



# EVERGLADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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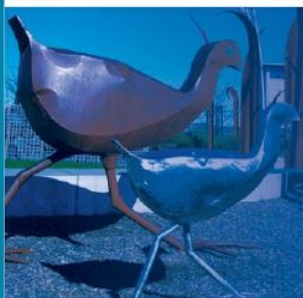
One of the things we try to do is give our families an understanding of 'what learning looks like' in our classes, and what are some of the main areas of focus at each age level.

To do this, we are running a series of

## PARENT ORIENTATION SESSIONS

over the next few weeks. We strongly recommend that you try to make time to get to the sessions that are relevant to your children. You will find them very valuable.

See inside for details.



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It's good to see our children **wearing sun hats** during the key times of day. This gives them that added protection, and assists them in getting the most from the day. Thank you.

Your child will bring home a **Study Outline** to show the areas of study in their team this term. These are different for every team, so they will come home as paper copies. Please check out what is on the table for your child's learning.

### Key Dates for Term One

Friday 15 Feb - Welcome Assembly/Powhiri for new pupils/staff 9.30 am

Tuesday 19 Feb - first Parent Orientation Session (see below)

Thursday 07 March School Assembly 1.45 pm

Tuesday 12 March - Zone Cricket day (Year 5&6 team)

Wednesday 13 March Polyfest - group to visit

Wednesday 03 April - first 'Transition' visit for Term Two enrolments (five year olds)

Wednesday 10 April - Visiting Performers - 'Science in a Van'

Thursday 11 April - School Assembly 1.45 pm

Friday 12 April end of Term One

If your child is new to Everglade School this year, they will be welcomed at our **Welcome Powhiri on Friday 15 Feb (this Friday)** beginning at 9.30 am. All parents are welcome to attend, with a **special welcome if your child is new this year**.

After the proceedings, there will be **refreshments available in the staff room**.

### Parent Orientation Sessions

As mentioned above, these are very important session for parents to attend. You will gain an idea of how learning works in your child's class/team, and an appreciation of the main areas of focus.

Research shows that children's learning is improved when parents are more aware of what that learning is about, so we encourage you to make the most of these opportunities.

Sessions are held on different dates so that you aren't caught having to be in two places at once.

Details are:

Day	Date	Week	Team
Tuesday	19.02	3	Totara - Rooms 21-23
Tuesday	26.02	4	Manuka - Rooms 12-15
Wednesday	27.02	4	Pohutukawa - Rooms 16 - 20
Wednesday	06.03	5	Kawakawa - Rooms 9-11
Tuesday	12.03	6	Ponga Iti - Rooms 1-4

All Parent Orientation Sessions start at 3.15, and aim to end by 4.15 pm

We all want things to go smoothly for our children at school. Usually, they do. Sometimes, little things go wrong, or children get upset/worried by something. What we say is:

- If you are happy about something, please let us know! We like that!
- If there is a concern, **let us know early**. We like to get these matters sorted.

To help you with knowing who to get in touch with, please check out the information below.

### WHO DO I CONTACT IN 2019?

Please use the following table to check who your first contact should be when you have a concern about your child.

If your concern is About .....	Please contact
A Classroom Matter	Your child's teacher
An unresolved Classroom Matter	*See below
Attendance Matters	Mrs Powrie
Playground Behaviour Matters	Mrs Roberts
Student Welfare (Pastoral Care) Matters	Mrs Powrie
Special Needs/Educational Programme Support	Mrs Cave
School Operations and Policy Matters	Mr Robinson

If you have discussed a classroom matter with your child's teacher, and you feel it has not been resolved or concluded, please ask at the office to speak with one of the Assistant/Deputy Principals:

Mrs Roberts – Deputy Principal

Mrs Cave – Assistant Principal

Mrs Powrie – Assistant Principal

THANK YOU

### A Bit of a Concern - Please Note

We have been advised that last Friday afternoon, a person in a car tried to entice one of our pupils with an ice block while she was walking home. Fortunately, she responded sensibly, and got herself away quickly.

This is a good time to reinforce the message that "You do not go with someone, or get in their car, unless you are certain that they are a person you know and trust."

We are looking for coaches of sport for sport. If you are interested, please contact Nathan Muirhead by calling the office during school hours, emailing on [nathanm@everglade.school.nz](mailto:nathanm@everglade.school.nz) or coming in after school from Wednesday to Friday.

Next newsletter: Wednesday 20 February

Regards,

John Robinson  
Principal