

Aroha

Kia ora koutou and welcome to Aroha's first team newsletter for 2019. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new families who have joined us this year at Edendale Primary School and also welcome back families who joined us last year.

We have an exciting term of learning coming up and we would like to share with you some of what we have been doing in our classes so far this year.

Meet the team

Room 25: Suzie Neilson

Room 26: Aine Connaughton

Room 27: Grace Du (Class to be opened in Term 2)

Room 28: Rosie Oliver

Room 29: Fabienne Gillies

Room 30: Alan Waith

Room 31: Adrienne Kerin

Save the Date!

February

- **Tues 19th** : Open morning for parents 9.00am to 10.00 am
- **Tues 19th** : Chinese New Year Parade 10.00am to 11.00am
- **Wed 27th** : Parent Conferences 1.00pm to 7.00pm
- **Thurs 28th** : Parent Conferences 1.00pm to 5.00pm

March

- **Fri 1st, 15th and 29th** : Junior singing assemblies in the hall 9.45am to 10.15am
- **Tues 12th** : Whanau Picnic 5.00pm to 7.00pm

April

- **Fri 12th** : Last day of Term One



Room 25

This term the children in room 25 have been writing, writing, writing! We are practicing the formation of our letters, helping one another with writing stories and doing puzzles to help us with some first words. We are learning about finger spacing, capital letters and writing on the line.



Room 29

We are all special people! Room 29 tamariki have painted portraits of themselves to celebrate the fact that we are all unique. We are all different and that is what makes us special.



Room 26

Shape and Patterns. We've been busy finding shapes and patterns all around us for Maths. We even found hidden shapes on our shoes!!!!

Now we are working hard to make amazing patterns with our shapes. Finding shapes is great fun, can you find any at home??



Room 28

This term the children in Room 28 have begun the year talking about 'Ourselves and our Families'. Each child has created a pencil sketch, painted a self portrait and talked about their family and what they enjoy doing. Room 28 have also created some graphs showing their favourite fruit, the number of people in their family and the animals they like the best. Here are some photos of Room 28's awesome work.



Room 31

Kia ora koutou. This term during Maths time, children in Room 31 have been making repeating patterns with blocks and pegs. This has been part of their Maths rotation of activities. They have talked about their patterns and compared colours and size. I wonder if Room 31 children can make a pattern at home, using everyday objects?



Room 30

. Kia Ora Koutou. This term the children in Room 30 have learnt a couple of Maori waiata. Two of the songs - 'Tena Koutou (We Are Glad To See You)' and 'Tena Koe - Hello To One', are welcoming songs, which provides an ideal opportunity for Room 30 to perform them, when we meet new children and parents during new entrant visits. The third waiata is a great way of getting the children to learn the days of the week in Te Reo Maori. Ka Kite Ano, Matua Alan.