



EVERGLADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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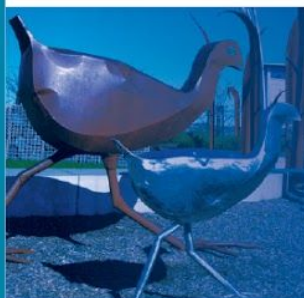
There is a proverb that says:

"To everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Relevant words right now, as we roll into the restart of on site school. It has been a real joy to see so many of our pupils back, enjoying the opportunity to reconnect, reset and refresh, both in learning and in developing relationships.

We have experienced a nationwide lockdown (Level Four) a partial lockdown with part school (Level Three) and now we are experiencing the delight of being back at our own place. It's a tremendous feeling!

All in all, it's great to be back!



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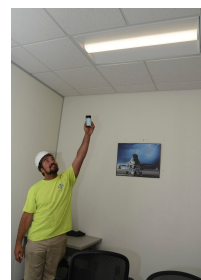
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It is just over two months since I sent a school newsletter out to families. Of course, during that time there were a number of updates sent out on App and Dojo, as well as regular online learning material. So in some ways we have kept in touch well, and in other ways today is like a new beginning. However you look at it, the importance of keeping in touch with our families remains as high as ever.

As your child has no doubt told you, we are maintaining **consistent standards of hygiene and health practices**. This has been incorporated into the daily timetable, and is proving useful as a teaching point also.

During Level Three we have seen work resume in two areas:

- Installation of LED lighting in areas that did not previously have any. This provides for brighter classes, and will also contribute to a lower electricity bill, which in turn means more money available for other things.



- Work has resumed on the artificial turf complex. This has picked up at good speed, and it seems likely that the turf area will be available for use from the beginning of June, all going well. The Turf Area will be an amazing facility that all our pupils will benefit from.

Let's not forget the different **businesses that have supported our school and our newsletter**. This is especially important considering the current economic situation. We want to thank our supporters, and encourage our families to contact any of these businesses when the need for their services arises.

We thank:

- ★ Barfoot and Thompson Manukau
- ★ Everglade Kids Club
- ★ D.K. Putt Plumbing
- ★ Hodgson and Muir Orthodontists
- ★ Millenium Music
- ★ Best Start (Everglade Babies & Everglade Preschool)
- ★ Kumon Manukau Heights

For those who may be wondering, **we are in Term Two**. The term started on 15 April and will continue **until Friday 03 July**.

Because of the relatively short time on site, both in Terms one and Two, we will push back the Mid-Year Reports and Three Way Conferences until early in Term Three.

This will enable pupils and classes to get their learning momentum built up, so that we can report from a solid basis.

Amended Terms and Dates for 2020:

Term One: Monday 03 February to Wednesday 25 March (term ended due to Level Four Lockdown)

Term Two: Wednesday 15 April to Friday 03 July

Term Three: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September

Term Four: Monday 12 October to Tuesday 15 December

Staff Changes

We welcome Ms Ruth Thomas to our staff. Ms Thomas comes to us from the Kapiti area, near Wellington. She has opened our new Year Zero class in Room 7, and is under way with her bright young sparks. Welcome back to Auckland, and to Everglade School, Ms Thomas.

We really want to thank our families for how well you have got behind **the new pick up/drop off arrangements**. It is likely that these arrangements will run for some time, and the start that we have seen gives real confidence that we can have all children dropped off and picked up in a safe manner.

- Year 0/Year 1 children (Rooms 1-8) can be taken to & collected from class.
Collection can start from 2.45 pm
- Year 2 and older are dropped & picked up at the gate.

A small suggestion: arrange a definite meeting place near the school gate. This might be a lamp post, or a particular numbered letterbox, somewhere that everyone knows. Each day, drop the child there and meet them at 3.00pm. This enables everyone to keep a safe distance apart at a 'heavy traffic' time of day.

Next newsletter: Wednesday 27 May

Regards,

John Robinson

Principal