

MEET OUR TEACHERS

➔ Charmaine Herman Team leader - Room 5

Kia Ora, I am Charmaine Herman and I teach in Room 5. I am also the team leader for Akoranga Team. I have been part of the Edendale community for a while now and I always enjoy seeing the younger siblings of previous students in my class. I live with my husband and two children (10 and 7 years).

In my free time I enjoy being with my family whether it be walks, trips to the beach or baking with the kids. I look forward to meeting and working with a great team of students and teachers this year.

➔ Kate Roil - Room 1

My name is Kate Roil. I have been teaching for about 10 years, and I have been at Edendale since 2014. I particularly love teaching writing and art where children's personalities and voice comes out. I recently got engaged, my partner and I have also just bought a house, and I am 5 months pregnant - It's been a busy 6 months! In my spare time I love baking and going for walks and playing with my cat Batman.

➔ Ingrid Cheung - Room 2

Nihao, my name is Ingrid Cheung and I am from Devon in England. I have a passion for learning languages.

In my spare time I love listening to books in different languages and trying to find out any similarities in grammar patterns. Also I just love finding new maths games on websites!

At home I have a mischievous black cat called Marlow and he likes typing on my computer while I am doing school work.

➔ Philippa Priest - Room 3

Kia ora whanau, my name is Philippa Priest. I am passionate about making learning fun and providing meaningful experiences for my students. I encourage all children to meet their full potential. I love teaching literacy and play based learning. I am also a trained Reading Recovery teacher.

I have two teenage children and live locally. During the holidays, I enjoy tramping, skiing and the outdoors. I am looking forward to getting to know you all.

➔ Melody Yong - Room 4

I am in my 2nd year of teaching and I am very excited to be spending the year with Room 4. A little bit about me: I was born and raised in Malaysia and migrated to New Zealand over 10 years ago.

Besides being a teacher, some of my interests include travelling to new countries. I love to experience different cultures, exploring the outdoors and new hiking routes and playing board games. Also, I really enjoy playing team sports and play ultimate frisbee at a competitive level. My biggest goal for this year is to motivate, encourage and inspire children to love learning. I can't wait to assist in their learning journey as well as being able to see them mature and develop.

AKORANGA TEAM NEWSLETTER



From left to right: Ingrid Cheung, Kate Roil, Philippa Priest, Charmaine Herman, and Melody Yong

Welcome to the new school year. It has been a lovely start and we are excited for the year ahead. Our team name, Akoranga, is a Māori term with meanings that include teaching and place of learning. It is derived from the root word ako, which means both to teach and to learn, and recognises the relationship of both. Year 2-3 consists of 10 classes this year, 5 classes in the Atawhai Team and 5 classes in the Akoranga Team. We look forward to getting to know our students and their families in the term ahead. Please feel free to touch base with your child's teacher if you have any queries.

➔ Mandarin Language Assistant

We are so fortunate to have a Mandarin Language Assistant in our school this year. Her name is Miss Gao Qing (Annie) and she is from Fudan University in Shanghai. She is finishing her Masters Degree in teaching Chinese to English speaking students. All the year 2 and 3 classes will begin Chinese lessons as one of the subjects later this term.



➔ Student teacher - Yashika Dheda

I am a 3rd-year student studying a bachelor of education at The University of Auckland. This year I am delighted to be placed here in room 3. I will be in room 3 for the next three weeks and then returning again towards the end of term 2 for my 7-week placement. I look forward to being a part of the Akoranga team during this year and working with your children.

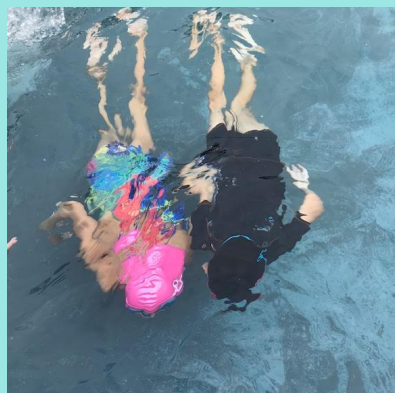


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☞ Water water everywhere!

This term the focus of our inquiry is water. We are exploring states of matter and how water changes. We will also be learning about the water cycle. These photos show some children exploring how water evaporates in the hot sun.



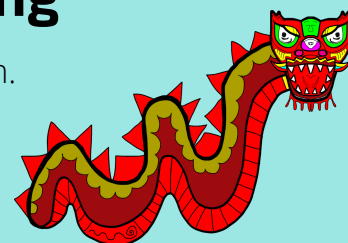
☞ Swimming Fun!

The Akoranga team have been having a great time cooling off in the pool in this lovely hot weather.

This term we are focusing on pool safety and consolidating the skills the children learnt last year.

☞ Chinese New Year Parade and Open morning

Please come into your child's classroom on Tuesday, 19th February from 8:20am. This is a good opportunity for children to share their work with you. Also, there will be a Chinese New Year Parade at 10:00am and you are welcome to stay for the festivities.



☞ Important Dates

Friday 15th February
Akoranga and Atawhai Assembly - 10.30- 11am

Friday 1st March
Akoranga and Atawhai Assembly - 10.30- 11am

Friday 15th March
Akoranga and Atawhai Assembly - 10.30- 11am

Tuesday 19th February
Open morning (from 8.20) and Chinese New Year Parade (10am)

Wednesday 27th (1pm - 7pm) and Thursday 28th (1pm - 5pm) February
Parent teacher conferences - School closes at 1pm

Tuesday 12th March
Whanau Picnic 5-7pm