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Dear Parents/Whanau,

A huge welcome back to all of you after the school holidays! We hope and believe you have enjoyed a well-deserved break with your family.

A special word of welcome goes to all our new students and their families who have joined us this year. We are really impressed with how quickly our new families have settled in and we are looking forward to building a long and lasting Eden-relationship with you all.

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR THIS TERM:

Wednesday 6 February:	Waitangi Day
Wednesday 13 February:	Closing date: Cambridge mid-year exam entries Year 8 vaccination talk
Monday 18 February:	College Sport Orienteering: Wesley College
Monday 25 February:	College Sport Orienteering: Papatoetoe High School ERO week
Tuesday 26 February:	College Sport Aquathon: Saint Kentigern College, Pakuranga
Monday 4 March:	College Sport Orienteering: Pukekohe High School
Wednesday 6 March:	Counties Manukau Athletics: Massey Park, Papakura
Thursday 7 March:	College Sport Triathlon: Point England reserve Parent/teacher interviews: 5pm-7pm
Friday 8 March:	Teachers Only Day Parent/teacher interviews: 11am-3pm
Monday 11 March:	College Sport Orienteering: Rosehill College
Monday 18 March:	College Sport Orienteering: Manurewa High School
Wednesday 20 March:	Year 8 vaccinations Auckland Athletics Championships: Mt Smart Stadium, Penrose
Monday 25 March:	College Sport Orienteering: ACG Strathallan College
Friday 12 April:	School closes at 1pm for holidays

PLEASE NOTE:

- We will be sending the booking forms for parent/teacher interviews on Monday 25 February 2019.
- Dates for other extra-curricular activities like Auckland Christian Schools events and Franklin Primary/Intermediate Schools events, will be available on our website as soon as the dates are made available. Please see www.edenchristianacademy.co.nz



STAFF AND CONTACTS:

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Annual School Camp co-organiser
Health and Safety officer
School prize-giving function
School Yearbook
Student Council
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Annual School Camp organiser
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School prize-giving function
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Student Council
Subject Selection
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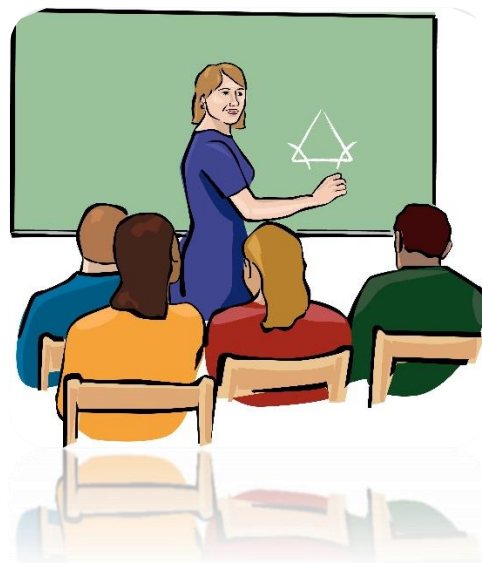
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IMPORTANT REMINDERS AT THE BEGINNING OF A NEW SCHOOL YEAR:

Attendance:

1. Students should be dropped off no earlier than 8.15am and picked up no later than 3.30pm.
2. Parents are expected to phone the school no later than 9am on the day of the absence.
3. A roll check will be taken at the start of each day at 9am and after lunch at 2pm.
4. The school will contact the parent or emergency contact if the student has not arrived by 9.15am or is not present after lunch.
5. Documentation may be requested in the event of prolonged absence, an absence which affects school examinations, or if other circumstances warrant this.
6. Requests for leave must be forwarded to the Principal in advance of the dates concerned.
7. Senior students who are on approved study leave must attend both the annual prize giving function and final school assembly.



Uniform:

Informal uniform:

Polo shirt with ECA logo
Polar fleece with ECA logo
Boy's shorts
Girl's skort
Sun hat (Year 1 – 6)
Navy knee socks or stockings

Formal uniform:

Boy's white shirt with ECA logo
Girl's white shirt with ECA logo
Girl's skirt
Boy's trousers
Tie
Navy knee socks or stockings
Blazer

Note: Parents/students can choose whether they want to purchase the informal or formal uniform.

Sports and Physical Education (Compulsory for P.E classes and sports events):

Sonic Biz Cool T-shirt with ECA logo (except where uniforms are issued for example rugby jerseys, netball uniforms etc.)
Biz Cool navy shorts with white stripes (girls)
Active wear tactic navy shorts (boys)
Razor track suit with ECA logo

Footwear:

Black sandals with heel straps or black lace-up shoes

General requirements:

Hair is to be kept clean and tidy at all times and out of eyes. Only natural colours allowed. Hair accessories must be in school colours (navy, light blue, green and/or white) or natural hair colours.

Permanent tattoos must be covered.

No excessive earrings, necklaces, arm bands or body piercing!

YOU CAN GET ALL YOUR UNIFORM NEEDS AT:

Ticket Wear

66 King Street

Pukekohe (next to Bazza's steakhouse and opposite the old Countdown)

Contact: Carmel Jennings
Phone: (09) 239 0452
Mobile: 021 909 010
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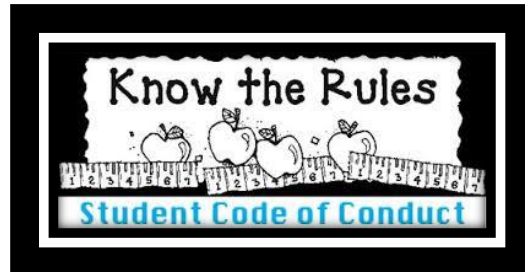
Medication:

1. All parents must inform the school if their child is bringing prescription medicine to school.
2. Parents who wish the school to administer or supervise the dispensing of medication must complete the "Caregiver's request for school to administer medication" form (appendix 1) and submit to the Principal for approval and counter signature.
3. The medication must be properly labelled with the name of the student, the name of the medication, name of the doctor and the dosage and the date prescribed.
4. Medicines shall be securely stored in the administration area except in cases where, after written agreement by parents and Principal, it may be carried by the student e.g. asthma inhaler, allergy kit.
5. All medications administered, whether prescription or not, will be recorded on the "Medicines record" form (appendix 2) which is kept in the office.
6. Students whose medication is stored shall receive their medication in the administration area away from other students.

Code of Conduct and Cybersafety use agreement:

New students who have joined us this year and those who haven't received it before, will receive a Code of Conduct and Cybersafety use agreement this week.

Parents, please make sure you read and discuss the content with your child and then return the signed slips to school as soon as possible.



AFTER SCHOOL CARE:

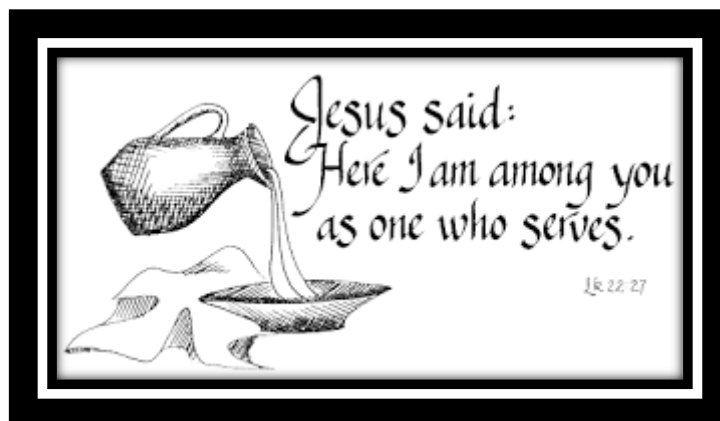
A reminder that we now have after school care available on Mondays to Fridays from 3pm to 6pm. If you are interested in more information, please contact me at willem.eca@xtra.co.nz



FUNDRAISING TEAM:

It has always been our ideal to establish a fundraising team/committee who can organise and run events to raise funds for our financial assistance/scholarship fund.

If you want to make a difference to the lives of families and children who are less fortunate, please contact me at willem.eca@xtra.co.nz so we can get the ball rolling!



OUTSTANDING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS:

Arun Dunn: Swimming

- NZ Open Water Swimming Championships: Taupo-12 January 2019
2.5km: 41 minutes (8th NZ boys 12-14 years)
5.0km: 1 hour 19 minutes (7th NZ boys 12-14 years)
- Surf Lifeguard course: Successful completion on 8 December 2018



Zoe Vincent: Cambridge IGCSE Information & Communication Technology

- High Achievement recognised by the New Zealand Association for Cambridge Schools going to a student who has achieved a very high standard mark (**A***) in New Zealand in an individual subject



FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

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.

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
Grace
Humility
Respect

Consideration
Honesty
Integrity
Serving

Faith
Hope
Love
Trust

God Bless

**William van Rensburg
Principal**