

Year 6 graduation celebration Friday 10 December (tomorrow!)
 Drop off at the Sandringham Road gate at 10:00am
 Pick up at the Shorwell Street gate at 1:00pm

Monday 13 December last day of school for **Kikorangi** (blue) and **Kākāriki** (green) house 9:00am – 3:00pm

Tuesday 14 December last day of school for **Whero** (red) and **Kōwhai** (yellow) houses 9:00am – 3:00pm



Edendale
 Primary School

9 December 2021

Newsletter at a glance

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Tēnā koutou katoa,

This is the last newsletter for 2022 and what a year it has been for us all with pretty much no normality since mid-August this year. A huge thank you to all of you for helping your child/ren with their learning at home. We know that this hasn't been an easy task and like you, and staff at school have also been challenged with having to work and maintain their own families. Let's hope for a more settled 2022 under the COVID protection framework that provides for kura to be open [with health measures] even at traffic light RED.

Congratulations to our four newly fully certificated kaiako who have just completed their two years provisional certification. Well done Yashika, Callum, Ariel and Christopher. Congratulations also go to three staff [Katrina, Tracy, and Marg] who alongside myself have completed a year-long international course on effective assessment. Suzie and Philippa have enrolled in this course for 2022.

Congratulations to Yana and Anna for completing their first year towards a TESSOL qualification.

Congratulations to Liese and Ingrid who have been accepted into training as Reading Recovery teachers in 2022.

We also have a number of other staff currently studying at Masters level including Bhairavi, Jonathan J, Aine and Katrina.

We say goodbye to a few staff this year including Sean, our part-time caretaker, Fleur, our environment teacher, Sam, one of our learning assistants, Claudia who is off to Newton

Central for 2022, and Rochelle. We will miss them all and wish them every success in 2022. We welcome Leah into the Tuakana team and Lisa as a release teacher working alongside Hayley and Nik who will be working four days a week in 2022.

Thank you / kia ora:

The PTA has done a remarkable job this year keeping the fundraising efforts going and we thanked Ross, Kerry and Kylie specifically for their long service when they stood down at the last PTA [Friend’s of Edendale] meeting last week. And thank you to all who support the PTA in their mahi.

To all our parent/caregiver/volunteer helpers who have supported us in the first half of the year prior to lockdown and during lockdown online. We can not thank you enough for the mahi done to support our learning programmes and not being able to have our normal thank you morning tea is very difficult for us.

We wish everyone a restful summer break and our year six graduands we wish you well on your way to Intermediate. We hope tomorrow’s celebrations are memorable for you, even though different from the norm. We are excited about seeing you all onsite for one last time.

Those of you not returning to Edendale in 2022 we thank you for adding to the special character and vibrancy of the Edendale community while you were here and wish you well wherever you are off to.

Stay safe, stay well and be kind [a very poignant message heard a lot this year and very relevant to us all].

We will see you in 2022.

Ngā mihi

Nā

Senior Leadership Team

Jonathan R, Jonathan J, Bhairavi and Marg

Staffing for 2022:

Team / Rōpū	Kaiako / Teachers	Team Leader/ Rōpū Leader
Aroha (Year 1-3)	Ariel, Callum, Fabienne, Philippa, Rosie	Rosie
Atawhai (Year 1-3)	Adrienne, Heike, Latha, Yashika	Heike
Akoranga (Year 1-3)	Aine, Grace D, Hayley [0.8], Suzie	Aine

Mahitahi (Year 4-5)	Christopher, Grace R, Ingrid & Liese [job sharing], Lily, Mark, Tahī	Mark
Tuakana (Year 5-6)	Braedon, Katrina, Melody, Nik [0.8], Shamin, Leah [Tracy]	Tracy

Office [Monday-Friday]: Chriss, Karen, Zoe, Sue [M,W,F]

Property Manager / Caretaker: Chetan

Leadership Team: Jonathan [Principal], Bhairavi, Marg, Jonathan J [Deputy Principals], Tracy [Acting Deputy Principal]

Learning Assistants: Carroll, Emma, Danny, Kavita, Nadia, Sharon, Lizzie, Kerry

Rainbow Reading: Diane

STEAM: Jamie

Music: Catherine

Art: Kus

Garden to Table: Kylie, Sonia

Release Teacher: Lisa [0.4]

ESOL: Anna [Lead], Lynne, Yana

Reading Recovery: Liese, Ingrid, Anna, Yana [including early literacy support groups]

Edendale Eats last day for orders:

Edendale Eats last day for ordering will be Monday 13th December through Kindo. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support and also to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday.

Ngā mihi
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Kindo accounts for students leaving Edendale:

If your family is leaving our school and moving to another school that does not use ezlunch or Kindo for school payments, you need to close your account. If you're not sure about the new school, log in, go to *My Details* and click on the list of schools, scrolling to find your new school.

If your new school is NOT on the list, use the 'close account' button on that screen. You can choose to donate your balance to school or have it paid out to your nominated bank account.

Office hours over the summer break:

Office emails (office@edendale.school.nz) and phone calls **will not** be monitored over the Christmas/New Year period.

The office will be open from 17th January 2022, 10:00am - 2:00pm Monday to Thursday only.

The office is closed on the following days:

- Friday 21st January
- Teacher Only Days 26th January and 27th January
- Auckland Anniversary – 31st January

Normal office hours resume 8:20am - 3:30pm during term time, from Wednesday, 2nd February 2022.

Construction update:

Some photos from the Garden to Table project, the turf outside rooms 1-10 and the swimming pool upgrade. Our tamariki have been playing on the new turf for a few weeks now and we expect the other two projects to be complete in the new year.

Garden to Table project



Turf outside rooms 1-10



Swimming pool upgrade



Outdoor furniture:

New colourful addition to our outdoor environment

After waiting for months, finally, we have received the delivery of our new outdoor furniture to enhance our outdoor environment (area outside Room 1 to 5 on the new astroturf). We believe that this new addition to our outdoor will help our kaiako maximise the outdoor space to make learning fun and exciting. With our new outdoor furniture, our tamariki will be able to enjoy their learning in an open environment. The outdoor setup will provide an extension to the classroom where our tamariki can work comfortably in a group or independently.

We are able to achieve this because of the generosity and kindness shown by our community last year and supporting our learners throughout different stages of the fundraiser to make Edendale Mathathon 2020 a massive success in raising a whopping \$25,000. Ka pai, Edendale whānau!

Here are some photos of our new colourful outdoor furniture on the next page.



Tamariki showcase:

Room 17 has been painting some resilience rocks in class. Here is Nina with her pet rock called Rose. "I like my pet rock Rose because it feels so smooth when I touch it and helps me to stay positive – it's a good resilience strategy" By Nina



Bubble C have been busy with Christmas arts & craft. They made Christmas cards, Christmas ornaments, Christmas face masks & a cute snowman. Their most challenging but most fun thing to make was the snowman! There was some great team work (from a distance) in this activity. In between our activities we did kids yoga & kids Zumba.



Bubble A has also been making some Christmas crafts



friends of EDENDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

While this hasn't been the end of 2021 that we were envisioning at the beginning of this year, from all of us at Friends of Edendale we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope you all have a great holiday, stay safe and we are looking forward to seeing you all back at school in 2022!

2021 AGM

We held our AGM at our final meeting of the year last week, where we said farewell to a couple of our long serving members, Kerry Hoult and Kylie Darby-Smith. On behalf of Friends of Edendale we want to thank them for all the hard work they have done over the years, organizing events year after year and for their effort in taking on office holder roles over their time with the PTA. Next year will see a few new faces in the office holder roles, and we thank Ritu and Sharon for stepping up to take on these.

2022 Friends of Edendale Office Holder Roles:

Chairperson: Ritu Munjal (Interim)

Treasurer: Tracey Whitby

Secretary: Sharon Stewart

Communications Officer: Sarah Withers

PTA Liaison Officer: Roni Neeley

It will be great to see some new faces next year, so make sure to get in touch at pta@edendale.school.nz to express your interest, or just turn up at meetings, which are held on the third Thursday of each month during term time. Our first meeting of the year will be via Zoom on January 20th at 7:00pm, prior to the start of the school year.

While our fundraising year was cut short by the lockdown, over the course of the year we were still able to hold the Colour Run, School Disco, Bake Sales, Raffle and Cards & Calendars. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who helped out at all these events, thanks to the school for their continued support, and a big thank you to the school community for taking part and helping us to raise over \$23,000!!

With this money, along with money raised last year, Friends of Edendale have been able to sponsor \$31,000 towards the new turf out the front of the rooms 1-10. While as parents we haven't been able to see the turf in full action just yet, it has been great to hear from the children how well it is being used!

Cards & Calendars

While there was just a short time period for ordering cards and calendars this year, a big thank you to those who made orders of cards, calendars, sketch pads and more. These should be arriving to your home address shortly.

Edendale PTA

Edendale term dates 2021 (note these may change slightly)		
Term 4	18 October – 14 December	
Next Board meeting		Tuesday 1 March at 7:00am via ZOOM. Email principal@edendale.school.nz to request an invite
Next Friends of Edendale meeting		Thursday 20 January at 7:00pm. Email pta@edendale.school.nz to request an invite
Edendale term dates 2022 (note these may change slightly)		
Term 1 2022	2 February 2022 – 13 April 2022	7 February 2022 – Waitangi Day Observed 14 April 2022 – Teacher Only Day 15 April 2022 – Good Friday
Term 2 2022	2 May 2022 – 8 July 2022	2 June 2022 – Teacher Only Day TBC 3 June 2022 – Teacher Only Day 6 June 2022 – Queens Birthday 24 June 2022 – Matariki Public Holiday
Term 3 2022	25 July 2022 – 30 September 2022	No public holidays
Term 4 2022	17 October 2022 – 14 December 2022	24 October 2022 – Labour Day

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Kia ora Edendale School friends and family,

We are collecting donations of **brand new Kiwi books** to gift to kids in need this Christmas as part of the wonderful Kiwi Christmas Books scheme. (For some this will be their first ever book, for others it will be their first ever Xmas present.)

Picture books, chapter books, middle grade, young adult, fiction or non-fiction – we'd love them all, and we'd love it if it was a book by a New Zealand writer or illustrator.

All books will be delivered to the Auckland City Mission, Monte Cecelia Housing Trust, The Middlemore Foundation and The Aunties who will distribute them to the families using their services this Christmas.

Donate online today:

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For \$25.00, your employee/mate/great aunty Gertrude gets a lovely gift card or e-card - and a child in your town gets to unwrap a brand new book for Christmas.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful cause. Donations close Monday December 13th.

Georgia Siggelkow

((Mum of Isla in Rm 25 and Zeta in Rm 13)



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Coding Course



Harshavardhan is starting a Coding Course for kids between 8-12 on-behalf of Techno Harshu. You will learn how to design, code and create games with Coding. For more information please contact me.



Design

You'll learn how to design games in Scratch



Develop

You'll learn how to create games using Blockly and Squeak



Code

You'll learn how to code movements and actions for characters



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