



End of Year celebrations sure to make a splash!

by **Tracy Hewlett - Tuakana Team Leader**



It's been an action-packed last term so far - and we're making the most of the time left with our tamariki with just 7 weeks left to go!

In term 3 we gathered student voice about how they would like to celebrate the end of an era at Edendale. We had some interesting responses, including a trip to Paris and eating croissants (sorry that's not in the budget...well we can maybe stretch to the pastries!) a pyjama party, laser tag and Xbox/Play Station challenges. Dress up ideas ranged from camouflage gear to togs, whilst food suggestions included KFC and pizza, to sausage sizzle and ice blocks.

We analysed the data from across the team (it's all about statistics in maths this term) and overwhelming the the most popular theme was a **Tropical Summer Pool Party**. We have a date set - **Thursday 12 December, 2-4.30pm**.

We can't guarantee the tropical weather, but we will be going all out to create a fun event for our tamariki and whanau at our own fantastic school pool. Students will be leading the event and organising games and activities. The food theme will be a picnic, and as we get closer to the date we will have more information about food requests and how families can contribute to the shared feast.

Before the Pool Party, we will have a formal **prize-giving awards ceremony**, in the school hall from **12-1pm**. This will be an opportunity for students to dress up, should they wish, and celebrate the achievements of their peers, with a

number of awards available, including the High Participation Trophy and The Carolyn Bielby Garden to Table award.

We are hoping that students can provide some delicious canapes they have created during their Garden to Table time, and enjoy sharing with families and guests who can attend this special occasion.

Supporting our students with the changes ahead

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Changes can be exciting and daunting at the same time. My predecessor, Ritesh Chand, has previously handed out some great advice to students and parents regarding how to transition from primary school to intermediate.

Essentially, we want our students to feel excited, not scared, about their next learning adventure. Yes - we can expect tears. Yes - we can expect a bit of attitude. Yes - we expect the fear of the unknown. It's how we manage this at school and at home that's important.

We need to reassure them that it's going to be exciting, they are going to make new friends (as well as keep their old ones!) and it will all be OK. Be reassured too the Tuakana teachers will be helping to support your child on this journey. A reminder please to keep us in the loop about which school your child is attending.

Balmoral orientation day

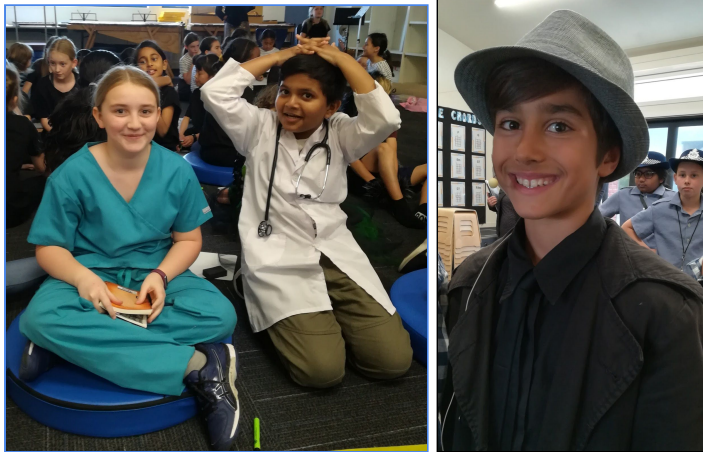


Balmoral Intermediate School is holding an orientation day on **Wednesday 27 November** for pupils who are going to attend the school. Students will meet in the Balmoral Intermediate school hall

at **9.15am** and will be ready to leave at **12.20pm**. They will need to **bring their morning tea** with them. Parents are not required to stay, however you are more than welcome to have a tour of the school.



Porridge causes a stir...



- ★ Spoonfuls of talent
- ★ A cup of hard work
- ★ A pinch of magic stardust

Mixed in by the incredible teachers and parents who inspired and encouraged an amazing cast. A sure recipe for success!

Dress rehearsal nerves and excitement



Important dates.....

Swimming in Weeks 3 & 4

Room 16 Thursday

Room 17 Thursday

Room 18 Friday

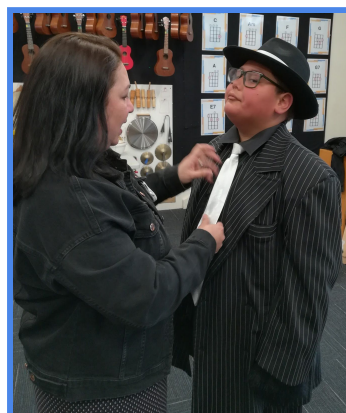
Room 19 Friday

Book Week events

There's a lot going on this week - students had the opportunity to dress up as their favourite book characters yesterday (Wednesday) and bring along their favourite book to share today (Thursday). We also have authors visiting the school. There will be books for sale in the library before school and after school - pop along and grab a bargain!

Garden to Table - helpers required

Just a reminder that we would really appreciate your help with our wonderful GTT programme. If you're a wannabe Master Chef or like getting your hands dirty in the garden - we need you! Please email your child's teacher if you are able to help us over the next few weeks.



"In the waves of change
we find our direction"



Porridge pictures - extra!!!





Tuakana trip to MAGS farm and Meola Creek update

by **Amanda, R17**

This term the Tuakana Team are carrying out a social science inquiry project. We are going to analyse the health of our local stream (Meola Creek) and look at ways to improve it. Rooms 16 and 17 had their first visit last week. Room 17 wrote about their experiences.

The light morning breeze swished by as we finally arrived at Meola Creek. From the top of the small bridge you could see the filthy, clear, light brown water with rocks of all sizes in it. As we investigated the stream we walked on the scaly paths of the boardwalk. I could smell the fresh air as the trees waved around in the wind. When we were walking I saw ducks gliding by in the stream and pukeko's strolling in the long, thick grass on the other side of the stream.

Half way through the walk I saw a small skinny tree hanging in the water with plastic wrappers ripping the branches. As we marched on the footpath we had to answer quiz questions about the stream. Me and Riley briefly scanned the signs to look for answers, We actually got quite a lot of the answers correct. When we finished the boardwalk, the teacher insisted it was time to leave and go to the farm. Overall I had quite a fun time looking around the stream and can't wait until next time! by **Harry Walker Room 17**

Rooms 18 and 19 went on their trip Tuesday this week. The remaining visits will be on the mornings of these dates:

Week 4 - Tues 5th Nov - Rm 16 & 17

Week 5 - Tues 12th Nov - Rm 18 & 19

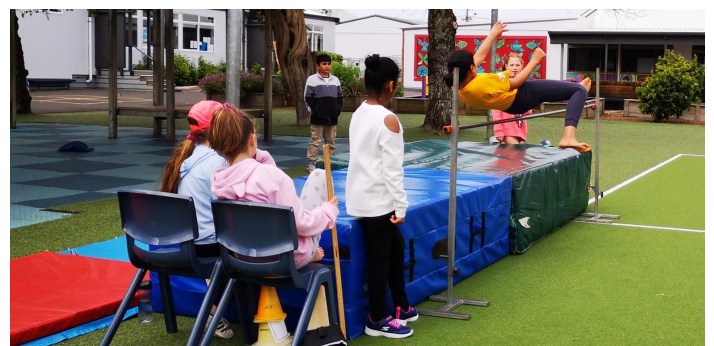
Week 8 - Tues 3rd Dec - Rm 16 & 17

Week 9 - Tues 10th Dec - Rm 18 & 19

Thank you to all of those parents/whānau who have offered help so far. If you are available to help out by accompanying us on these excursions, please contact your child's teacher. We rely on your continued support to make these trips out of the classroom to happen.



How high can you go?



Tuakana and Mahi Tahi buddied up last Friday for our athletics day. Despite the buffeting wind and scrawly showers, we kept on going! This lesson in perseverance is one to remember and celebrate. We have some very talented athletes, and they will be going through to Eden Alberts. We also have those who will happily give it a go, even though they know they're not going to get placed. Trying and failing is part of learning - some students needed a reminder of this on the day.