



# EVERGLADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Tomorrow sees our **Parent Orientation and Picnic Day**. We are running two orientation sessions, at 3.30pm and 4.30pm. You can choose either, as they are the same. If you have more than one child, you have the chance to attend two sessions at the two different levels.

Note that **Child Care will be provided**. Before your session starts, drop your child off outside Room 5, and they will be supervised until your session has finished.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Orientation and Picnic Day. **The picnic will start at 6.00pm.**



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## Check your Class Dojo!

The Class Dojo is your parent portal to what is happening in your child's class and team. The newsletter is good for giving 'whole school' information; however, it doesn't work so well when different teams/classes have different things they want to say. This is where the Dojo comes into play. Team and Class news will be posted here. Make sure you keep in touch by checking in.



**It's February, and the weather is hot!** Despite this, we still see children wearing sweatshirts, stockings etc. We strongly suggest that this is not appropriate clothing for the time of year. It's not even cold in the mornings. We suggest that a polo shirt and shorts or skort is enough for this time of year. Of course, a sunhat is essential from 10.55am until 3.00pm.

## The newsletter is moving!

In a few weeks there will be **no paper newsletters, and no newsletters by email.** All our newsletters and notifications will be on a smartphone app called **Skool Loop.** We recommend you download the app as soon as possible, and you will see how it works. We are already posting the newsletter there.

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## Let us know before you go!!

Every year we have pupils and their families going on extended leave (more than five days) during term time. This is usually for family holidays. While we don't endorse the practice, we recognise that it happens. The thing is... **You have to let us know (in writing) what is happening.**

It's not enough to just 'tell the teacher' or 'tell the office.' We need to know, in writing:

- Child's name and room number
- First date of absence
- Date of returning to school (very important)
- Reason for absence

Without this information, the Ministry of Education will expect us to **remove a child from the school roll** after a certain number of days of absence. That means that on return, you would have to re-enrol your child, assuming they are eligible for enrolment. Don't let this happen - let us know before you go!

### Road Safety reminder

We thank the vast majority of our parents who make sure their **children cross Everglade Drive at the pedestrian crossing**. It is so vital that children learn that this is the safe way to cross, and it is important that they are not taught to just duck across the road when Mum or Dad call them. It takes an extra minute or two, but it is worth it.

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Regards,

**John Robinson**

**Principal**



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