



Team Newsletter

Akoranga

Week 3 • Term 3 • 2019

**Adaptation
By Edie**



Our Learning

Looking back at the end of term two, we saw students become the teachers as they shared new words related to the ocean through their 'Adopt a Word' oral language presentation. Students chose a word related to our 'Under the Sea' inquiry and created a diorama at home to share with their peers. Other highlights for us in term two included Matariki celebrations, gymnastics and our trip to Kelly Tarltons.

**Barrier Reef
By Edward**

Akoranga will continue this term exploring our learning through water as we inquire into water conservation.

Students this term will be looking at how we use water in our homes and at school. We will also be researching how other people around the world access drinking water as well as identifying ways we can conserve this valuable resource. If you have any expertise in this area we would love to hear from you.

**Pacific
By Stefan**



We are also excited to be looking forward to Garden to Table. Room 2 will be beginning in Week 5 and Rooms 3, 4 and 5 will have their turn at the beginning of Term 4. Parent involvement is an essential part to the success of this programme so if you are able to volunteer to help (even for one day) it would be greatly appreciated. Please see your classroom teacher for more details.

**Kelp
By Imelda**



**Mangrove
By Jasskerat**



**Limit Amount
of Shark's
Prey
By Liquean**



Learning Through Play

Learning Through Play has got off to a great start. We have welcomed Room 2 into our collaborative play and have set up a new learning environment in Room 1. Our tamariki are working cooperatively and showing initiative.

We are always on the lookout for loose parts to use in our play. These may include cooking utensils, corks, tubs, beads, seeds, cardboard tubes, pieces of untreated wood etc. Items may be dropped off at your child's classroom or the office.

Many thanks!



Message from Yashika

Kia Ora Parents and Whanau,

It has been so great to be back at Edendale Primary these past few weeks. My last four weeks are flying by. It has been such a pleasure working in the Akoranga team and with all the students across all the classrooms. I have especially enjoyed being a part of the Learning Through Play programme with all four classes and watching their learning grow.



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Upcoming Events

- August 22 - Scooter Training
(Children to bring their own scooter and helmet to school)
- September 3 - Rooms 3, 4 and 5 visit Ambury Farm
- September 4 - Rooms 2, 9 and 10 visit Ambury Farm
- September 5 - Rooms 6, 7 and 8 visit Ambury Farm
- September 6 - PTA Quiz Night
- September 20 - School Reports Home
- September 24 and 25 - Parent Teacher Conferences

Reminders

- Please help to remind your child to bring their book bags to school. Books cannot be sent home without one.



Mandarin

This month during Mandarin classes, we have been making dragon boats and rice dumplings to celebrate the Dragon Boat Festival on 7th June.

Last term we celebrated the Dragon Boat Festival on 7th June by making a pyramid shaped dumpling. The children enjoyed decorating their own dumpling and putting them together. All the students also created dragon boats which they were very proud of.



Scooter Training

We are fortunate to be able to provide scooter training to the junior students who have access to a scooter and helmet. The Akoranga team will have their training session on Thursday 22nd August. If your child has these please remind them to bring their scooter and helmet on this day. Please note that students will not be allowed to share.



Ambury Farm

This term Akoranga and Atawhai are very excited to be visiting Ambury Farm in Managere Bridge. This visit is related to Education Outside the Classroom. We will be participating in special workshops to learn about crutching and milking. We will also have time to explore the farm and foreshore as well as feed some animals. A notice has been emailed to you about this trip as we trial a new system. If you are able to help please follow the links. Confirmation for helpers will be sent out later in the term.

