

Tomorrow is Waitangi Day. Friday is a Teacher Only Day.

Kelly Club will be running on Friday.



Edendale
Primary School

5 February 2020

Newsletter at a glance

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

It has been great seeing everyone back for 2020 and the tamariki enthusiasm across the school as I have visited classrooms. We had our first whakatau powhiri on Tuesday last week where we welcomed our new staff and children. This is the start of our school journey and for our first one it went really well. We welcome a number of new staff this year with Callum, Yashika, Christopher [teachers], Anna [ESOL and reading recovery], Catherine [music], Chetan [caretaker] and a number of student teachers from Auckland University, from Sweden and Switzerland. Children and parents/whānau/caregivers are encouraged to call their teacher/kaiako by their first names in 2020.

We have been a 'water only school' for a while but have not enforced it. This year we have already spoken with children about this and would like your help to enable children to make healthier choices. We will be reminding children of this and when we see children with non-water drinks will be following up by saying that they need to drink water and to bring a bottle to school for this purpose or use the fountains outside. Any non-water drinks will be returned to children at the end of the day so they can come home. Thanks in advance for your support.

As you will be aware Edendale has signed up to the Government \$150 per child scheme and this means we can not ask you for a donation or monies for school trips. This was a hard decision to make as we are financially worse off but thought it would help families from those who previously have paid a donation to those who haven't been able to. Even though we are unable to ask for a donation, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have decided to make a donation this year freely. This will help us hugely and we will issue you a receipt so that you can make a tax claim. There will be a cost to the year 5/6 camp and more detail will be out soon around this so that you can plan and so that we can make a final decision around whether camp can go ahead.

You will note that we have made some changes to our stationery this year by sourcing more sustainable products. Thank you to Fleur for leading this initiative. Thanks also to those that have suggested some further work we need to do. There will be more details coming out later around how we can reduce, reuse, and recycle stationery that may be left over from previous years. We are excited about this mahi and our kaitiaki team [student group] will be keeping you up to date throughout the year.

Our Mandarin Language Assistant will be returning this year but not as soon as expected due to the global virus outbreak concerns. It will not be until March sometime at the earliest as the organisations that support this programme are working out ways to quarantine the MLAs when they enter into NZ and before they go to their homestays and schools. See later in this newsletter for other information about the virus situation.

Finally, I am taking some leave this year through the Ministry of Education Sabbatical awards and this leave will be taken for the last five weeks of this term and the last five weeks of term 2. More details about who will be the acting principal in my absence will come out closer to the time. Have a great long weekend as there is no school tomorrow [Waitangi Day] or Friday [staff teacher only day]

Ngā mihi.

Nā.

Jonathan
Tumuaki / Principal

Vision, mission and values: After community consultation throughout 2019, our Board of Trustees ratified our vision, mission and values for the school in Term 4 last year.

Edendale Primary School

Thinking Learning Creating [think, learn, create]

Vision

Confident, creative, open-minded contributors to our community

Mission

We are committed to providing a school where we

- *think, learn and create in a fun, friendly, inclusive environment with strong community connections*
- *grow curious, excited lifelong learners*
- *experience a breadth of learning opportunities including environmental sustainability and the arts*

Values

We encourage, demonstrate and explore the following values

- **Innovation** which involves being curious, thinking critically and creatively
- **Resilience** which involves a sense of purpose, perseverance and a 'can do' attitude
- **Inclusiveness** and diversity as found in our different identities, languages, cultures and abilities
- **Respect** which involves acting with kindness and integrity towards self, others and the environment

Newsletters: School newsletters will come out on Thursday's of even weeks this year. The newsletter is the primary way of communicating important information to our community. There are many different ways Edendale whānau can stay up to date and our newsletter is published across all of these.

- Edendale School App – Notifications and newsletters are sent from this platform. You can also report absentees from the app. Go to <https://edendaleprimaryschool.apps.school.nz/share/> to install.
- Facebook – Newsletters, photos, videos and interesting links are shared on our Facebook page. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/EdendaleSchool/> to like and follow our page.
- Twitter – Newsletters, photos, videos and interesting links are shared on our Twitter feed. Go to <https://twitter.com/EdendaleSchool> to follow us.

Please advise the office if you change your email address so we can update our records and ensure you are receiving newsletters and school reports.

2020 Staff Organisation:

Team	Staff	Team Leader
Aroha (Year 0-1)	Aine, Grace D, Suzie (Aniwaniwa); Rosie, Adrienne, Fabienne, Yashika (Koru)	Rosie
Atawhai (Year 2-3)	Julie, Katrina, Latha, Grace R, Melody	Julie
Akoranga (Year 2-3)	Philippa, Hayley, Callum	Bhairavi
Mahi Tahi (Year 4-5)	Jamie, Lily, Christopher, Liese, Braedon, Ingrid, Ariel	Tracy
Tuakana (Year 6)	Tracy, Mark, Nik, Amanda (Mon-Thur) and Tahi (Fri)	Tracy
Senior Leadership	Jonathan R, Jonathan J, Bhairavi, Marg	Jonathan R
Administration Property Manager/Caretaker Caretaker Specialist Arts Music Tikanga Māori	Chriss, Zoe, Sue, Karen Chetan Sean Kus Catherine Mere	Chriss <i>continued overleaf</i>

Garden to Table	Kylie, Sonia	
ESOL/Groups	Lynne, Yana, Anna, Shamin, Diane	
Library	Yana	
Reading Recovery	Yana, Anna	
Environment	Fleur	
Learning Assistants	Emma, Carroll, Danny, Nadia, Kavita, Kerry, Sam, Sharon,	Marg
Release Teachers	Alan, Tahi, Megan, Rochelle, Shamin	Jonathan J
Regular day to day relief	Jenny, Barbara	Jonathan J

Stationery packs: These are available online via our school website. Go to <http://www.edendale.school.nz/kindo-school-shop> for more information. You can also use Kindo to order school lunches. Once the stationery pack has been purchased it will be delivered to the classroom. Our stationery supplier delivers the packs every few days.

Coronavirus update: The Ministry of Education has information for caregivers and whānau of learners available on their website. [Click here](#) for more information. If you have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing please telephone Healthline (for free) on 0800 611 116. We will email out any further updates as they become available.

Term dates 2020: Our term dates and teacher only days are included in every newsletter. Please see page 8 for more details. We have a number of teacher only days this year, the first one is on Friday. Please pop these in your diary now.

Other dates for Term 1 2020:

Friday 8 February – Teacher only day. Kelly Club will be running on this day.

Wednesday 19 February – Whānau picnic. More details to come.

Thursday 27 February – Meet the Senior Leadership Team 8:20 – 9:05.

Thursday 27 February – New parent morning tea. Invites going home soon.

Tuesday 10 March – Parent teacher conferences – school finishes 1:00pm.

Tuesday 10 March – Environment booth in the staffroom 1:00 – 6:00.

Wednesday 11 March – Parent teacher conferences – school finishes 1:00pm.

Thursday 2 April – Meet the Senior Leadership Team 2:00 – 2:45.

Swimming 2020: Swimming this year is looking a little different from previous years. In the past we have had Swimsation provide swimming lessons to our students, with some students being charged to attend these lessons. This year due to the Ministry funding changes we are looking at other ways we can facilitate swimming lessons for our tamariki. In Term 1 the students will partake in swimming confidence lessons run by the teachers. We will also be exploring our options moving forward on how best our swimming lesson may run in the future.

This term's scheduled policy review:

This term we're reviewing:

- **Recognition of Cultural Diversity** – Board members, staff, and parents
- **Staff Leave** – Board members and staff
- **Separated Parents, Day to Day Care, and Guardianship** – Board members and staff

If you would like to take part in the review process more details are available at

<http://www.edendale.school.nz/policies>

Also see the **Policy Review Process** video in the [SchoolDocs Video Library](#) on YouTube!

Reporting information

Here is some information regarding the 2020 reporting process at Edendale this year. We will be reporting to you three times; once in term one, then in terms three and four. See details below.

Term one: There will be parent teacher interviews with your child's teacher. These interviews will be held on Tuesday 10 March 1:30pm – 7:00pm and Wednesday 11 March 1:30pm – 5:00pm. Booking information will be sent home closer to these dates. The teacher will provide you with overall teacher judgements (OTJs) for reading, writing and mathematics. These OTJs will let you know how your child is progressing relative to levels in the New Zealand Curriculum. Your child will have set goals in order to work towards the next curriculum level. These goals will be shared with you at the parent teacher interviews. There is no written report in Term 1.

Term 3: In week five of term 3 you will receive a comprehensive written report for your child. You will receive the report in week five (17-21 August) and the following week there will be our second round of parent teacher interviews. Receiving the report the previous week will give you an opportunity to reflect upon it and to discuss it with your child prior to the interviews.

Term 4: In week 9 of term 4 you will receive a report that gives you end of year curriculum levels for your child in reading writing and mathematics. This will enable you to compare progress across the year. These reports are sent home in the last week of school. Please contact Marg Talbot marg@edendale.school.nz if you have any questions.

We encourage you to bring your child to parent teacher interviews as this helps them to take ownership of their own learning and goals.

Lucky books

Issue 1 of the Lucky Book Club brochures has been sent out to students today. Ordering is online only and the instructions for this can be found on the inside back cover of the brochure. The last day that orders can be placed is Friday 21 February.

Edendale Band

The Edendale Band is open for all Edendale tamariki who are learning an instrument. Rehearsals are held in the hall on Tuesday mornings from 8:20. The first rehearsal will be held next week – Tuesday 11 February.

Please register your interest by emailing aeonmusiquelimited@gmail.com.

Cycle Safety Week

In Week 4 and 5, Kyle Rika and his team from Counties Manukau Sport will be coming in to teach cycle safety to our Yr4, 5 and 6 children.

Bikes and helmets will be provided, so children do not need to bring their own to school. Please see your child's classroom teacher to find out what day their class is taking part.

Enviro update

This term the whole school is learning about how to reduce waste. We are doing a social sciences unit on the roles and responsibilities we all play in making our world a better place.

Tamariki will learn the three Rs: reduce, reuse and recycle (in that order). They will learn how to prevent food wastage, make compost, reuse resources and avoid single-use items - all essential skills of today.

The last two weeks of term will be the most exciting part. This is when tamariki will get to create their own action on reducing waste. This could be organising shredding paper for the compost or visiting local bulk bins and shops to learn how to use their own containers from home. The potential actions are endless. Child-led initiatives are a great learning opportunity and often have the added bonus of being more impactful amongst peers.

We are also keen to hear thoughts from our Edendale whānau on how Edendale Primary School can improve systems in 1) waste reduction, 2) planting and 3) lowering emissions.

There will be an environment booth at the upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences on Tuesday, 10th March. Please pop by and have a chat with Fleur Tuck, our Environment Leader who will be in the staffroom from 1pm - 6pm. We know that not everyone will be able to make the date so you can email your suggestion to fleur@edendale.school.nz.

This year, we are using refillable whiteboard pens and glue pots. At the end of the year we will do a stocktake to ascertain how many refills we need to order for subsequent years. All old single-use resources will be kept to use later.

We have received feedback that some whānau have a lot of unused stationery left over from previous years. We appreciate this feedback and would like you to know that we are looking at ways to reduce surplus stationery. In the meantime, we are starting a stationery collection for Auckland schools in need through a not-for-profit charity called [Paper, Pens, Pencils](#). Please place any perfect condition stationery (work books, pens, rulers, pencils, colouring pencils, markers, felt tips, glue sticks etc) in the labelled bins in the hallway next to the music room during the months of February and March. Your stationery items will be gratefully received.

Thank you Edendale whānau for your thoughtful feedback.

Flippa Ball

We are excited to introduce Flippa Ball (Junior water polo) to Edendale Primary for years 3 & 4. This is a great sport that kids love to be involved in.

If your child is interested in joining a team please contact Philippa in Room 3 for further information or email philippa@edendale.school.nz. Please note there will be a small cost to participate. Flippa Ball is a great sport for building water confidence (in a shallow pool) and team skills while having fun!



friends of EDENDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Welcome Back!

We hope that 2020 has started off well for everyone and that you all had a lovely break over the summer! We are once again looking forward to working with the school community to create some fantastic events for both students and their families, as well as raise money for

the school to help contribute towards the amazing facilities and programs that Edendale offers.

Meetings

We held our first meeting of the year last Thursday, a quick get-together to begin organising our first event of the year!

Our next meeting will be held on Thursday February 20th February. If you would like to join us, email us on pta@edendale.school.nz or just show up to the meeting. The meeting starts at **7 pm** and is held in the meeting room (off the office foyer). We hold our meetings monthly during term time on the third Thursday of the month and generally the meeting lasts for around an hour.

Meeting dates for 2020 are:

February 20th, March 19th, May 21st, June 18th, August 20th, September 17th, October 22nd, November 19st (AGM)

Whānau Picnic

Our first fundraising event of the year is a sausage sizzle to be held at the annual whānau picnic, which this year is being held on Wednesday 19th February from 5pm.

We will be selling Halal Lamb and Vegetarian sausages, as well as ice blocks to help cool us down on these warm summer evenings!

Volunteers:

We're needing volunteers to help us out on the night. If you're able to drop by for any time during the afternoon/evening, we would very much appreciate the help!

Setup and begin cooking sausages – 3-5pm

Selling and pack up – 5-7pm

You're not required to stay the whole time, but an hour or two from a number of volunteers over the evening would be a huge benefit!

If you're interested, please email us at pta@edendale.school.nz to let us know when you're available to help out.

Feedback:

At the picnic we will have some feedback forms and posters up with information about what Friends of Edendale does around the school. We are really interested in finding out ways that you see us helping the school community, what events do students/families enjoy, events you would like to see held, etc. The current members will also be around to chat with so you can find out more about what we do, and to discuss the different ways of supporting us (also see below for information on support!)

Upcoming Events:

- Stay tuned for more information on the annual Colour Run, which we hope to hold in March.
- After the success of last year's Bake Sales, we will be looking at holding these again during the year. More information will come out about those shortly.

The ways you can support us:

We are always looking for people to help. We have the philosophy that many hands make light work and we encourage Edendale families to support us in any way you can. This can be by one of the following:

- Join **Friends of Edendale Primary School** (a 1 hour monthly meeting)
- Donate a couple of hours of your time to help at any of the events we run
- Offer your expertise
- Donate a service or item from your work / business
- Participate in our events, buy tickets, buy goods we sell

Current Friends of Edendale Primary School members:

Chairperson	Ross Keane
Treasurer	Tracey Whitby
Co- Secretaries	Sarah Withers, Kerry Hoult
Liaison Officer	Roni Neeley
Members	Kylie Darby-Smith

Edendale PTA

Edendale term dates 2020 (note these may change slightly)		
Term 1	28 January – 9 April	Waitangi Day: Thursday 6 February Teacher Only Day: Friday 7 February Good Friday: Friday 10 April
Term 2	28 April – 3 July	Anzac Day Observed: Monday 27 April Teacher Only Day: Friday 29 May Queens Birthday: Monday 1 June
Term 3	20 July – 25 September	
Term 4	12 October – 10 December	Teacher Only Day: Friday 23 October Labour Day: Monday 26 October
2021 start day		2 February 2021
Next BOT meeting		Tuesday 25 February
Next Friends of Edendale meeting		Thursday 20 February

After school Chinese classes

My Uni Education Chinese Courses that were held after school last year will continue this year. My Uni has placed them on hold due to the Coronavirus. A notice will appear in the newsletter when we have a confirmed start date.

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Guitar	Saxophone

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\$250 per term*

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\$180 per term*
Up to 3 students in a group

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

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\$350 per term*

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