# **AKO TEAM**

**NEWSLETTER** 



#### Athletics Day by Jono Room 15

On the 18th September all the year 3 marched to the bottom field for the first part of the athletic games. I was in the Red Team. First we walked to the high jump and Lewis was first in the line and he got over the bar like a kangaroo. When it was my turn I got over too. Next we strolled to the frisbee and I had to wait for a long time until my turn came. I didn't do a good throw. Then we walked over to the long jump and I was second in line. Sam was putting sticks on the sand to mark the places. I really liked the high jump and long jump because jumping was so fun.

After morning tea we had races and relays in the Scout Den Field. There were lots of races and I got sunburnt. I came second in one of those races. I shouted, "Woo-Hoo!" Therefore I was in for the semi-finals but I came fifth so I didn't get into the final race. Tyron won all the six races - he was a super runner. When we ran the whole lane, I came first in the quarter-final. Soon I came third in the semi-final but I came fourth in the final race. It was such an awesome race.

Overall, it was an excellent day and I hope we would have Athletics Day again next term.



## **WELCOME TO**

Kia ora whanau,

Ako team teachers would like to say a big welcome back for the last term of the year. Although this is the last term there is still a lot going on here at Edendale and for our students. Last term we finished off with your EOTC. The students went on either a trip to Ambury Farm or to AUT Millennium. They also participated in some in school activities which taught a range of skills across the curriculum in a fun, hands on experience.

Recently we have had our athletics days with the students getting out and giving track and field activities a go. It was fantastic to see the students learning how to support each other and demonstrating sportsmanship to their peers. Soon some of the year 4 students will also participate in the Eden/Albert athletics competition coming up.

The students in Ako team this term will be focusing on descriptive writing, looking at adding appropriate adjectives to objects and characters. In Art we will be exploring the artist Andy Warhol and looking at print art and pop culture. There will also be Garden to Table for students to experience real life application of literacy and numeracy skills, swimming, buddy inquiry and a whole lot more going on.

Last but not least, Edendale will be hosting an open morning for parents on Wednesday 28 November from 9am-11.20am. Here you will be able to come into the classroom and hang out with the students and the teachers. We would love to see you if you can make it.

Kind regards,

Grace Piggott-Rogers, Jonathan Jackson, Mark Airey, Yana Dennett and Ingrid Cheung.

#### **Garden to Table**

Garden to Table is where you have fun!
You get to make food which always tastes yum!
Whatever you do is enjoyable fun!
So don't be shy, join in and come!

By Julia Zvezdin





### THE BEST E.O.T.C TRIP EVER!



On Thursday, the 13th of September 2018, half of the year 4 students from Edendale prepared to go to the AUT Millennium later that morning. Why? Because it played a major part in their E.O.T.C.

First, everyone arrived at school, buzzing with excitement. Everyone organised themselves into their groups, Group 1, Group 2, Group 3 and Group 4. I was in group 2 with my friends Lachlan, Ivy and Grayson. I was with my dad, Craig. The bus came at 9 o'clock and we all got on. We all thought there would be 2 buses, or at least a bendy bus. We were astonished to find out there was only one, normal bus and we had to squash ourselves into the seats.

Once we arrived at the Millennium we lined up and Group 1+ Group 2 went to the pool area. We all put on life jackets (I had the smallest kind!) and the instructor taught us how to do the safe entry. We all got in and the instructor told us to lie back and kick to the other end of the pool. When we came back, the instructor showed us the position we should get into if we were floating in the ocean, stranded.

Then the instructor showed us what we should do if we were stranded in the ocean in a group. That position was called a HUDDLE. The smallest person/people/ weakest swimmer/s go in the middle. Once we mastered that, the instructor got out my favourite thing THE BOAT. It really just was an inflatable one, but it could hold up to 10 people. The instructor taught us how to do an entry off a boat.

The boat activities were the highlight of the trip for me. When we did an entry off the boat, we had to cover our airways, hold the shoulders of our life jackets, and tip backwards when she said "GO!" we had to tip back. The first time I tipped, I did a backflip in the water. Next we had to form a huddle, and then there was the biggest challenge of all. getting back onto the boat! Reuben hauled himself up, and then pulled us onto the boat by the shoulders of our life jackets. Everyone got a boost from behind, except me. Why? I was last. We managed to get everyone up faster than the first half of our group! What was kind of annoying for the parent volunteers was that they had brought a bag with their swimming stuff in it but they didn't even get in the water!

Next we swapped with Group 1 and did water polo. I got to be goalie! I didn't really enjoy it though, because my team only got one goal and I didn't save a single goal! When I got to be attacker, the game finished!

After getting out of the pool and drying ourselves off, we went to track. It wasn't too bad! We ran around the area where the athletes trained. Then we went inside and played an obstacle course relay race. Then we played 'Hot chocolate'. To play you have six marshmallows (really circular

wooden pellets) and you have to get to the other side of the room without touching the ground. Generally played with 15 or more people.

Then, it was rock-climbing time. We did proper rock-climbing. There was a climber, a person who makes sure the climber doesn't fall by pulling on ropes and a smiler who makes sure that person has everything they need. I climbed first. It was heaps of fun!

Finally after a long and exciting day we lined up by the door and filed into the bus. We waved goodbye happily.

By Isla Nimmo



# Parent help needed

Ako team is participating in Garden to Table in Term 4 and we are still looking for more parent helpers to support each class. If you can help on any of these dates please email the teacher and let them know the dates you can help.

Rm 12 has Garden to Table on the 17th October, 31st October, 14th November and 28th November. Lessons run from 11.20am -1pm on these dates. Miss Rogers grogers@edendale.school.nz

Rm 13 has Garden to Table on the 18th October, 1st November, 15th November and 29th November. Lessons run from 11.20am - 1pm on these dates. Mr Jackson jjackson@edendale.school.nz

**Rm 14** has Garden to Table on the 24th October, 7th November, 21st November and 5th December. Lessons run from 9am - 10.30am on these dates. Mr Airey mairey@edendale.school.nz

**Rm 14A** has Garden to Table on the 25th October, 8th November, 22nd November and 6th December. Lessons run from 11.20am - 1pm on these dates. Ms Dennett ydennett@edendale.school.nz

Rm 15 has Garden to Table on the 17th October, 31st October, 14th November and 28th November. Lessons run from 9am - 10.30am on these dates. Mrs Cheung icheung@edendale.school.nz