



Kia ora, kia orana, namaste, talofa lava, malo e lelei, ni hao ma, fakaalofa lahi atu, asalam alikum, bonjour, greetings, hello everyone

"The Edendale Experience: Making connections between thinking, learning and creating"

Welcome back to the Winter term and to a special school-wide newsletter for Term Three 2018. As you will know I arrived on Monday to Edendale School with an amazing powhiri involving the whole school and many of my whānau from Te Kura O Ritimana (Richmond Road School). It was a morning of mixed emotions as I formally left a community that I have known for nearly five years and now a new school community that I am very much looking forward to getting to know. I have visited a few classrooms over the past few days and have a few more to go over the coming weeks. The staff, and students have definitely made me feel very welcome. It has been nice meeting a few of you at the Sandringham Road crossing both in the morning and in the afternoon. I will see more of you next week at the Shorwell Street crossing.

We welcome Gillian Appleby (known as Gillian) to Tuakana Team and also a number of new children who either started or returned to us this week. Welcome to Aarush, Austin, Dekkian, Frank, George, Ibrahim, Jack, Juno, Marcelo, Mia, Poppy, Samuel, Sky, and Xavier

School newsletters will continue to come our fortnightly on a Thursday, and one change you will see is that 'blurb' will not always be written by myself. You are going to hear the voice of other senior leaders as we take turns to write to you.

We now have an Edendale Facebook page that can be found here <https://www.facebook.com/EdendaleSchool/> and a Twitter feed [https://twitter.com](https://twitter.com/EdendaleSchool) using @EdendaleSchool. Both of these forms of social media will be updated more regularly than our school website. We recognise that not everyone is a user of social media and will currently continue with the other forms of communication we have (Newsletter, Edendale App, emails via eTAP, 'tickertape' on school website).

Our next whole school assembly for the term is on Monday 30th July at 2pm in the hall. You are all welcome.

Au revoir, ka kite anō, tofa soifua, until next time.

Jonathan