



Edendale Primary School

7th March, 2019

Kia ora koutou and as-salam alaykum.

Our deepest sympathy and thoughts go out to all who have been immediately affected by the events in Christchurch / Ōtautahi on Friday. As a Nation we have also been immensely affected by this act that is hard to comprehend for adults let alone our tamariki.

The values of Edendale Primary School are underpinned by the New Zealand Curriculum and we will continue to focus on these as we care for our children. We value... diversity, equity through fairness and social justice, community and participation for the common good... and for tamariki to respect themselves, others and human rights.

We pride ourselves on creating an environment that has at the core a sense of belonging, safety and fun where we promote respect for one another, their own and the property of others...

We realise that events such as those of Friday can be distressing for our pupils. As always, the best place to have these conversations is within your whānau. As a school we will be providing support for any students or staff who need some time to process this sad event.

Please contact us if your children need any particular support at school.

These resources may be of use:

- 1] https://www.newsroom.co.nz/@ideasroom/2017/10/05/51571/terror-on-tv-what-do-i-say-to-my-children?fbclid=IwAR0zBAXgVuDyHFWvdCRu3F78vTIYgVpIPuGKMsVZKACaet_IwSHK0q_ZBTE
- 2] <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/protecting-the-children/201607/how-talk-kids-about-mass-shootings-and-attacks?amp&fbclid=IwAR0JCW56dyEMlr7hIR0tQ4vxKKTjBq1sNJddeFeWv9dQ27fQZXoV3c6m5c4>
- 3] <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Ewgu369Jw>
- 4] <https://www.theparentingplace.com/how-to-talk-about/world-trauma/?fbclid=IwAR3-FyXHEcG4s9MLqluw2e8NADWmOiEvlPO8wj-uOp85j4Rs5I4I-a9Owc>

Ngā mihi.

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Jonathan Ramsay
Principal | Tumuaki