



# Edendale News

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## THE EDENDALE EXPERIENCE: MAKING CONNECTIONS BETWEEN THINKING, LEARNING AND CREATING

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

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whānau,

Welcome to the end of the second week of Term Three and my second week at Edendale where everyday I am feeling more and more at home. The tamariki have been wonderful with their continued support around helping me with learning their names and being so patient when I can't quite remember. It has also been a pleasure meeting and greeting so many of you at the school road crossings over the last two weeks.

This week's newsletter brings you news of the impending teacher strike on **Wednesday 15 August** (the week after next). At this stage, I would ask parents/caregivers/whānau to make arrangements for children to be cared for at home as it is possible that the **school will be closed on Wednesday 15 August**. This is a decision the Board of Trustees (BoT) will be making at their BoT meeting early next week and the BoT will then advise you all after next Tuesday.

As I have only been here for two weeks it is hard for me to gauge the support in our community for such action but I hope like where I have come from that you can understand that this was a hard decision for teachers to make but needed to be made so that school and all the parts that makeup Edendale (and every other school across the motu) can be supported so we can provide the very best teachers for your children, the very best support staff, and the very best resourcing.

**Why are teachers striking?** Both primary teachers and principals are determined to send a strong message to the Government and demand change so our students can have a teacher in every classroom, the learning support they need and teachers are recognised as the professionals they are. Teachers and principals appreciate the inconvenience of strike action on some families. Members do not take the decision lightly. Primary teachers have not taken industrial action in New Zealand since 1994 and the fact that we are taking such a step now shows the grave concerns we have for the future of quality public education. The government needs to take courageous steps now!

### What are we asking for?

#### Fixing the teacher shortage crisis

Schools are struggling to attract and retain great teachers. There is also a drop in the number of people choosing to train as teachers. This is happening because of years of political undervaluing of the profession. It won't just fix itself.

#### What we want

- **Significant pay increases** for teachers and principals over the course of the agreement.

#### Time to teach, time to lead

Teachers and principals are facing immense pressure thanks to enormous workloads and more responsibilities without any additional staffing or time.

There aren't enough resources available for supporting children with additional learning needs.

Teachers and principals need time to teach, and time to lead.

#### What we want

- **Significant increases** to staffing available to all schools to support leaders, classroom teachers and teachers working with students with additional learning needs.

#### Fixing issues with relativities and career development

Options for career development can vary a lot from school to school, which means that teachers aren't getting the same chances to grow in the profession.

At the moment, there are some issues with relativity, and there is limited recognition for teachers and principals with specialist skills.

Both these factors are contributing to the teacher shortage crisis.

#### What needs to change

- **Fix existing pay arrangements** for principals
- **Fix existing relativity** issues
- **Create meaningful new career options** for teachers and principals

**The Board of Trustees has been informed of a possible teachers' strike on Wednesday 15 August. The vast majority of our staff are members of the NZEI (Union).**

**The Board would encourage parents to make alternative arrangements for the supervision of their children on this day as the school may have to close.**

Ngā mihi. Na

*Jonathan*

Principal/Tumuaki

## School Information

### Mathletics Certificates

We are so pleased with the effort being made by students doing Mathletics and achieving so many certificates during the holidays. 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: Vinita; R.3: Yanyin; R.4: Ruth, Clarice; R.6: Finn, Rudra; R.7: Rita; R.9: Pippi; R.11: Myah, Ameera, Hannah, Manya; R.12: Sneh; R.14: Molly; R.16: Oliver, Kaia, Jessica; R.18: Edward, Ethan, Ali, Austin, Nina, Sulaiman; R.19: Neil, Prachi, Zoe; and R.21: Christiaan, Dominic

**Gold certificates:** R.4: Annah



### Wattie's Cans For Good

During 13 - 17 August (Week 4) the Young Leaders of Edendale 2018 will begin a fundraiser called 'Wattie's Cans for Good' (WCFG). We will ask students to bring canned food into school during Week 4. We will collect them on a daily basis. When we have collected all the cans we will be giving it to the Salvation Army and they will be giving it to people who may not have enough food at Christmas time. Last year we did this and collected 1,055 cans, and that's amazing! We would like to collect 1,000 cans or more. Wattie's Cans for Good is a really great fundraiser because you're helping lives and making them better

Wattie can you do to help?

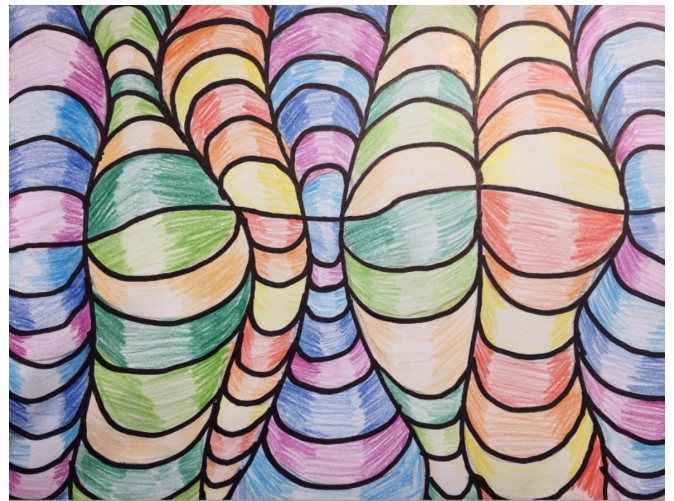


Te Ope Whakaora

### R.2 have had fun using patterns, contrasting colours and shading to create a 3D effect.



"I can see that the squiggly lines (or worms) pop out in different ways" **Jemma M**



"It looks amazing because of the patterns" **Eva**



"It's colourful and it stands out. It was a lot of effort!" **Jason**



"It's cool because it's wiggly and it's like an illusion" **Vrishin**



## School Information • Notices

### Can you help?

This term we are starting a play programme. We would love any spare toys that families could donate. In particular, we are looking for toys designed to encourage imaginative play and language development e.g. Fisher Price Little People, animals, simple puzzles, dress up costumes and items for a play shop. We're also looking for toys to develop fine motor skills such as beads, Play Doh tools, Duplo and dolls with buttons/clips would be really helpful. Donations can be placed in Grant's office.

### News from the Friends of Edendale (Our PTA)

**Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful school break and are now back into the swing of things.**

Our **next meeting** of the year is **16 August**. If you would like to join us, email us on [pta@edendale.school.nz](mailto: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 held on the third Thursday of each month.

We would love to have you come along to a meeting, as we're looking to grow in numbers with a few of our members leaving at the end of the year as their children leave Edendale.

#### **Dates for the diary:**

#### **Quiz Night – Friday 7 September.**

Looking for a fun night out and to test your knowledge? We are holding our annual Quiz Night in September so get your fancy dress costumes on, old or new, and let's have some fun, whilst raising money to support the school.

Held at Edendale Primary School Hall, doors open (along with the bar!) at 6:00pm with the night finishing at 11:30pm.

#### **Quiz Night Tickets are now on sale!**

**\$25 per person or \$190 per table/team (8 people) - Ticket price includes two pizzas per table (let us know if you need a gluten free one).**

Tickets will only be sold via internet banking this year. Please email [pta@edendale.school.nz](mailto:pta@edendale.school.nz) to secure your tickets, with *PTA Quiz Night Tickets* as the subject line. We will then email back confirmation of your order with the bank details for payment. Payment will need to be made within 24 hours or your tickets will be placed back on the open market, so prompt payment is recommended! This is our most popular event of the year and the tickets sell fast so make sure you don't miss out! Table numbers are limited.

#### **We need your help!**

We need auction and raffle items for our Quiz Night. All donations big and small are most welcome. Just a few ideas:

- Do you, friends or family work for a company who might donate an item or service?
- Do you have a bach you could offer up for a weekend/week?
- Would you like to donate some yummy treats or items to add to raffle baskets?
- What sport or after school activities do your children do? Could you approach them for lessons or other form of sponsorship?
- Get together with a group of friends to purchase an item to be auctioned off
- Donate money to Friends of Edendale and we can use these to purchase items for auction
- Have extra Fly Buys? This can be a great way to purchase an item for the auction.

We really appreciate your help. All sponsors will be recognised on the night, in posters/advertising leading up to the Quiz Night and in the newsletters following. Please e-mail us [pta@edendale.school.nz](mailto:pta@edendale.school.nz), approach one of the PTA team or drop items off in the office for us to collect. Thank you.

As well as your support with the auction items, we also need volunteers for the night. Please email us at [pta@edendale.school.nz](mailto:pta@edendale.school.nz). So if quizzes aren't your thing, but you would like to take part in the fun festivities, just let us know!

#### **Entertainment Book 2018/2019**

We are once again delighted to offer all our supporters, families and friends the chance to help us fundraise through purchasing an Entertainment Membership. To find out more about these go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/>. We've already had some books sold, so make sure you visit the website to find out more about this great promotion, with Friends of Edendale getting a percentage of each book sold.

This year all orders will be done online, so head to <http://www.entbook.co.nz/991b27> for the link to the Edendale Primary School order page. Not only does the Entertainment book provide for a worthy cause for our school, the 2018 Membership contains hundreds of 25-50% off or 2-for-1 offers from some of Auckland's best restaurants, cafes, attractions and events.

#### **Cards & Calenders – Term 3**

Edendale students have been creating some amazing artwork that can be used as the design on packs of greeting cards, calendars, sketch pads, mouse pads or diaries. Get your Christmas presents sorted early!! Artwork will be available to view in your child's room from **Tuesday 14 August**.

Order forms will be sent out next week, If you would like to use another piece of art or a photo please follow the instructions on the order form. Samples of the cards and calendars can be viewed on display in the office. Forms are due back **Friday 24 August**.

Payment by direct credit to our account is preferred (the account number will be on the form). One payment per child and please always add reference details - child name and room number to help us match the payment to the order.

*Friends of Edendale*

## School Information • Notices

### Room 10 Maths Project Based Learning

Term 3 finds Room 10 learning some unique and interesting maths skills that architects and builders use in real life. It is great fun planning our house, designing 2D mini furniture, then creating 3D nets and building beds, ovens, couches, cabinets, baths and plasma screen TVs. We need to draw the plans, calculate the area and perimeter of each item, calculate where they fit in the house and then build them. When we have completed this project we want to extend the ideas we learned to build a city!

**Olive**



Place your 3D furnishing in the house. You can remove walls to see how it looks.



You will begin to see how much space they take up. This gives you a better idea of how important it is to be a designer.



### Room 8 Authors

Our focus for Term 3 is on Narrative Writing and we have been working on using either a dialogue, question, description or sound effect to hook the audience at the beginning of our Narratives. Here are some examples from Room 8:

"I need a nurse, a doctor...an ambulance...HELP PLEASE!". "My dad is a helicopter pilot and has crashed somewhere in Lake Tamaroa. He needs HELP!!!" A million thoughts ran in my mind as I vividly remember it being a short ambulance ride to the nearest hospital. The medics couldn't do much except for clearing his air passage and helping him breathe with the use of the oxygen mask. This was turning out to be one of the worst days of my life! **Grace**

"WE'RE GOING DOWN! WE'RE GOING DOWN!" said the pilot making a massive SPLASH!!!

He was stuck in his seatbelt already ten feet down....drowning, trying to breath in the water hoping to grow gills but no he was already... **Connor**

Life was flashing before my eyes..."I should have listened to the mechanic" and now I'm falling down in my helicopter at 150mph. I didn't believe this was the end but I had already lost hope, I didn't have faith in me!!! A few moments later, I could feel a cold chill on my spine. My eyes started shutting down...is this the end of me? **Hasit**

"BREAKING NEWS! A helicopter pilot has crashed in Lake Tamaroa", said the news reporter as she stared deeply into the lake. I was the pilot's nephew slurping at my cereal when suddenly my attention went on the TV and I set up straight. Disappointment and sadness was all over the lounge area as the rest of my family members dropped everything they were doing and got glued to the news. "Is this for real?" **Pia**

BOOM! Suddenly I'm smelling fresh thick smoke floating into my nose. In a flash, I hear a splash! But wait a minute, this isn't the water! That's my pale body lying in a coffin. I try to shout at them "I'm right here...are you blind?" But then I realise something horrific. Wait a minute! "I'm here but I'm there as well!!!" Oh my goodness...am I, am I....DEAD!!!! Suddenly dramatic music starts playing...this was totally unexpected. I don't know what's coming next. **Finn**

## School Information • Programmes • Notices

Jonathan Ramsay—Principal  
Jenny Tong—Deputy Principal  
Bridget Casse and Annette Herbert—Assistant Principals

<b>Aroha Team</b> Year 0/1	<b>Kahu Team</b> Year 2	<b>Rapu Team</b> Year 3/4	<b>Ako Team</b> Year 3/4	<b>Tuakana Team</b> Year 5/6
<b>Nikita Tapora</b> Team Leader (R.28) Petra McDermott (R.23) Fleur Tuck & Vanessa Felix (R.24) Aine Connaughton (R.25) Alan Waith (R.26) Fabienne Gillies (R.29)	<b>Kate Roil</b> Team Leader (R.16) Philippa Priest (R.17) Melody Yong (R.18) Latha Nayagam (R.19) Adrienne Kerin (R.21)	<b>Charmaine Herman</b> Team Leader (R.11) Sharon Topliss (R.3) Byron Stephenson (R.4) Julie Crombie (R.5)	<b>Jonathan Jackson</b> Team Leader (R.13) Grace Rogers (R.12) Mark Airey (R.14) Yana Dennett (R.14a) Ingrid Cheung (R.15)	<b>Ritesh Chand</b> Team Leader (R.8) Jamie Christensen (R.1) Amanda Ray (R.2) Gillian Appleby (R.6) Liese van Dam (R.7) Danisha Lal (R.9) Liz Osokin (R.10)

### Guitar Lessons at Edendale School

**MusiqHub** are excited to offer private guitar tuition to students at Edendale School with experienced tutor **JP Carroll**. Students learn a range of traditional and contemporary styled songs and techniques where they play together as a group and take turns to play to the group as individuals. This format creates a fun environment for students and is hugely popular in schools around the country.

#### About MusiqHub

Musiqhub are a nation wide group of independent music teachers that use a proven teaching system to ensure excellence in instrument tuition. MusiqHub teachers host lessons for a wide range of instruments, and our programmes cover all age groups and musical abilities from year 3 students to those about to make the big time.

You can read more about MusiqHub at [www.musiqhub.co.nz](http://www.musiqhub.co.nz)

#### About Our Lessons

Learning music requires the development of skills and knowledge along with the retention of prior learning. With this in mind MusiqHub has developed a structured curriculum that utilises a sequential lesson process. Skills in the physical ability to play are developed alongside an understanding of music. Songs and activities are provided for reinforcement.

#### About JP

JP has been teaching the guitar at a number of Auckland schools since 2014. His patience, easy going nature and ability as a teacher have seen hundreds of guitar students enjoy his lessons since then. JP has a Diploma in Contemporary Music Performance, as well as extensive experience playing in bands, touring and recording music.

**MusiqHub is currently offering two free guitar lessons when you sign up for guitar lessons in Term 3 at Edendale, and there are limited spaces available.**

Email JP at [jp.carroll@musiqhub.co.nz](mailto:jp.carroll@musiqhub.co.nz) to begin the enrolment process.

### GYMNASTICS

Fantastic skill development Fantastic strength building Fantastic **TUMBLING** training Fantastic flexibility & mental concentration Fantastic coaches & equipment Fantastic Fun!

Register on the [www.GYMclub.co.nz](http://www.GYMclub.co.nz) website today!

Class starts on Friday 3 August at lunchtime in the school hall.

*"Classes are fantastic, more fun, more convenient, and I've learnt more in a term than I did in a year at my last club"* Charlotte

The cost for the 8 week term is only \$100.

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

0800 273 368

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](http://www.kellyclub.co.nz/edendale)

### Edendale Term Dates 2018

**Term 3:** 23 July - 28 September

Public holidays falling in school terms

**Term 4:** 15 October - 18 December

Monday 22 October - **Labour Day**

**Term 1 2019:** 31 January 2019

#### Board of Trustees

Next meeting will be held in the Meeting Room  
**Tuesday 7 August at 6:15pm**  
All welcome to attend.

#### Friends of Edendale (PTA)

Next meeting will be held in the Meeting Room  
**Thursday 16 August at 7:00pm**  
All welcome to attend.