

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,

We are coming to the end of an eventful term full of learning and fun. I hope you and your families are safe and well after the storm on Tuesday night. The Edendale buildings were not damaged, but the historic oak tree on the bottom field fell over. We are so sad to lose such a beautiful tree which has a lot of significance to the Edendale community. We will be holding a blessing for the tree at 1:00pm Saturday 14 April on the school field. Families are welcome to join us for this. More information will be sent home tomorrow. The children and teachers are currently thinking of ways that we could commemorate and celebrate the tree. No decisions have been made yet and we are getting advice from Auckland Council. At this stage our first priority is safety, so the bottom field is closed until further notice. A big thank you to Matt Darby-Smith, an Edendale parent, who kindly volunteered his time yesterday to help clean up the fallen debris around the school. Your help was much appreciated Matt.

Last week I spent time with children around the school - Room 7 were cooking delicious food in Garden to Table, Rooms 3 and 5 were building and testing Rube Goldberg machines as part of their inquiry work and Room 23 was creating wonderful art.

Our Big Hoot owl, Luna, is still on display at St Lukes Mall. The Big Hoot trail will finish at the end of the term break. You can download the app Big Hoot 2018 from the app store and follow the trail to find the owls all around Auckland. This could be a fun holiday activity for the family. Our owl will be returned to Edendale at the beginning of Term 2.

A huge thank you to the Friends of Edendale, our PTA, for giving us two gorgeous gazebos. It was great to be able to use them straight away at the recent Touch Tournament and we will be getting lots of use out of them in the future. We really appreciate this support.

At the end of the term we say goodbye to Ben Koubaridis who will be leaving Edendale. We thank Ben for all his great work with Room 10 and wish him well for his future endeavours. We also farewell Aimee Dale who will be going on maternity leave. Thank you Aimee for your amazing work at Edendale over the past few years with our littlest students. Mark Airey and his wife are also expecting a new baby. We send best wishes to both Aimee and Mark and look forward to hearing the good news soon.

Thank you for the lovely emails and messages since you heard that I will be leaving at the end of next term. I really appreciate your kind words. I will be very sad to leave Edendale as it is such a wonderful school, but I am looking forward to new adventures in Hong Kong. I hope you all enjoy the term break and I look forward to seeing everyone safely back at school on Monday 30 April.

Warm regards,

Carolyn 'Aukafolau



**Tomorrow is the last day of Term 1. School finishes at 3:00pm
Term 2 begins on Monday 30 April. Enjoy the holidays!**

Mathletics Certificates

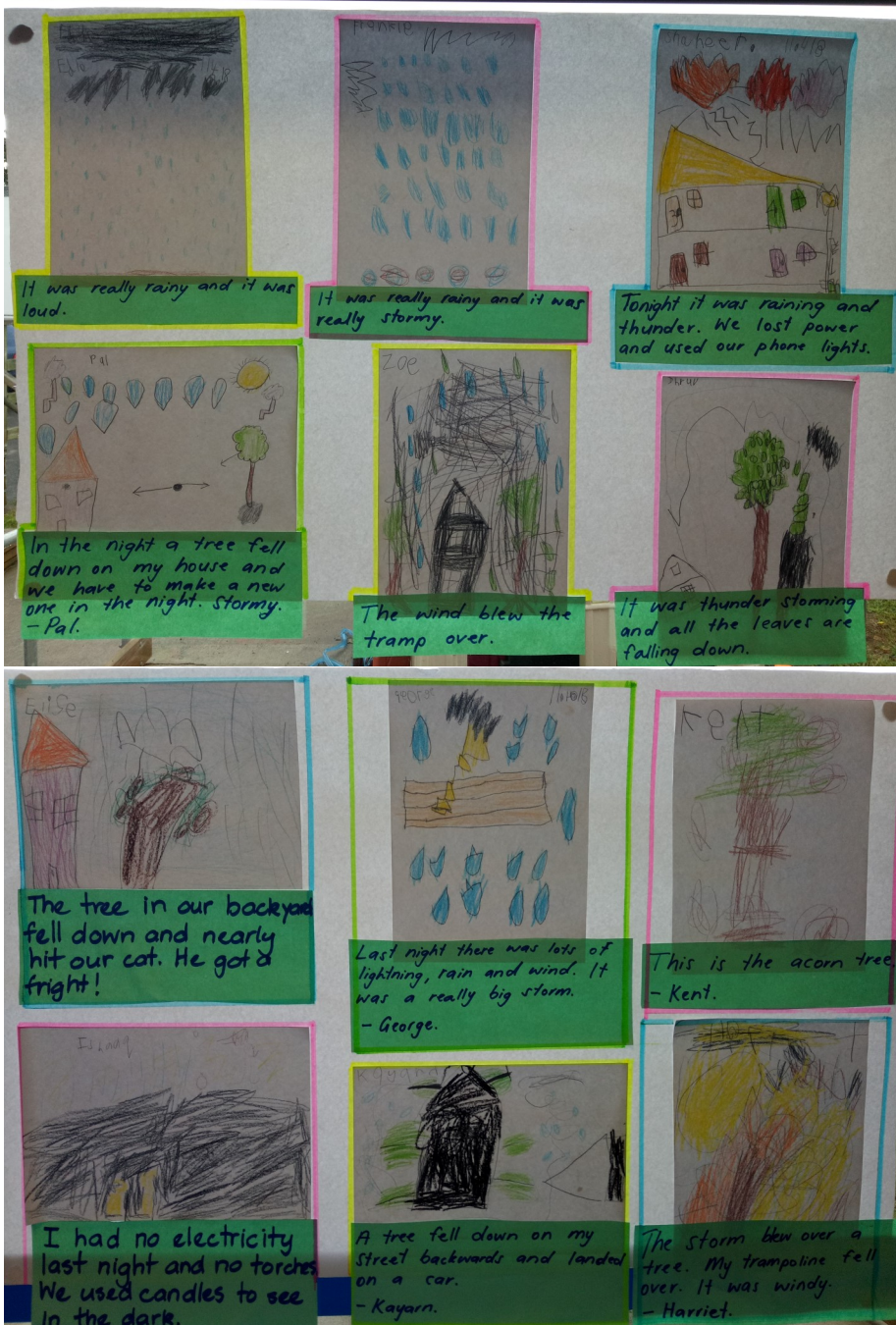
We are so pleased with the effort being made by students doing Mathletics and achieving so many certificates during Term 1.



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: Keeley, Yashwin; R.3: Senay; R.4: Oscar, Ruth, Annah; R.5: Jatin; R.6: Harry; R.7: Jenet, Rita; R.8: Joseph; R.9: Rohan, James; R.10: Aryan; R.11: Clement, Alexander, Hannah, Ameera, Manya; R.12: Yugma; R.13: Suniska, Shengxiao; R.14: Rishon, Ella; and R.14a: Walter

Gold certificates: R.10: William; and R.13: Makayla



R.28 wrote and illustrated stories about the storm

Kelly Club Corner

Bookings for the Kelly Club Holiday Program close on Thursday 12 April - Please book online www.kellyclub.co.nz/edendale. We resume our normal schedule of before & after school care on Monday 30 April.

We now have a large amount of lost property that has accumulated over Term 1. Parents can you please look through this over the next few days to ensure that any of your children's belongings are taken home.



Eden/Albert Touch Tournament

The Eden/Albert Touch Tournament was held on Thursday 5 April. It was a beautiful sunny day and the teams looked forward to facing the competition. Our new gazebos, which had our logo and name in bold, stood out from the other schools. It was a successful day, with our placings. The boys A team came fourth in their grade. The boys B team came third in their grade. Last but definitely not least the girls team won their competition coming first! They worked well as a team passing out to the edges and played with an intensity that other teams couldn't match. Well done to all teams and thank you to all the parent helpers that came out to support our teams

R.26 Swimming Stars

The Mermaid by Angel

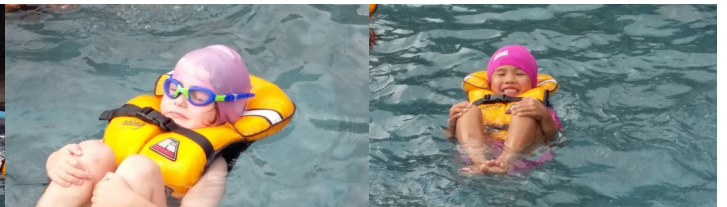
When I go under the deep pool water I feel I'm a beautiful mermaid in the pool. I can see the deep pool water. When I feel like a mermaid I think I'm combing my hair with my hair comb.

The Dolphin by Holly

When I go in the water I feel like I am a dolphin. It looks like I am in a room that is covered in blue.

Swimming With My Friends by Brady

When I dive in the water it feels cool with my friends and my friends feel good. When I go in the water I see toys.



Pictured above Imelda and Ashley floating in the water with her lifejacket on

Pictured left R.26 learning to stay calm in the water with their lifejackets on

News from the Friends of Edendale (Our PTA)

From all of us at Friends of Edendale we wish you a safe and fun break, and look forward to seeing you in Term 2.

The photo below is at the recent Touch Tournament hosted by Edendale, where shade was provided by the school's two new branded gazebos! It is through the school community's generous support that we are able to make purchases like this, so thank you all.



Our **next meeting** of the year is **17 May**, after the Term break. If you would like to join us, email us on pta@edendale.school.nz or just show up to the meeting. The meeting starts at **7:00pm** and is held in the meeting room (off the office foyer). Our meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of each month.

Dates for the diary:

School Disco – Friday 22 June. After last year's successful winter disco, we will again be holding it mid-year. Be sure to mark the date in your calendar, as we will be asking for volunteers for the evening closer to the time.

Quiz Night – Friday 7 September. Be sure to mark this one down in your diary! It's a great night of fun and is our biggest event of the year. We again will be calling for volunteers closer to the time.

Friends of Edendale

School Information



Room 29 children took their balloons around Edendale School to find all the spaces where they can play happily



Room 26 crossing a driveway with Constable Jude

How to Cross the Road by Jeffrey R.26

How do you cross the road?

1st you have to go to the line that is near to the road.

2nd you have to step back.

3rd you have to press the button.

4th, when the green man jogs out and then you are ready to go.

For information or to make a booking for Before Care, After Care or the Holiday Programme, go to the Kelly Club website
www.kellyclub.co.nz/edendale

Edendale Term Dates 2018

Term 1: 7 February - 13 April

Public holidays falling in school terms

Term 2: 30 April - 6 July

Monday 4 June - **Queens Birthday**

Term 3: 23 July - 28 September

Term 4: 15 October - TBC

Monday 22 October - **Labour Day**

Board of Trustees

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

Friends of Edendale (PTA)

Next meeting will be held in the Meeting Room
Thursday 17 May at 7:00pm
All welcome to attend.