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Edendale
 Primary School

21 February 2019

Kia ora koutou and welcome again to the first term for 2019. We are now in wiki whā [Week 4] and the time has just raced by. 谢谢 [Xiexie] to all those involved in our Edendale Chinese New Year Celebrations that occurred on Rātu [Tuesday] after our open morning. It was great to see so many whānau attend school and stay on for the celebration. You will find some photos later in the newsletter and also on our Facebook page.

I have not been as visible this term at before and after school crossing duty, because we are still in the process of finding two Deputy Principals and the mahi that this means for both myself and Jonathan Jackson on his release days. This will change once we have our new appointments on board. See later in this newsletter for more staffing updates.

Please make sure you read the newsletters, school [Facebook page](#), [school website](#), [Twitter account](#), and/or download the school App (search Edendale Primary School in the Apple App or Google Play store) to stay up to date with things of interest.

Some calendar events of note:

1. The first **meet the Principal and Senior Leader/s** get together will be on **Thursday 28th February 8:30-9:30am** in the staffroom. Come for a drink and muffin
2. The beginning of year whānau/family picnic will be held [weather dependent] on **Tuesday 12th March from 5:00-7:00pm**. More details to follow

Again, welcome to 2019 and please ask or make contact if you'd like to know/find out anything or give us feedback. Thanks also to those of you who have already paid your school donation and activity fee. This allows us to provide a more exciting programme for our children.

Ngā mihi,

Nā.

Jonathan
 Principal/Tumuaki

Parent/teacher conferences: in **term one** this year [not term two] on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th February. School will be closed from 1:00pm on each of these days and we'd ask that you support us by organising to collect your children on these days. Bookings can be made by going to <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/> and entering the event code **jcb6m** or alternatively speak directly to your child's teacher or phone the Edendale office (09) 846 6340. Please note – the back gates will be locked at the usual

time of 4:00pm. The front gate will remain open for families to access the classrooms. Thank you for supporting us to maintain security throughout the school while our teachers are involved with the conferences.

School Policy Review: Close date for feedback is the 12th April

This term we are reviewing the following policies:

1. School Swimming Pool
2. Alcohol, Drugs, and other Harmful Substances

Your feedback around the above can be made online via the School Docs portal:

<http://edendale.schooldocs.co.nz/>

Staffing Update:

Team Mahi Tahi: Congratulations to Sharon Topliss for her appointment to Team Leader of our Year 4 & 5 team. We are looking forward to working alongside Sharon in this capacity as a Middle Leader at Edendale. Sharon replaces Jonathan Jackson who was made Deputy Principal last year.

Room 12: Thank you for all your support with the dual teaching position within Room 12 for the past two weeks while we have been working to find a fulltime teacher for this room and team. From Monday 25th February Tahi Vanevald will be taking on the role of fulltime teacher/kaiako for Room 12. Tahi has taught at Edendale for a number of years before taking some time off to pursue other opportunities. He is now returning to teaching full-time. We are very pleased that he has decided to return to Edendale. We would like to thank Barbara Webber for her time with Room 12 over the past two weeks and thank you for your support around this. Jonathan Jackson and Tahi will be working together in Room 12 on Monday and Tuesday. Tahi will take over from Wednesday and both will be at the parent-teacher conferences to meet with you. Thank you again, over what is a difficult time in education finding teaching staff to teach in our classrooms.

Leaving us: Danisha Lal will be leaving us to pursue options outside teaching and she finishes with us on Friday 1st March. We are working on having a consistent teacher in this classroom for the remainder of the term until we find a suitable teacher.

Senior Leadership: We are in the process of shortlisting and interviewing for the two Deputy Principal roles left vacant and hope to be able to advise more around these within a couple of weeks.

Assembly:

Please come and join us if you can tomorrow at just after 9am for our first whole school assembly for 2019. Please keep an eye out for further details about whole school assemblies and the frequency of these. We are discussing as a staff how often these should happen while taking into consideration all the areas of the curriculum we are wanting to deliver.

Riding bikes and scooters to school:

Please note that the scooter and bike racks are located next to the kiln/caretakers shed, behind Room 21, in front of Rooms 26 and 23 and behind Room 16. If you are riding your bike or scooter to school, make sure to lock them securely. You are required to wear a helmet for your safety! Please remember to walk bikes or scooters in the school grounds at all times.

It's Time/Kua Tae Te Wā Update:

You may remember that teachers and principals took strike action twice last year to send a message to the Government that more needed to be done to fix the teacher shortage and make teaching a more sustainable and attractive profession.

After conversations with government in January, our union, [NZEI Te Riu Roa], has agreed to return to formal negotiations with the Ministry. The Government has continued to state that there is no more money to settle the agreements but we are continuing to campaign for a quality public education for every child. We believe that winning more time to teach, a significant pay jolt [to attract and keep people in teaching], and better resourcing for children with additional learning needs is as important as ever.

Any progress in negotiations will be reported to teachers and principals at paid union meetings around the country in the week of March 18-22nd. These meetings will be held during school time and we will advise you nearer the time about how this will impact on our school community.

Public polling has showed continued strong support for what we are trying to achieve for our students and the future of the teaching profession. Parents in particular see the struggles we already face in hiring teachers and finding relievers when teachers are sick. We greatly appreciate your continued support as we continue our campaign to ensure every child gets the best possible teaching and learning.

Operation Edendale:

Room 17 are doing a Maths project to raise funds for our school. We've named it 'Operation Edendale'. We are using \$10 each to buy materials to produce food, drinks and crafts to sell. Please come along on Thursday 7th March and Thursday 14th March from 3:00-3:15pm outside Room 17 to support us!!

Chinese New Year Celebrations:



friends of EDENDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome Back

We hope everyone had a lovely holiday and that the school year has started off well for you! We are looking forward to an outstanding year working with our community to raise money for the children of Edendale Primary School.

Meetings

Now would be a great time to come and join us – our **first meeting** of the year is on tonight! **21st February**. If you would like to join us, email us on pta@edendale.school.nz or just show up to the meeting. The meeting starts at **7:00pm** and is held in the meeting room (off the office foyer). We hold our meetings monthly, during term time. These are held every third Thursday of the month during term time and generally last for around an hour.

2019 meetings: February 21st, March 21st, May 16th, June 20th, August 15th, September 19th, October 17th and November 21st (AGM)

The ways you can support us:

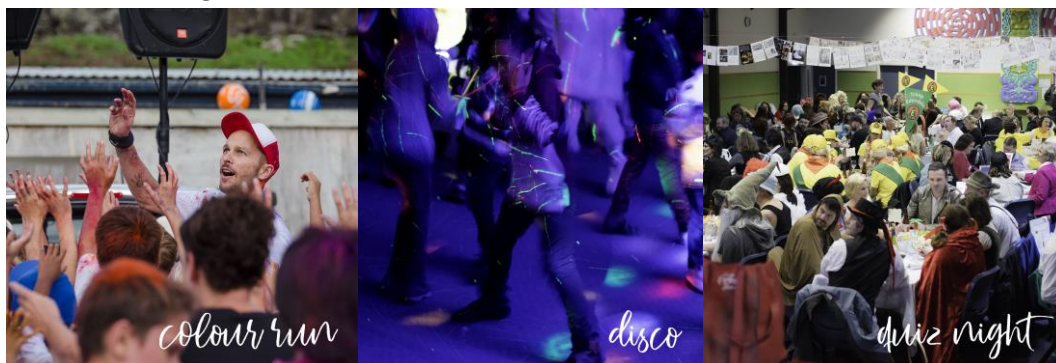
We are always looking for people to help. We have the philosophy that many hands make light work and we encourage Edendale families to support us in any way you can. This can be by one of the following:

- Join **Friends of Edendale Primary School** (a 1 hour monthly meeting)
- Donate a couple of hours of your time to help at any of the events we run
- Offer your expertise
- Donate a service or item from your work / business
- Participate in our events, buy tickets, buy goods we sell

Current Friends of Edendale Primary School members:

Chairperson	Ross Keane
Treasurer	Tracey Whitby
Co- Secretaries	Jo Lo, Kerry Hoult
Teacher Rep	Julie Crombie
Members	Kylie Darby-Smith, Shauna O'Malley, Danni Li

2019 Fundraising Events



School Picnic – Sausage Sizzle **Tuesday 12th March**

Come meet the PTA and support our first fundraising event for the year by buying from our sausage sizzle. Halal lamb and vegetarian sausages will be for sale!

Colour Run **Sunday 24th March**

A fun run followed by the throwing of powdered colour, based on the Holi Festival. We ran this event for the first time in 2016 and due to its popularity, we are bringing it back each year!

Disco **Friday 21st June**

This is one of the highlights of the year for the kids! 2017 was the first year we held our disco mid-year in winter. In 2018 the theme was Stars which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The theme is yet to be confirmed for this year.

We split the disco into age groups – Years 0 – 3 and Years 4 – 6. We run a sausage sizzle, a bake stall, and sell ice blocks, drinks, chips and we do facepainting, and tattoos too! As well as dancing the night away to a DJ, it's a fantastic night for all!

Movie Night **around May**

Stay tuned to hear details of a night out at the movies for the parents.

Quiz Night **Friday 6th September**

This is our biggest fundraiser for the year! Mark this date in your calendar now, organise your team and your costumes and keep your eyes out for when we start to sell tickets as these sell out FAST! We also hold a silent auction during the evening and we are always looking for sponsorship from our community, friends, family, businesses, afterschool activity organisations, bach or holiday breaks, experiences, tickets to events etc etc!

Cards and Calendars **For sale around August/September**

All children do a beautiful piece of art work with either their teacher or with Kusam the art teacher, then the parents can place orders later on in the year for calendars, cards and the like with their child's masterpiece printed on. A calendar is always a great gift idea for the grandparents and for friends and families overseas!

Bake Sales

Friends of Edendale are looking to bring back fundraising bake sales this year. This hasn't been done for a number of years, but we're sure the kids and their whanau would love to support the school by buying delicious treats once a term! Each term a different year group will host the bake sale so stay tuned for when it's your child's class' turn. This is their opportunity to shine in the kitchen, bake up some goods and bring them to the bake sale to sell.

Mark out the dates in your calendar and in the weeks leading up to each event we'll be asking for volunteers and for other offers of support, keep an eye out in the newsletters and also on the Edendale Facebook page for updates. If you have any questions or comments about an event or what we do as an organization, feel free to email us at pta@edendale.school.nz

Edendale PTA

Extra Curricula:

Guitar and Drum Lessons at Edendale School

Are you interested in seeing your child succeed with music in 2019? Guitar and drum lessons are a great way to enrich your children's lives with fun while they learn amazing new skills on their instrument of choice.

About Our Lessons

Learning music requires the development of skills and knowledge along with the retention of prior learning. With this in mind MusiqHub has developed a structured curriculum that utilises a sequential lesson process. Skills in the physical ability to play are developed alongside an understanding of music. Songs and activities are provided for reinforcement.

About our teachers: JP and Nick

JP has been teaching the guitar at a number of Auckland schools since 2014. His patience, easy going nature and ability as a teacher have seen hundreds of guitar students enjoy his lessons since then. JP has a Diploma in Contemporary Music Performance, as well as extensive experience playing in bands, touring and recording music.

Nick has been teaching the drums at a number of Auckland schools and Music Academies since 2015. Nick's passion for teaching young people is sparked from him also learning drums at a young age and knowing what it takes to succeed in his known field, and of course having fun while doing so! Nick has been drumming for over 20 years and has performed locally and internationally with a number of New Zealand artists, most notably with his band Ekko Park. Nick also has a Bachelor's Degree Majoring in Music.

Musiqhub are a nationwide group of independent music teachers that use a proven teaching system to ensure excellence in instrument tuition. MusiqHub teachers host lessons for a wide range of instruments, and our programmes cover all age groups and musical abilities from Year 3 students to those about to make the big time.

You can read more about MusiqHub at www.musiqhub.co.nz

Enrol now by emailing jp.carroll@musiqhub.co.nz

JP and Nick will be doing an **intro to MusiqHub** at the assembly on **Friday 8th March**, followed by a 'have a go' session, the morning before school on **Monday 11th March** at 8:20am, in the school hall. Feel free to come along to either of these sessions to find out more.

Piano and Wind Lessons at Edendale School

Enrolment for beginners are now being taken for piano and wind. Year 3 and above - Piano is taken in group classes and private lessons. Year 4 and above - Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Trumpet and Trombone. Lessons during school and everyone gets to perform in the school band. Instruments can be hired from KBB music. Please contact Fiona on 021 983777

or fionabygrave@gmail.com. You can also enrol online

at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1h4BSqQpYMOdQdwmX02e1o_aWJFJW00A1cHWSSmbf40/edit

Pform.nz Classes

FREE TRIAL CLASS! Saturday 2nd March in the school hall!

Age 4-7 12.30 - 1.30

Age 8-12 1.30 - 2.30

Pform.nz offers Performing Arts Classes in Auckland that combine a unique blend of our Drama, Dance and Musical Theatre courses so you can train to be a triple threat and we are coming to Edendale Primary on Saturdays!

We have designed these Performance classes to develop a holistic approach to training for the student who wants to learn all aspects of performance. We teach performing arts for kids, teens and adults alike. Our curriculum comprises learning objectives for each session and using the performing arts as a tool we encourage our junior students so they become confident and their self-esteem builds. Our courses have no exams or grading. Instead we

expose these performers to the most relevant test of all, the big stage! All students perform in the end of year show in November/December. Terms 1 and 2 are an important training ground. You will use Term 3 to prepare your show item and will hone performance skills in the big stage show during Term 4.

For any questions contact Grace by email: grace@pform.nz or book online through their website: [Pform.nz](http://pform.nz) <http://pform.nz/>

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Fantastic flexibility & mental concentration Fantastic coaches & equipment Fantastic Fun!

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Class starts on Friday 22nd February at 1:00pm in the school hall.

"Classes are fantastic, more fun, more convenient, and I've learnt more in a term than I did in a year at my last club" Charlotte

The cost for the 8 week term is only \$100.

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