



# AKORANGA TEAM NEWSLETTER

Week 11, Term One, 2019

It is hard to believe we are at the end of the first term already. There have been many highlights this term including meeting and working with students and their whānau, introducing Play Based Learning into our classroom programs and watching our students participate in the Edendale Chinese New Year Parade. We hope you have enjoyed using Seesaw to connect with the work your tamaiki are doing in their classrooms. Whānau feedback has been really encouraging and students have enjoyed the comments you leave for them. If you are having trouble viewing your child's page, please see your classroom teacher. For those of you who have paid for Mathletics, your child should now have received their details for logging in.

Next term our inquiry will be 'Under the Sea' and we are excited to see where the students may take this and explore further. If you have any expertise or contacts in this area please let us know. Next term you may also see some changes occurring in Rooms 3, 4 and 5 as we begin to look at creating an Innovative Learning Environment space together. This will be a gradual process and include Play Based Learning which you will have seen in classrooms this term. We look forward to sharing more of this journey with you as it unfolds.

## PLAY BASED LEARNING

Akoranga students have been busy this term creating, problem solving and exploring concepts through play. Thank you for all the resources you have helped us with.

Next term our inquiry topic will be 'Under the Sea' and we are beginning to collect resources related to this topic. If you are visiting the beach over the holidays, encourage your tamariki to beach comb!

Suitable items to collect could include; shells, rocks, dried seaweed, kina and clean fish bones. Any artifacts such as fishing nets, old fishing lines (no hooks), models of sea creatures and books will also be gratefully accepted.



## WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE!

We have been learning about the water cycle this term. Room 1 have been making posters to show what we have learnt about the water cycle. Casey said "We learnt that a cycle goes round and round. It doesn't have a start or an end."





Written by Zachary

One sunny day a little water droplet was flowing in the sea. Suddenly, it evaporated to the big, blue sky, and turned into a cloud. The wind blew the cloud far far away and the cloud grew bigger and bigger and bigger. Then little water droplet fell down as rain into the trees and it dropped back into a river and back in the sea. This is the story about the great water cycle.

## THE JOURNEY OF A RAINDROP

Written by Thomas

First, little drop evaporated rapidly up into the bright blue sky. He became part of another cloud. Next the cloud got very cold and it began to rain. Then little drop landed safely on the end of some green grass. He slid down and landed in a puddle. After that he swam to a lake and got sucked down a pipe into a sink full of dirty dishes. Then the plug got pulled out of the sink. A whirlpool formed in the sink and he got sucked into another pipe. He whirled round and round the pipe then he sprouted out into the ocean with his parents once again. This is the story of the great water cycle.

## MARBLING

Akoranga team have been learning how to make marble art. Here are some verb poems to reflect the children's enjoyment in creating their amazing artwork.

By Jasskerat

Have you ever made marble art before?  
Fingers squeezing carefully  
Hands swirling around like a figure eight  
Legs standing quietly  
TRY IT OUT!

By Kate

Have you ever done marble art before? Yes or no?  
Ink dropping softly  
Hands swirling quietly  
Standing softly  
Colours dancing  
I love it!



**Term One:**

Friday 12th April - Last day of Term One

**Term Two:**

Monday 29th April - First Day of Term Two

Thursday 6th June - Trip to Kelly Tarltons

Thursday 20th June - School Disco

Friday 5th July - Last day of Term Two

Whole School Assemblies (9:10-9:45am) -

10th May, 7th June and 5th July

