



Edendale
Primary School

30 September 2021

Newsletter at a glance

Highlights (more details are outlined in this newsletter)

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你们好 [Nimen hao] and this is the last newsletter for term 3 and comes to you a day before school finishes for the October holiday break. Remember school finishes tomorrow at 12 noon for our S.E.L.F. [serenity, exercise, love, food] afternoon and we wish you all the very best for the upcoming two weeks. Depending on the news we receive on Monday after the Government announcement around alert levels we will update you around what this means for school for the new term starting Monday 18th October [hopefully face-to-face]. We will use email, Seesaw and the school App to inform you later in the second week of the break.

We have all felt supported by our community at school during this lockdown and hope that we have managed to support you in your home to some level. We were approached by a school south of Tāmaki Makaurau to present via ZOOM on Monday to their staff hui what we have been doing for online learning here at Edendale as they had heard amazing things about our offering. Thank you to the staff who represented us well online and as an observer I was very impressed by the commitment of our staff on top of their long day teaching online.

Congratulations to Bhairavi for being awarded a 16 week paid study award for 2022 and to Ariel for gaining his full NZ teacher registration. Both tremendous accomplishments.

Take care during the October break and look out for school communications before school reconvenes for term 4 on Monday 18th October.

Stay well, stay safe, and be kind.

Ngā mihi
Nā

Jonathan R
Tumuaki | Principal

NZ Chinese Language week:

Mandarin phrases of the day:

你好吗？(ni hao ma?) *How are you?*

我很好 (wo hen hao) *I am great.*

**Some guidance from the Ministry of Education in preparation for term 4
Staying home if sick**

Anyone who feels unwell should stay at home (or go home) and seek advice about getting tested for COVID-19 from Healthline or their GP.

You'll find up-to-date information about [symptoms to look for on the Ministry of Health website](#).

The **majority of children and young people with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will not have COVID-19** and you may see similar symptoms in children with asthma, hay fever, allergies, ear infections or other acute or chronic conditions.

As we come into the allergy season, it is a **timely reminder for parents and caregivers to provide schools/kura relevant information on any allergies or conditions that may show similar signs and symptoms with COVID-19.**

Please email office@edendale.school.nz with any updated health information, home addresses, email addresses, phone numbers etc.

Vaccinations:

As you know, in New Zealand we are well underway with our largest ever vaccination campaign, and free COVID-19 vaccines are being provided for everyone who is eligible (currently ages 12 and over).

At the time of writing, 77 percent of the population have had their first dose, and 43 percent of the population are fully vaccinated.

We understand that many of you have questions about our staff being vaccinated.

Though the Ministry of Health advises that everyone who is eligible should get a vaccination, no one in New Zealand is legally required to get the vaccine. A person's vaccine status also remains private information. While they are encouraged to be vaccinated, our teachers are not obliged to share their vaccination status and have the same right to make a choice about their COVID-19 vaccination as everybody else.

While high rates of vaccination in our community are very important, there are also a large range of mitigations in place in our school to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including staff and students staying away if they are unwell, regular cleaning of high-touch surfaces and keeping rooms well-ventilated.

It is also important to know that public health experts have said that compared to other places, schools and early learning services are not environments where we have seen significant spread of COVID-19. Household members and work colleagues who are in close contact with people with COVID-19 are the most common sources of transmission.

When considering vaccination, we encourage you to make sure you have the right information about what the vaccine is, why it's important, and what the benefits are.

If you know anyone who is hesitant about getting the vaccine, there is some really great information available on the [Unite Against COVID-19, Ministry of Health](#) and [Karawhiua](#) websites. Please check it out.

We'd also remind you that the vaccine is also just one part of keeping everyone safe. We'd encourage you all to keep doing all the things you've already been doing – scan in

everywhere you go, wash your hands often, and regularly clean and disinfect surfaces. Together, we can continue to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Spellathon update:

Firstly a massive thanks to all our tamariki and their parents/caregivers and whānau for working well together to make this fundraiser another successful one considering the challenging time we are all in. We have raised nearly \$13,000 to date. Ka pai, Edendale!

Due to the current COVID 19 alert level in Auckland, we are unable to host the prize draw this week. We will host the prize draw when all our tamariki are back to school. Meanwhile, it gives extra time to our tamariki to collect their pledge money. Please keep on supporting your child/ren with the collection and depositing money to our bank account.

Sponsors can deposit their donations directly into the school account for your Spellathon.

Edendale Primary School: ASB 12-3063-0183995-00

When processing your payment, please use the following format:

Particulars: Your child's name

Code: Room number ____

Reference: Edendale Spellathon 2021

Eden Albert sports update term 4 2021:

Due to Covid and the unpredictable nature of the current environment, the Eden Albert sports cluster has decided to cancel a lot of the sports events which were planned for term 4 2021. The following events have been cancelled:

- Eden Albert Touch – cancelled
- Eden Albert Softball- cancelled
- Eden Albert Athletics- TBC (but it is looking highly likely that this will also be cancelled)

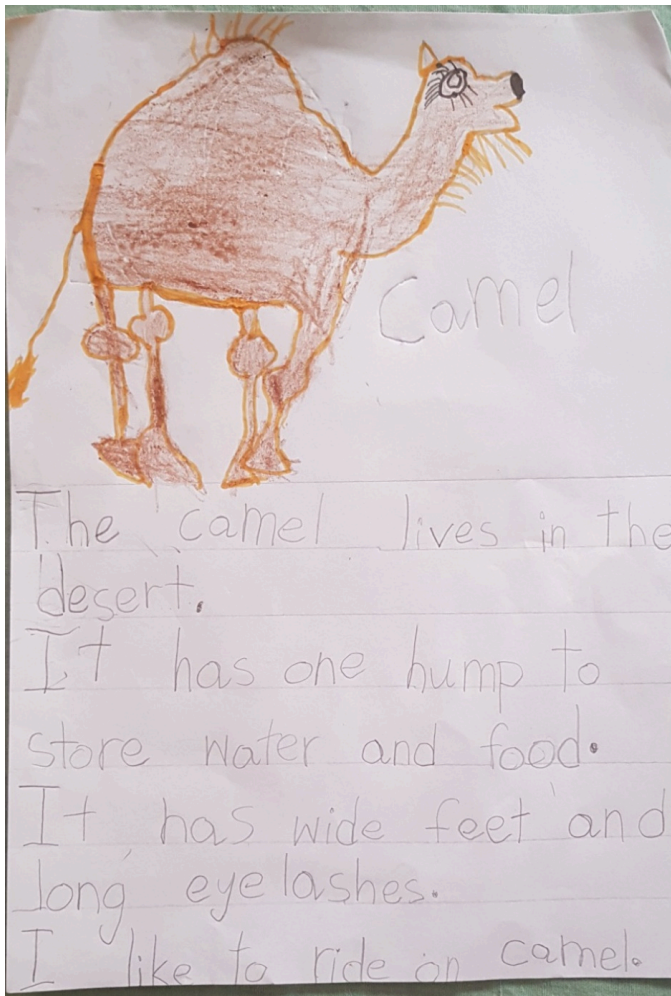
We are also sad to say that the Thursday year 2-4 and Friday year 5-6 netball has also been cancelled for term 4.

If you have any concerns regarding this please email: jonathanj@edendale.school.nz

Room 6 tamariki showcase:



Riccardo has been drawing flags from Europe and the world. He wants to draw all the flags in the world!



Chathumi's story reads "The camel lives in the desert. It has one hump to store water and food. It has wide feet and long eyelashes. I like to ride on a camel."

friends of EDENDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Quiz Night : Face the Music NEW DATE: Friday 19th November 2021

We have organised a new date for Quiz Night: Face the Music. It will now be held on Friday 19th November, as long as we are in Level 1 by then! We will keep you updated as we get closer to the time. If this date does not work for you or your team, please get in contact with us and we can organise a refund of your tickets.

Raffle Tickets

We are still continuing to sell raffle tickets online! See attached flyer for more info

Tickets are \$10 each, with six amazing prizes to win.

Tickets can be purchased via online banking. Please use the account number:

03-0104-0288432-00, Particulars: Name | Details: Child's Room Number | Ref: Raffle, then email us at pta@edendale.school.nz for confirmation and ticket numbers.

We are looking to draw the raffle at the Quiz Night on 19th November. All winners will be notified by email.

Cards & Calendars

Due to the recent lockdown circumstances, this year we will be having a slightly different version of our annual Cards & Calendars fundraiser. Rather than students doing an artwork in class that is used for printing, we will email out a code that families can use to go on the website and upload their own artwork or photographs that will be used to create the calendar art. There are multiple items for purchase, including calendars, cards, sketch books and mouse pads. It's a great opportunity to get items prior to Christmas to send to extended family to show off your child's artwork, or their beautiful smiling faces in photographs!

More information about this will be sent out shortly.

New Members

While you are all at home, now could be a good time to contemplate joining us on the PTA team. Next year will see several of our current members step down due to their children heading off to Intermediate, so we are on the lookout for people to bring their fresh ideas and enthusiasm and become a part of this wonderful group. In particular we will be looking for a new Treasurer, Secretary and Chairperson, so get in touch with us if you feel this could be your area of calling, or join us at one of our meetings over the coming months.

Current Friends of Edendale members:

Chairperson: Ross Keane

Treasurer: Tracey Whitby

Secretary: Kerry Hoult

Communications Officer: Sarah Withers

PTA Liaison Officer: Roni Neeley

PTA members: Kylie Darby-Smith, Jane Maddox, Ritu Munjal, Sharon Stewart, Nik Petricevich

Meetings

Our next meeting of the year is on 21st October. The meeting starts at **7:00pm** and will be held in the meeting room (off the office foyer) if we're in Level 1, otherwise it may be held over Zoom. If you would like to join us, email us on pta@edendale.school.nz or just show

up to the meeting. It's always great to have new people come along and see what is involved with the PTA.

Edendale PTA

Edendale term dates 2021 (note these may change slightly)		
Term 3	26 July – 1 October	
Term 4	18 October – 14 December	Teacher only day: 22 October Labour Day: 25 October Teacher only day: 26 October
Next Board meeting		Tuesday 2 November at 7:00am
Next Friends of Edendale meeting		Thursday 21 October at 7:00pm email pta@edendale.school.nz for details
First day of school 2022		Tuesday 1 February 2022

Friends of Edendale

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Quiz Night:

Face the Music Raffle

RAFFLE TICKETS

\$10 EACH

Only 600 tickets available!

To purchase email pta@edendale.school.nz | Payment to 03-0104-0288432-00

Particulars: Name / Details: Child's Room Number / Ref: Raffle

Payment must be received before ticket numbers will be allocated - you will receive confirmation by email.

1ST PRIZE

Weekend at a bach in Raglan.
Valued at \$450



2ND PRIZE

Double pass to Outerfields concert.
Valued at \$240



3RD PRIZE

Food hamper - New World.
Valued at \$150



4TH PRIZE

Food hamper - New World.
Valued at \$150



5TH PRIZE

Maungakiekie Golf Club Green Fees.

Valued at \$50

Classic eyelash extension from Made Beauty.

Valued at \$70



MAUNGAKIEKIE
GOLF CLUB

6TH PRIZE

Maungakiekie Golf Club Green Fees.

Valued at \$50

Blue Rose Voucher.

Valued at \$50



MAUNGAKIEKIE
GOLF CLUB

Tickets available via online banking or in person at selected times
before and after school or at the Quiz Night.

Sale times at school to be advised.

Raffle to be drawn at the Quiz Night, date to be confirmed. You do not need to be present to win!



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