



Aroha Term 4

Tēnā koutou Aroha whānau, welcome to our first team newsletter for Term 4. A special haere mai to our new families who are joining Edendale for the first time or are new to the Aroha team. Term 4 is a **'No hat, No play'** term for sun safety reasons so please help your child remember to pack a NAMED sunhat each day. If they forget they will need to spend their break times and PE/fitness sessions in the shade. Sunscreen application in the mornings is encouraged too.

Athletics



This week Room 26 have been learning how to throw a shot put (amongst other field activities), in preparation for our upcoming Aroha Sports Day. We have learnt that to throw a shot put correctly you must push the shot put out, rather than throw it like a small ball. The power comes not just from your arm, but from your legs and your whole body too, turning at the hips when you throw it. In Year 1 we use soft balls or pyramid type balls. By Year 6 the children will use a real junior shot put. By the year 2038 who knows, might be the next Valerie Adams or Tom Walsh representing New Zealand? They might very well come from Edendale school.

Learning with



In the hands of children, LEGO bricks are not just toys, they are colorful tools that encourage creative play and foster collaboration. By constructing their own imaginative ideas with other students, the children build their communication, negotiation, and self-expression skills while practicing basic sorting and counting concepts. In Room 30 we use LEGO for a hands-on way to explore numbers, shapes, and colors as the children construct and deconstruct their creations. Colorful bricks and figures offer an engaging way to learn addition, and subtraction. We even use them to learn our essential words.

Inquiry



For our inquiry, Room 24 is studying how people celebrate around the world. We will start with the Hindu festival of Diwali. Each morning for fitness we are doing Indian dancing.

This is a great way for us to practise some great moves and get fit. Later in the week we will make salt dough diyas (lights), lanterns and rangoli patterns and discuss how these are used in Diwali.



Recount

Room 25 has been enjoying writing.

This term we are focusing on writing a recount, and we have been learning to retell an event or story. Students chose to write about their own topics and they enjoyed free writing about Halloween and costumes. During writing they learn to form letters, sound out words, present an idea and illustrate.





Rangoli Art

This week Edendale is celebrating Diwali, the Indian festival of lights. Room 28 has been talking, reading and watching videos to learn about the festival and how it is celebrated. We decided to make some Rangoli pictures to bring good luck to us and our whānau. We explored symmetry and tried to make our Rangoli the same on each side. They turned out really bright and sparkly and we are proud of our work!

Paint and Write

This week Room 23 students have had their first go at Paint and Write. During Paint and Write the children have ten minutes to paint a picture, using water colours and a small paintbrush. They have complete freedom of choice. After the ten minutes is up the children write about their painting. This gives them the opportunity to practise their writing skills independently and to show their teacher how much they have learnt. Great job Room 23!



Our newest class

A warm welcome to Edendale's newest class Room 31 taught by Michelle Burgess and Vivienne Gardiner. Currently we have 18 children in the class and are growing each week. Room 31 students have been getting to know the school and each other. We look forward to sharing our learning with you this term.



Takaro Tahi

Room 29 children practise inclusiveness while playing. In Te Reo Maori, we say *takaro tahi*, which means 'playing as one', or *korero pukapuka tahi*, 'read as one' When no one is left out, we are happy and we can learn!



Save the Date!



Friday 2 nd Nov	Community Action Day for strikes
Monday 12 th Nov	School is closed due to teacher strikes
Monday 19 th Nov	Yo-1 Athletics Day 9am-1pm (Save day Wed 21st Nov if raining)
Week start 26 th Nov	We are having a Book week to celebrate literacy. Stand by for more information.
Wednesday 28 th Nov	Open morning 9-11:20am- come in and join in with your child's learning and playtime activities.
Swimming	Swimsation instructors will be coming in later in the term for a cost of about \$40. Look out for notices about this and ask your child's teacher for more information about their class swimming.
Assemblies in school hall	Whole School- Fridays 9:10am- 2nd, 16th, 30th November. Junior Assemblies- 9am- 9th & 23rd Nov + 14th Dec. See you there if you can make it.