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Dear Parents/Whanau,

Just over halfway through this term, we are indeed very pleased with how well our students have settled in, being focused in class and representing their school well in extra-curricular activities. Thank you for supporting your child; we really appreciate it!

Please note the following important information in this edition of the Eden Times:

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Our Vision

At Eden, it is our vision for our students to thrive, to be confident and to be prepared to fulfil their God – given calling.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS TERM:

Monday 12 March:	College Sport Orienteering: Rosehill College
Tuesday 13 March:	Franklin Year 7 & 8 swimming
Wednesday 14 March:	Auckland Christian Schools touch: Moire Park – Massey
Thursday 15 March:	Franklin Year 6 swimming
Monday 19 March:	College Sport Orienteering: Manurewa High School Chess club evening: 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday 23 March:	Waihi Gold Encounter Field trip: Senior Primary/Intermediate
Monday 26 March:	College Sport Orienteering: Strathallan College
Friday 30 March:	Good Friday
Monday 2 April:	Easter Monday
Tuesday 3 April:	Leaving for School Camp: Coopers Beach Christian Camp
Wednesday 4 April:	School Camp
Thursday 5 April:	School Camp
Friday 6 April:	Returning from School Camp
Friday 13 April:	School closes at 1pm for holidays

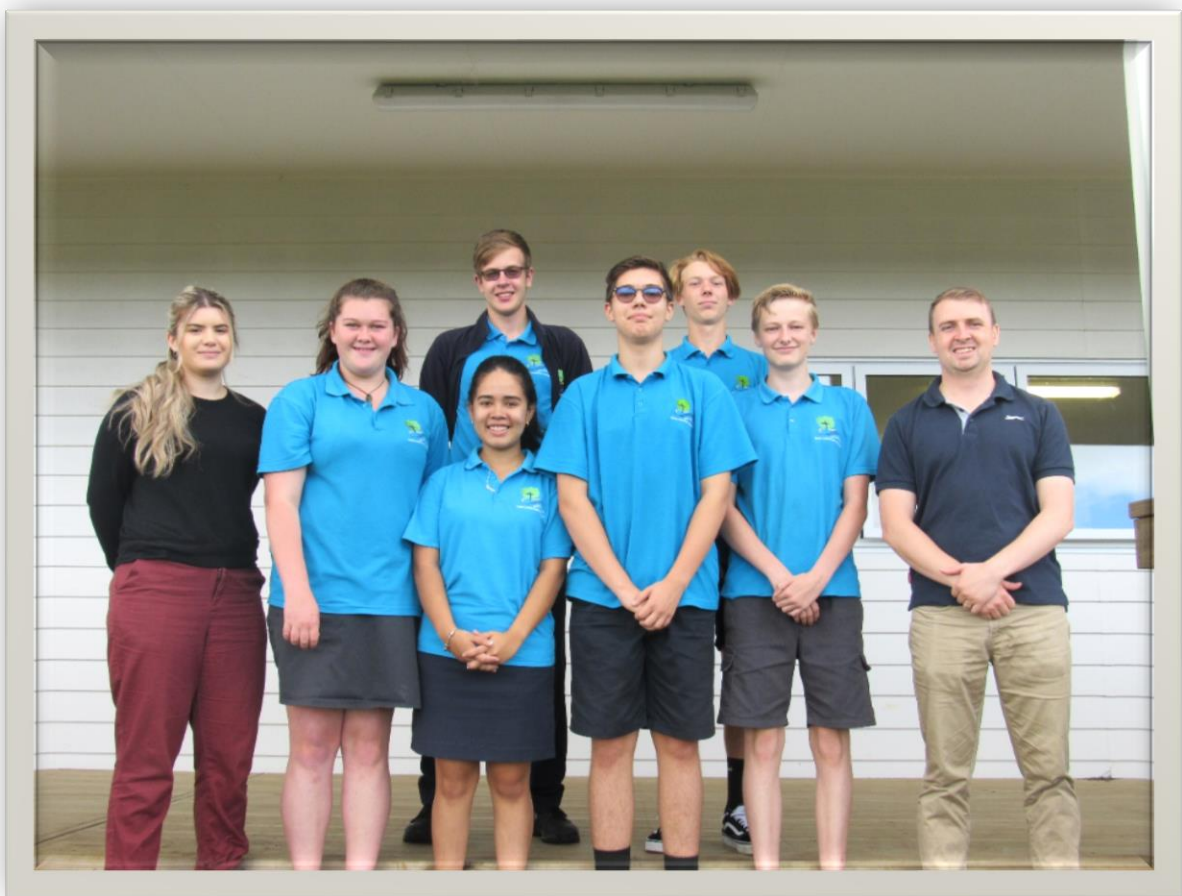
STUDENT TIMETABLES:

Most of you will be aware of the fact that we have had quite a growth in student numbers since the beginning of this year. This has left us with only two spaces available in the school for the remainder of this year. Both spaces being only in the Junior Primary class.

We are aware that timetable changes can be disruptive. We were aiming to implement these changes at the beginning of term 2. The reality however is that making the timetable changes now will not only create the much-needed extra spaces for the remainder of the year but will also benefit our current students immediately in regards to their quality of education.

In light of the above, we will be trialling the new timetable from Monday 12 March 2018.

STUDENT LEADERS: 2018



(From L to R front row): Mrs J (Prefect guardian), Kate Johns, Nicole van Mil, Cort Dixon, Alwyn Edlin, Mr J (Prefect guardian)

(From L to R back row): Darion Benjamin (Head leader), Locky Dixon (Head leader)

ACTIVITIES DURING THE PAST TERM:

Family BBQ:



Triathlon:



Orienteering:



Chess club:



Counties Manukau Tennis:



Junior Secondary Science:





Primary/Intermediate trip to the Dr John Lightbody reserve:



ADDS AND NOTICES:

From the Auckland Regional Public Health Services: Important message regarding Polyfest

For Teachers

Teachers accompanying students to Polyfest next week should take precautions to prevent the spread of infection during the mumps and whooping cough outbreak.

The large number of young people at the festival in close proximity, means bugs can easily spread through coughs and sneezes.

For teachers who have students in their care during Polyfest:

- Ensure they have their own drink bottles so that they don't share drinks.
- Provide tissues and encourage the students to cover their coughs and sneezes.
- Provide hand sanitiser and prompt students to wash their hands before eating and after using the toilet.
- Check students are not ill with fever, headaches, muscle aches or cough.

For Students and Parents:

- With a large number of students attending Polyfest, there is an increased risk of students catching infections like mumps, measles or whooping cough, through coughs, sneezing and sharing spit.
- Ask your parents if you are up to date with your vaccinations, your doctor or medical centre should have your records. Catch up with your vaccinations at your medical centre – they are free.
- Do not share water bottles or food.
- Wash hands before eating and after using the toilet.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes.
- If you develop fever, headache, swelling in the face, cheeks, or jaw, or cough - do not attend the event and see your family doctor.

Additional information -mumps and whooping cough:

Early symptoms of mumps include fever, headache, muscle aches, tiredness, and loss of appetite. The salivary glands on one or both sides of the face, cheeks or jaw may become swollen and sore after two days. The mumps vaccination also protects against measles which is a serious and highly infectious illness.

Whooping cough starts like a cold with a runny nose, cough, and fever and is spread by coughing. After 7-10 days the cough becomes more severe and prolonged coughing spasms occur that may end with a whoop, dry retching or vomiting.

If you are concerned or have questions about these diseases call Healthline for advice on 0800 611 116.

- Also see attached information from the Counties Manukau District Health Board.



- Tickets available from the School.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Our Mission

At Eden, it is our mission to:

Prepare our students for the future by providing a quality education grounded on the Christian World View through the development of each individual student’s potential.

Empowered by God’s Word, to assist families in educating their children, equipping them for life and eternity.

Provide a safe, nurturing learning environment for our children, founded on the Christian values of grace, forgiveness and compassion.

Our Values

Compassion	Consideration	Faith
Grace	Honesty	Hope
Humility	Integrity	Love
Respect	Serving	Trust

God Bless
William van Rensburg
Principal