



Welcome from Tracy

by **Tracy Hewlett, Tuakana Team Leader**



Wow! What a warm welcome I have received so far from the Edendale School community. I have inherited a wonderful class of enthusiastic, friendly students who have adapted to the changes we have made together so far. My predecessor, Ritesh, asked the students to write me a welcome letter, which included a wish list - most of the students wanted to;

- Keep Friday sports
- Have new furniture (especially bean bags)
- Be able to sit where they wanted

So...not too demanding really! Luckily our principal Jonathan supported me to help give the classroom environment a mini-facelift and we now have high desks, whiteboard tables, new stools and YES - 2 beanbags.

Thank you to those parents who have popped by and introduced themselves - if you haven't, feel free to drop in to room 16 and say hi. We have so much going on this term - it's a bit of a mission keeping an eye on the calendar! Our inquiry focus this term is, rather aptly, Change. We are encouraging student voice so we can provide a programme with their interests at the forefront - so what does change mean for them? This may link to a change of teacher or teaching/learning style, or it may be the change at the end of the year, with new schools, changes happening in our school environment (our year 6 hangout) or changes in our wider world, such

as climate change or pollution. We will be encouraging our students to drive their own learning and evaluate what they have learned and what they need to do to make progress. Exciting times indeed.

Papermaking

by **Fleur Tuck, Room 17**

We are doing papermaking in Week 5 as part of our technology focus. The wonderful Jill Cutforth is coming into our classes to help us recycle paper and do a little bit of origami on the side. We need your help. Please start collecting the following:

- old envelopes and used A4 computer paper - any colour will do including white (for papermaking)
- old colourful magazines - House and Garden types are the best because they have lots of flowers in them (for origami)
- a container each such as an ice cream container or similar size
- dried flowers, optional

Year 6 Student Hangout

by **Guy, Room 17**



In Room 17 we had two bake sales and we decided to build a shed with all of the money we raised. The money we raised was about \$1,400. Miller's Grandpa, Dennis, came and helped us.

We started by digging out the ground so that it was level. We added the foundation at the bottom and



then we added the floor (but we didn't screw it down). Then we started working on the walls separately and then the doors. Then we put it all up. Once we got it up, we put a steel beam in the middle and waited during the holidays.

After the holidays, we added the roof panels. One was clear so we could let in some sunlight. Finally, we screwed down the floor. Now it's ready and we will make it a student hangout for the Year 6's with furniture and games.

Thank you Dennis for helping us.

Rug Making - T-Shirts Needed

by **Amanda Ray, Room 17**

We now have a team of 11 Tuakana students who are facilitating the next phase of our student hangout. As part of this process, we are hoping to weave a communal rug. We would like each Tuakana student to bring an old, clean t-shirt from home (maybe adult size). These will be cut into strips and woven together to make the rug.

We are hoping to open the hangout with a small ceremony on Thursday 29th August from 2-3pm. We'd love you to join us!

EPro8 Competition



by **Amanda Ray, Room 17**

We are very excited to enter two Year 6 teams into the Vector EPro8 Engineering Competition. It will be held on Sept 12th. Nik and I are currently choosing two teams of four. It's so hard to choose as we have

many budding engineers! The children are creating a catapult from lollipop sticks, elastic bands and milk bottle tops. See page 3 for more pics.

Intermediate Visits



Senior leaders and students from Balmoral School visited us last Monday. One of the Balmoral School bands entertained us with slick covers of two songs ("We know the way" from Moana and "Happier" by Marshmellow/Bastille). The students spoke to us about their experiences at Balmoral. The Principal, Malcolm, and Associate Principal, Trish, answered lots of questions from our Tuakana students.

Wesley Intermediate hosted our Tuakana team last Friday at their school. We were picked up by a double decker and single decker bus (very exciting for some going on the top deck!) and intermediate students and staff had organised a range of activities for the day, including cooking, music, coding, sports, and science. It was an action-packed day and a great opportunity for us to see what learning looks like at Wesley. We also had a fantastic email from the Principal, Nigel Davis

"Just wanted to say your students were lovely. Extremely well behaved, and they entered into the activities with great enthusiasm."

So well done and thank you to all of the students who gave such a good impression.

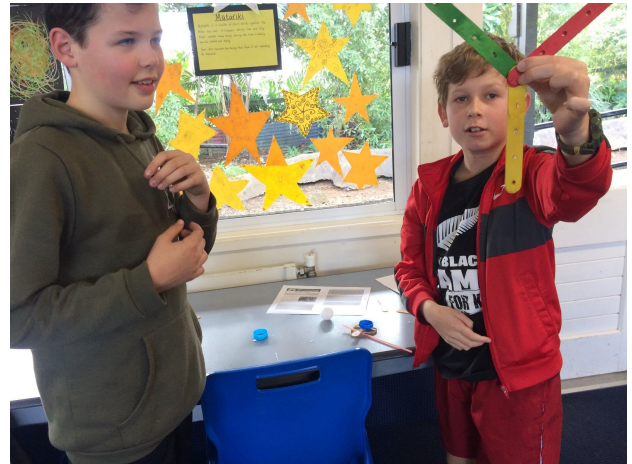
Pictured above - students making music at Wesley.



Speech competition

by **Deborah Perring, Room 19**

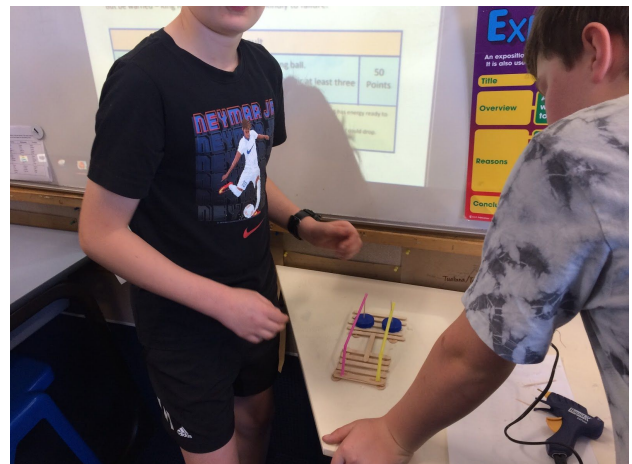
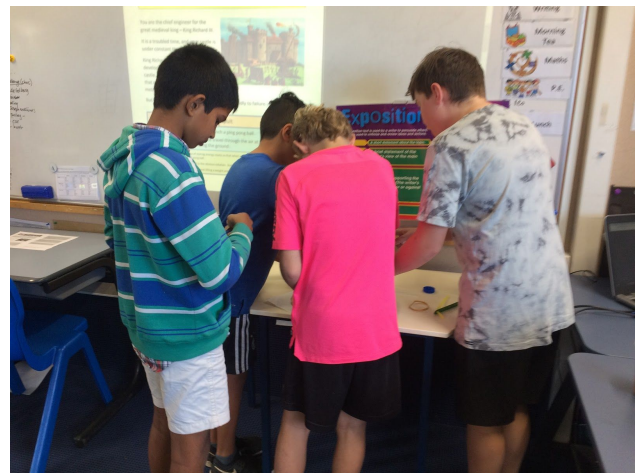
'Me and My World' is the topic for this year's speech competition. Students will be writing and practising their speeches in class and will be able to take their speech home to practise with you. They will be presenting in class during Week 4. Students who wish to enter the Eden/Albert cluster competition will be selected from classes to go on to team and school finals.



Garden to table - help



We need helpers for our Garden to Table programme. Please contact your child's teacher if you can spare any time to help us with this amazing programme. We need extra pairs of hands in the kitchen and out in our school garden. We'd love to see you and it can be a one-off or a regular commitment. You also get the chance to have a taste of the food the children have prepared - and it is delicious.



Creativity with catapults



“The biggest risk is not taking any risk.”
Mark Zuckerberg