# **Rapu Newsletter**

### **Edendale Primary School**

# **Happy Holidays**



It is hard to believe we are nearly at the end of 2018. It has been a busy year with the children taking on and meeting many challenges. There were many highlights and we hope that the children have some great memories of their time in Rapu team. We would like to say a huge thank you to those of you who were able to volunteer your time for Garden to Table, EOTC, and Ambury Farm during the year. These activities could not go ahead without you. Thank you for all of your on-going support. We would like to extend a very merry Christmas to all who celebrate this holiday and a happy new year. Have a relaxing, happy and safe summer break with whanau and friends. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2019.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

- 17 December 2018: Reports Issued, 2019 Class Visits
- 18 December 2018: School Finishes 1pm
- 31 January 2019: Term 1, 2019 Begins

#### Inquiry Boom 11

R11 have been exploring interactive books with a particular focus on popup books. Students have learned that there are only two folds needed to make a pop-up book, a v-fold and a step-fold. We explored how to use these skills to make our own books, cards and shared books.



#### Room 3

We have learned a lot about how life was different in the past. We have compared schools, transport, books and technology. The children made a film recreating a classroom from 100 years ago.



#### Room 4

We have been looking at celebrations from around the world. The students then made up their own celebration. They had to think of a reason and what people do for this celebration. Some of the ideas were: Isla Day, Alicorn Day, Candy Day, and Chocolate Day.

#### Room 5

We have been learning about important events in NZ history; NZ Land Wars, the Springbok Tour, the Rainbow Warrior and the Women's' Suffragette movement. It has been fascinating hearing the



student's opinions and conclusions of how these events have impacted on us today.

## **Garden to Table**



## **Room 5 Student Volunteer Army**

We arrived at school on Friday 23 November feeling really excited. We were heading off to Lexham Gardens Rest Home for the morning. Miss Crombie had signed us up for the Student Volunteer Army (SVA), so we had come up with ideas of what we could do to help out in the community. Then we had all voted and decided we wanted to visit a rest home to sing songs, share writing, read books and take baking for morning tea. We had written to the home and made an action plan! When we marched off to Lexham Gardens we had two leaders, a flag holder and parent helpers. When we went inside it was really silent as we went into the lounge. We greeted the people and Sarah and Payton introduced us. We started with some songs; 'Edendale' which Angela led, and some Christmas carols. We read some of our writing and books and talked to the residents. We had a shared morning tea which was delicious. We said goodbye. We shook hands and one lady kissed everyone's hand. It was spectacularly amazing and one of the most fun days we have ever had. Sara, Daisy, Ella and Georgia Room 5



