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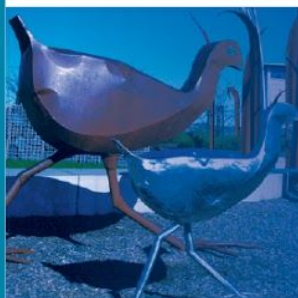
Dear Parents / Caregivers

Suddenly it's August! The year rolls on, and we aim to keep pace with the busy programme running at Everglade School.

In this issue we will outline possible industrial action by primary teachers, give you a heads up on our upcoming Drama-Musical production, and talk a little bit about Cross Country.

As I mentioned above, it's a busy programme!

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As I write this newsletter, it is very likely that there will be industrial action taken by primary school teachers across New Zealand. As we saw recently with the Nurses Strike, this is related to negotiations with the government regarding employment and working conditions. It has now been confirmed that the action will be for a full day. This means that there will be **NO CLASSES FOR STUDENTS** during that day.

The reasons for the industrial action involve a gradual erosion of working conditions over many years. Schools are facing a teacher shortage, as less people opt to train as new teachers. There is also an increasing need for more support going to children with additional learning needs.

In summary, the industrial action is designed to highlight:

- A need for more teachers in the primary sector
- A need for more resources (including staff) to support learning needs
- An increase in salaries that will attract more people to train as teachers

No one wants to see industrial action, and it is hoped that negotiations can get to the stage where it is not needed. This would certainly be the best outcome for everyone. However, right now it is my duty to inform you that industrial action is likely, so that you can plan accordingly.

The date that has been set for this action is **Wednesday 15 August**.

Our latest edition of **Writers' Piece** comes from **Room 11**.

The Best Part Of Me

Aarush Singh

My best part of me is my Immune System. Without it, my body wouldn't be able to defend me from flus, pains, viruses, headaches, chicken pox and infections. Plus, if I didn't have it, I would have illnesses forever and it wouldn't be cured except if I went to hospital. So thank you immune system for protecting me. What would I do without you?

Hazel Greenaway

My Legs are the best part of me. If I didn't have legs I wouldn't be able to walk, jump, stand, run and especially play with my friends. Without them I wouldn't be able to push the brake while driving. This will cause me to crash. Then I will get injured and have lots of pain. That's why I absolutely love my legs.

Khushi Mandalia

My Brain is the best part of me. Because it sends messages to all parts of my body. It helps me to learn and get more smarter. If I didn't have a brain I wouldn't have my five senses. That means I wouldn't be able to see, hear, touch, taste and smell. My brain controls my body. I love my brain because it works very hard.

Rishav Bansal

My Heart is the best part of me. Because it beats every day and keeps me alive. If I didn't have a heart then I will not be able to live. My heart pumps blood to all parts of my body. That's why my heart is the best part of me.

Preston Waterhouse

My Hands are the best part of me. If I didn't have hands I wouldn't be able to eat and if I couldn't eat, then I would starve and eventually die. Also if I didn't have hands I wouldn't be able to write or hold a book to read or even hold my drink bottle to have a drink. I love my hands.

Our whole school Drama-Musical Production for 2018 is called
'Let Loose.'

It's a story of the adventures involving a group of eager children (and some not-so-eager) who are going on a school camp. The funny musical sees them experience a variety of mishaps on their way to learning one very important lesson...good friends are worth their weight in sweets.

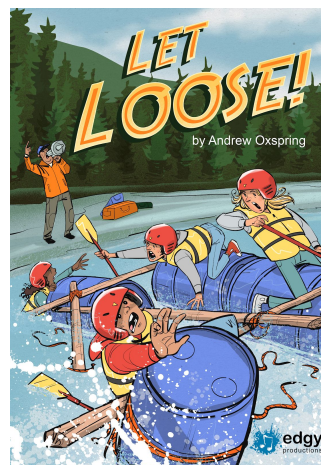
Every class is involved in a 'Let Loose' item, which they are now practising for.

Performance dates are:

Wednesday 19 September 1pm (approx.) - Matinee

Wednesday 19 September 7 pm

Thursday 20 September 7 pm



We will be starting the first round of ticket sales in a couple of weeks. This will be explained clearly, and give every family the chance to buy tickets.

Classes are practising for their **Cross Country Day** in a few weeks. As per the notice sent home recently, training sessions use the fields unless conditions make this too difficult. We recommend that children bring a change of clothing, and suitable footwear, for running on soft fields.

Reminder about Out of Zone enrolments

We have a small number of Out of Zone pupils at Everglade School. Please note that if you already have a child attending Everglade School as an out of zone student, **you still have to make an out of zone application for any younger siblings. There is no automatic right of enrolment.**

Out of Zone applications for 2019 are restricted to children turning five in that time frame.

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Regards,
John Robinson
Principal