



Edendale
Primary School

11th June 2020

COVID-19 Information Update

COVID ALERT LEVEL 1:

From the Ministry of Education:

Although New Zealand has made great progress in containing COVID-19, there is still a global pandemic that is expected to continue into 2021 or even longer. It is important we remain vigilant and continue to practice good hygiene to minimise the risk of any community transmission.

There are no specific public health requirements for schools and early learning services at Alert Level 1. The Health and Safety at Work Act continues to apply and all schools and early learning services should adhere to the following **golden rules**

1. **If you're sick, stay home. Don't go to work or school. Don't socialise.**
2. **If you have cold or flu symptoms call your doctor or Healthline and make sure you get tested.**
3. **Wash your hands. Wash your hands. Wash your hands.**
4. **Sneeze and cough into your elbow, and regularly disinfect shared surfaces.**
5. **If you are told by health authorities to self-isolate you must do so immediately.**
6. **If you're concerned about your wellbeing or have underlying health conditions, work with your GP to understand how best to stay healthy.**
7. **Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen to help contact tracing if needed. Use the NZ COVID Tracer app as a handy way of doing this.**
8. **Businesses should help people keep track of their movements by displaying the Ministry of Health QR Code for contact tracing.**
9. **Stay vigilant. There is still a global pandemic going on. People and businesses should be prepared to act fast to step up Alert Levels if we have to.**
10. **People will have had different experiences over the last couple of months. Whatever you're feeling — it's okay. Be kind to others. Be kind to yourself.**

To meet your requirements under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015 during Alert Level 1 we must manage risks and protect staff, children and young people. This means that we need to understand what the risks are and what they and you need to do to manage them.

We are obliged to eliminate transmission risks where possible and where not, to substitute work practices or provide as high a level of control as possible.

Schools are expected to maintain or create new practices that meet or exceed the public health measures as they are updated.

Schools are no longer required to keep a contact tracing register, but as is usual practice will **continue to keep a visitor register and maintain their attendance register** (and will need to work with local health authorities to identify close contacts, should there be a case connected with the school). Some changes may come out around this later.

Physical distancing is not a requirement but where possible or practicable, **is encouraged when you are around people you don't know.**

We will also have the NZ COVID-19 QR code posters on the front and back gates for your use. The Tracer App can be found [here](#).

Newsletter at a glance

Highlights (more details are outlined in this newsletter)

- Leadership Team message
- Reporting, assessment and parent teacher conferences
- Edendale Facebook page
- BLAKE Inspire for Teachers
- Edendale Eats update
- Lucky Books
- Can you help?
- Friends of Edendale news
- Term dates

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Here we are at Level 1 and I would like to say a huge thanks to all of our students and whānau for all of your support with our 'Think Learn Create' distance learning initiative. Though we are now back to a new normal with no Covid 19 restrictions at school, we are working together to continue to grow the best parts or what we learned during our distance learning experience. Whilst we may be rather happy to have left Teams and Zoom mostly behind, there are some real positives with regard to how we are engaging with our tamariki in the classroom and we look forward to sharing these initiatives with you. Watch this space.

We have had the new furniture delivered to our Tuakana classrooms. This makes the classroom environments so much more student friendly and it facilitates a much more collaborative approach in learning.



New House Leaders were announced on Friday at our Zoom assembly. Well done to Mark and the Room 20 students for hosting this Zoom assembly. House Leaders for 2020 are listed below. Each of them received a certificate, a House Leader Badge and an Edendale House tee-shirt. How did we select our leaders? At an assembly the year 6 students were told about the opportunity to become House leaders and they were given the process. Any Y6 student could apply to be a house leader and they could apply in any form. I.e. by making a PowerPoint, letter, video or even by just speaking their application to a teacher. In order to get as many applicants as possible, students were encouraged to nominate any person they felt would make a good house leader. We talked to the Y6's about how we were looking for leaders who demonstrated the school values of resilience, innovation, inclusiveness and innovation. Applicants were asked to show how they have already demonstrated leadership in the Edendale School community. Students were offered support in class time by teachers if they wished to apply and this included discussions about the school values & what leadership looks like in action. Applicants were shortlisted by the Tuakana team, sports coordinators and Senior Leaders, and then the Tuakana teachers made the final call. This was based upon all of the above. We believe this process has resulted in a great group of student leaders who are set up for success.

House Captains

Kikorangi house:

Sienna B Rm 21
Lorenzo F Rm 20

Kōwhai house

Reuben M Rm 21
Isla N Rm 19

Whero house

Ella M Rm 20
Finlay C Rm 18

Kākāriki house

Jovie K Rm 20
Dylan M Rm 21



At our Zoom assembly on Friday, we also announced our Peer Mediators. These students have had a full day's workshop with Lily (Room 12 Teacher) who is very experienced in Peer Mediation. We look forward to our Peer Mediators working in the playground during interval and lunchtime to help our students feel safe, secure and connected as they focus on using their skills to assist our students with peaceful conflict resolution.

Peer Mediators 2020

- Room 11: Oscar W, Nivaan L, Senay T
- Room 12: Amaris V, Kalei T, July F, Makayla B
- Room 13: Ameera M, Shira W, Natalya J
- Room 14: Jono M, Edward C, Tarabelle U, Isabelle C
- Room 15: Milly W, Molly C
- Room 16: Alice R
- Room 17: Lara H, Isla S
- Room 18: Yugma P, Aaryan D
- Room 19: Felicity M, Ryan P, Bonnie P, Lucia W
- Room 20: Corin S, Angela D, Tino K, Elise S
- Room 21: Allie B, Georgia S, Dylan M

This week we have been celebrating the incredible work of our support staff here at Edendale. Our support staff are made up of our Learning Assistants, Art and Garden to Table Specialists and Administration Staff. We had a superhero dress up day on Wednesday, then on Thursday, the teachers put on a shared morning tea for our support team, and tomorrow, Friday we are wearing black and white to show our support for the NZEI support staff claims. We are fortunate to have an outstanding support team here at Edendale. I am sure you will all agree.

Ngā mihi

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Marg
Deputy Principal | Tumuaki Tuarua

Reporting, assessment and meeting next term: Next term you will be given the opportunity to formally meet with your child's classroom teacher and prior to this, you will get a written report showing progress. Our Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th August. School will finish at 1:00pm on these days. You will receive booking details closer to the time.

School Facebook page: Our school FB page is used to keep everyone up to date and as a page, it also includes people who are not at our school (local, nationally and internationally). Since we started the page nearly two years ago it has always had the highest privacy settings that a FB page can have (i.e., high profanity filter and auto page moderation for a public page).

Sometimes brief/succinct comments get through but the majority of commenting doesn't and remains hidden to our FB followers. It does remain visible to you the poster and any of your friends.

We note that recently some children have liked items on our page (with their own FB pages). Our FB page is not designed for children. We try to monitor this and don't always see everything (hence the settings set since day one). We ask that people be mindful of the content posted as some does make it through the auto filters. We have three active admins on our page to monitor this, but the action is not immediate.

Facebook is a place for us to keep you informed and advise you about upcoming events etc. Most FB posts come out later as newsletter content but not all. If you want to ask a question or let us know your views please email the school or make an appointment to come in and see us.

A reminder that Facebook is our public face to the world and our advertorial to new parents and was never intended to be a place to ask questions [email the school] or debate issues [make a time to see us].

Thanks for your understanding and as always we (admin staff, leaders, teachers) are open to meeting face to face, and/ or taking emails.

Congratulations to Fleur Tuck and Edendale on being selected for the BLAKE Inspire for Teachers Programme 2020: BLAKE Inspire for Teachers is a week long, action-packed environmental education and leadership development programme based in Auckland. Funded by the Ministry of Education, this exciting programme brings together teachers from all over Aotearoa who work together to develop a deeper understanding of environmental issues and how to apply environmental education in school with our tamariki.

During the week the participants are teamed with world-leading scientists, environmental leaders and experts in their fields to learn about environmental issues such as climate change, freshwater quality, biodiversity and ocean health. The programme will provide the experiential learning opportunities and practical ways to translate into environmental action, conservation and sustainability within our school environment.

Edendale Eats update: Edendale Eats is now open for orders on-site for parents and children. Students will also be able to order in their classes via their lunch crates but going forward it would be preferable for them to order directly from Sue at the canteen. Online ordering is also available via Kindo.

Lucky books: A bumper Lucky Book Club brochure was sent out to students last week. 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 19th June.

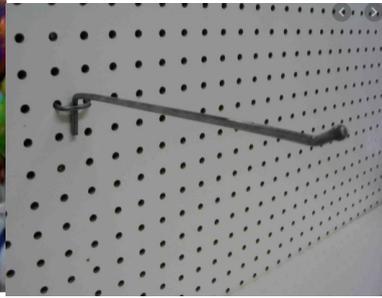
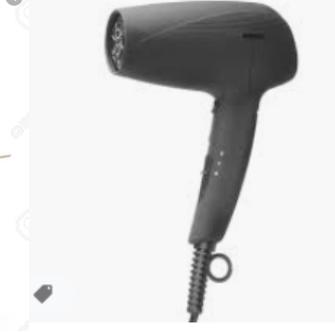
Can you help?

Restoration Planting Preparation - parent helps needed: Do you or a whānau member have two hours spare to help take out some weeds on Wednesday 17th June 12:45 - 2:45pm? Please email fleur@edendale.school.nz. We would greatly appreciate your help.

Items wanted for physics experiments: Term 3 at Edendale will have a Physics focus. In particular, we will be looking at simple machines. We are after a number of items to help us provide wonderful experiences for our tamariki. If you have any of these items listed below or pictured on the next page, please could you send them to Amanda in Room 19.

- toy cars
- toy wheels of any sort
- a hair dryer
- clean empty yoghurt pots
- clean empty drink cans
- hot wheels car track
- white PVC drainage pipes
- wooden peg board
- marbles
- telephone directories
- round biscuit tins

- empty golden syrup/milo tins (or other tins with this type of lid - see picture below)
- tools - hammers, pliers, screwdrivers etc
- screws and nails - a selection of types and sizes, in good condition please.



friends of EDENDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

So after a slight hiatus we're back to having our monthly PTA meetings! Our next meeting of the year is on Thursday 18th June. The meeting starts at **7:00pm** and is held in the meeting room (at the office foyer). 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.

We're currently working with the school to finalise what fun events we will be able to hold for the rest of this year. More details will be communicated out soon, so keep an eye out for upcoming notices.

Edendale PTA

Edendale term dates 2020 (note these may change slightly)		
Term 2	15 April – 3 July	Teacher Only Day: Friday 29 May Queens Birthday: Monday 1 June
Term 3	20 July – 25 September	
Term 4	12 October – 9 December	Teacher Only Day: Friday 23 October Labour Day: Monday 26 October
2021 start day		2 February 2021
Next BOT meeting		Tuesday 23 June
Next Friends of Edendale meeting		Thursday 18 June

Aeon Musique provides quality music education at Edendale School during and after school hours.



Available instruments:

Flute	Clarinet
Piano	Trumpet
Violin	Trombone
Guitar	Saxophone

UKULELE OR RECORDER

30 minutes per lesson
\$10 per week
4 to 5 students

INDIVIDUAL LESSONS

20 minutes per lesson
\$25 per week
30 minutes per lesson
\$35 per week

GROUP LESSONS

30 minutes per lesson
\$18 per week
2 to 3 students

contact us at:

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