of the Kahu students who participated in our annual athletics and EOTC day on Friday the 1st of December. It was a great day with lots of highlights and nearly perfect weather. It was fantastic to see the children cheering on their classmates in the athletics events and taking on challenges and developing their problem solving skills during our EOTC activities.

The Kahu teachers would also like to thank all of the parents who were able to lend a hand, we couldn't have done it without you!

More photos and student writing on the next pages



News from Edendale's PTA

The PTA wishes you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a great holiday, stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you all back at school in 2018!

Our **first meeting** of next year 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.

Edendale PTA



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Kahu Athletics and EOTC Day continued



Manya, Makayla and Julia created this lovely girl



Tyronne and Daksh created this rocket which they shared with their friends

This sweet little fantail (pictured right) was created by Vernika, Molly and July



Milly, Payton and Isla made a peacock with contrasting coloured leaves.

Dylan and Ollie's giraffe (pictured below)



Jono and Pelle made a lion with an impressive mane!



Clarice, Anna and Gauransh made a sun (pictured right)



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Kahu Athletics Authors

When the boys were about to race my tummy had butterflies in it. I ran as fast as I could and I came ...second!!

Connor R.17

When school ended at 6pm I was so exhausted (meaning very tired) last Friday. This is what happened: ...

Hannah R.17

Last Friday was the best day of my life because it was EOTC (that stands for Education Outside the Classroom). Some of my favourite things were throwing the foxtails because I threw them so far. I also liked the long jump because I got into the finals.

Tarabelle R.17

Friday was the best day ever because I made a forest with Austin and L.J. Miss Roil said she loved it!

David R.17

Friday was the best day ever because it was EOTC! EOTC is so cool because there are different field events like high jump, long jump, hurdles, javelin, sock throw/foxtail/meteors. I came 3rd in the 6 year old boys and I was in the finals! In the finals I came equal 4th. I was panting so much. I also drank some water too, of course!

Leo R.17

You won't believe what I did on Friday. You would love it, you would like faint because of how good it was! It was the best day of school ...

Lennix R.17

Friday and it was finally EOTC day and I quickly hurried to school just for it! Me and my mum were at school before the bell rang ...

Ameera R.17

... next we did running races. I came 4th and it was challenging but it was fair enough. Next we did relays which were supercalifragilisticexpialidocious because the Room 17 girls came 3rd and the boys came 1st!

July R.17

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.

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

Term 1 2018

All welcome to attend.

Edendale PTA

Next meeting will be held in the Meeting Room

Thursday 15 February at 7:00pm

All welcome to attend.



AN INVITATION!

Kia ora from 'On the Road!'

In 2018 What Now is hitting the road, coming from a different community live every Sunday from 8am-10am.

Kids (5-12yrs), families (including Mum & Dad), school classes, sports teams or groups... you're all invited to be part of our awesome live audience, ...it's FREE and coming to YOUR community!!!!

Here is your chance to try something new, maybe play games, get FOAMED or even GUNGED!!

Space is limited...don't miss out!
Check out our locations & dates online at...

www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience

There are two easy ways to register...

1. School classes, groups & sports teams please email your chosen location and date (from looking on the above website) to...

audience@whitebaitmedia.com

2. Kids or families can register online at...

www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience

We can't wait to see you!
From the 'What Now' team!

