



**Edendale**  
Primary School

15 April 2021

## **Term One BOARD OF TRUSTEES NEWSLETTER**

Tēnā koutou e te whānau o Edendale.

It seems like it's been an incredibly long Term One and I'm sure everyone is ready for the two week break! In that time we've coped with two more lockdowns and therefore two transitions between in person and online learning and back again. A heartfelt thank you to the teaching team for facilitating that and to our wonderful Edendale students who will be developing incredible resilience as a result.

### **Board changes**

The Board would like to say a huge thank you to co-opted trustee Damian Herrick who has decided to step down from the Board in the light of changing work commitments. Thanks for the time and the insights you have shared with us Damian. We wish you the best for the future.

We also would like to acknowledge and thank our previous Board Chair Christine Scott, who resigned from the role at the beginning of the year. We appreciate the hard mahi that Christine invested in this role and also wish her well in her new job.

### **Property**

We have reached a very exciting milestone with our Garden to Table project which, as you know, has been humming along in the background for quite a while now. We recently learned that we have been granted building consent – yay! We are now putting it out to tender to secure the contractors and we will hopefully have news of start dates to share very soon. In the meantime, we have included some artist's impressions to give you a taste of things to come (please see next page).

We are also in the process of getting an upgrade of our swimming pools under way and a makeover of the whole school grounds. We look forward to sharing more details of these exciting projects next term.



### Whanau engagement

We had some great engagement from a small but enthusiastic group of children, parents and grandparents at our Māori hui in Week 10. Everyone was open-minded and wanted to ensure that all our children could connect back to where they are from, have the ability to use basic Te Reo, understand tikanga and the principles of Te Ao Māori.

We are now gearing up for our Pasifika Get-Together this week and following that we will collate all the feedback, review our current resourcing within the school and develop a long term strategy for implementing the results of that feedback.

### Kahui Ako / Community of Learning

Edendale School is part of the Mt Albert Kāhui Ako (Community of Learning) which is an initiative which the Ministry of Education supports and funds. The Mt Albert Kāhui Ako incorporates the majority of schools and ECE centres within the Mt Albert area.

Recently, two of the Board members attended a hui at Mt Albert Grammar to learn about the focus areas and workings of this Kāhui Ako. Edendale was acknowledged for the strength and knowledge they brought particularly around the science focus. A big drawcard for being part of this initiative is to support and strengthen the links and transition between different schools and centres – aiming for seamless transition for our tamariki and whanau.

### Next term

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday, and we'll see you all again in Term Two!

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 5.30pm, held in the meeting room. All are welcome to attend.

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