



# MAHI TAHI

To work together, collaborate, cooperate

## Jonathan Jackson

I am currently the team leader for the Mahi Tahi team, and the new Deputy Principal for Edendale Primary School. I have been a teacher for a few years now but before teaching, I was a chef. I was also lucky enough to do some DJ work for a small radio station called Fleet FM. I still love cooking and music and find these things relaxing.

## Liz Osokin

Before starting at Edendale last year, I used to work in international business as an interpreter. I have been a teacher for 12 years in Christchurch and overseas. My two children are grown up. I am excited about teaching in our modern learning environment and creating some fantastic projects with the children.

## Mark Airey

My name is Mark Airey and I've been teaching for 6 years. I've been at Edendale for all of this time and have taught across various year levels starting from Year 2.

## Welcome to 2019

Dear parents, whanau and caregivers,

2019 has started with a roar and there is excitement in the air in the Mahi Tahi team regarding the learning that the students will be taking part in this term. Mahi Tahi is the Maori term for working as one. Our team is comprised of eight teachers: Room 11 Sharon Topliss, Room 33 Lily Bergin, Room 34 Liz Osokin, Room 12 Jonathan Jackson and Barbara Webber, Room 13 Annaliese van Dam, Room 14 Braedon Schache and Room 15 Mark Airey.

The Mahi Tahi team is excited to be working collaboratively and exploring shared learning spaces where the teachers and students will be working as one. This provides teachers with valuable opportunities to share learning approaches, experiences and planning. This means that our students will be getting the best from those teachers involved.

The students this term will be partaking in an exciting Inquiry project creating fictional businesses based on the concept of food trucks, participating in Garden to Table on a weekly basis, and doing swimming (with Swimsation and as part of our P.E sessions).

Our team is looking forward to working with you this year and please feel free to contact us if you need us on the following email addresses:

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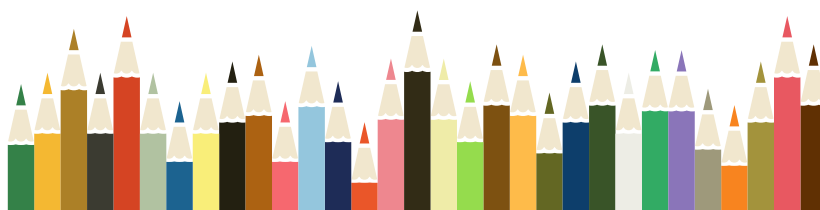
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## Annaliese van Dam

I'm Miss van Dam and this is my 7th year teaching. I have been teaching at Edendale for 4 years now and previously taught at Papakura Normal School. I am excited about working in combined teaching space with Room 14.

## Braedon Schache

This is my first year working at Edendale after being here on placement last year. I love the school and the environment that the community creates. I am a keen swimmer, beach lover, and look forward to working with this amazing team this year.

## Lily Bergin

Talofa. Although this is my first year at Edendale, I have been teaching for many years. I have four children, two boys and two girls. I enjoy gardening, reading, playing on-line scrabble and walking my little terrier dog, Lilica. I am looking forward to working with you this year as it is my belief that partnerships/working together as a team produces better results for our tamariki.

## Sharon Topliss

This is my fifth year working at Edendale. Teaching is my third career. Previously I worked as an accountant before taking time to be a full time mum to my two sons. I am looking forward to working with the wonderful children in Room 11.

## Inquiry

This term, the Mahi Tahī Team are designing their own food trucks. Students will have to plan and create a logo, menu, slogan and food truck. They will be using skills from all areas of the curriculum (reading, writing, art, technology, maths) in a fun and engaging way. Students will have to think about the struggles and benefits of starting up their own business and by the end, using a bit of creativity, they will have designed and built their own food truck.



## Class Statistics

Room 11 started the year using maths to find out more about our new class. First, we collected the information we needed by answering a series of questions. Then we got into groups, analysed the data we gathered and came up with statements that described our class.



### Important dates:

19 February	Open morning and Chinese New Year Parade
27-28 February	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Weeks 3-11	Garden to Table ( hats and closed toe shoes)
Weeks 9-10	Swimsation swimming lessons