



EVERGLADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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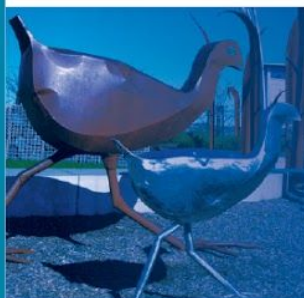
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to the 2019 school year. I hope everyone enjoyed the summer holiday period, and we are now looking for a fast start to the new school year.

Newsletters usually come out on a Wednesday. This week, it is one day early, because

TOMORROW IS WAITANGI DAY, THERE IS NO SCHOOL

If you get the paper newsletter, please check your child's bag every Wednesday. If you get the electronic copy, make sure you check your inbox. We try to use the newsletter to keep everyone up with what's happening at your school, so please do read it each week, and keep a copy until the next one arrives.



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WELCOME!

At the start of every year, we always have a large group of new pupils. Some of these people are new five year olds, starting school for the first time. Others are transferring from other schools, and in some cases from other countries. In all cases, we say **"Welcome to Everglade School!"**

On **Friday 15 February**, we are holding a **Welcome Assembly/Powhiri in the school hall at 9.30 am**. This is an official welcoming for our new pupils. We extend an invitation to parents of new pupils to attend this event. After the welcome, there will be refreshments available.

In addition to new pupils, we always see a number of new staff members starting with us. This year we welcome:

Miss Feng, new teacher in Room 03

Mrs Mackenzie, new teacher in Room 09

Mrs Tupu Tuia, new teacher in Room 12

Mrs Read, new teacher in Room 16

They will also be officially welcomed on 15 February at the powhiri.

As everyone knows, **February is the hottest month of the year**. This is a challenge for getting down to the nitty gritty of teaching/learning, and it's a challenge our people meet very well.

At the start of the year, we remind our pupils and families that **we are a sun smart school. This means that between 10.55 am and 3.00 pm, anyone who is outside needs to wear a sun hat**. This time period covers the two breaks from class; it also applies to any outdoor activity, such as PE etc. Hats should be named. We do sell school sunhats, however any suitable sunhat is acceptable. The main thing is to ensure that children (and adults) are protected.



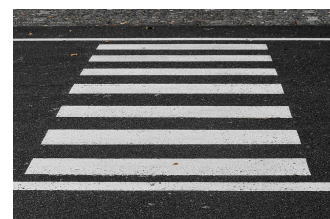
Please ensure that your child's sunhat protects the ears as well as the face.

Coming up soon we have a series of **Parent Orientation Days**. These are designed to give you more idea of 'what goes on at school' and how learning looks in 2019. We strongly recommend attending where you can.

Each teaching team will run an orientation session. These will be at different times. Check out our teams below.

Pedestrian Crossing - please use it

We expect any children crossing Everglade Drive to use the crossing outside the school. Cutting across the road further up or down is not acceptable. Please reinforce this with your children. Please also make sure that you use the crossing yourself. While adults can see and judge road conditions better, think of setting an example for our children. For an extra one minute, it's worth it!



WASTE FREE SCHOOL - WHAT IS THAT?

Like many schools, we are aiming to reduce our carbon footprint, and encourage our families to do the same. One way we do this is to be 'waste free' for children's lunches and school food. Each day children are expected to put any packaging or wrapping from their food back into their lunch box, and take it home. This enables parents to see what has been eaten, and can be really helpful in deciding to cut down on wrapping and packaging. For example, instead of buying potato chips in small plastic packs inside a large plastic bag, why not buy one large bag, and each day put the serving in a small re-usable snack box? That way you will save a little money, and cut down on the amount of plastic waste. A win all round!



TEAM NAMES

Our classes all work within teams, with other classes at the same or similar age/year level. The classes and their names are shown below.

ROOM	NAME	LEVEL
PONGA ITI TEAM		
01	Mrs Snelgar	Year 1
02	Miss Neal	Year 1
03	Miss Feng	Year 1
04	Miss Gahunia	Year 1
08	Miss McEwan (Team Leader)	Year 0 (class opens Term Two)
MANUKA TEAM		
12	Mrs Tupu Tuia	Year 2
13	Mrs Pillay	Year 2
14	Mrs Graham	Year 2
15	Miss Naidoo (Team Leader)	Year 1-2
KAWAKAWA TEAM		
09	Mrs Mackenzie	Year 3
10	Ms Allen (Team Leader)	Year 3
11	Mrs Nathaniel	Year 3
TOTARA TEAM		
21	Mrs Irvine	Year 3-4
22	Mrs Tanga (Team Leader)	Year 3-4
23	Mrs Kettoola	Year 4
POHUTUKAWA TEAM		
16	Mrs Read	Year 5-6
17	Miss Hemehema	Year 5-6
18	Mrs Hirannah	Year 5-6
19	Mrs Knauf (Team Leader)	Year 5-6
20	Mr Muirhead	Year 5-6

Next newsletter: Wednesday 13 February

Regards,

John Robinson

Principal