



# EVERGLADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Welcome to Term Three.

With the upheavals of the first half of 2020, we are hoping for a steady second half of year, with school operating as normal. At the same time, we realise from the events in Victoria that this is not simply a return to how things were.

The new normal is different from its predecessor.

We will be continuing to uphold good health practices, in balance with the implementation of a strong learning programme.

We look forward to Term Three unfolding, as we move into the new normal.

Keep an eye out for our **upcoming Three Way Conferences**. These are a vital part of the school year, and we encourage all our families to participate.

You can read more about Three Way Conferences inside.



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We hold our **Three Way Conferences** in the middle of the school year. This year we have held off until Term Three, due to the lockdown situation. The Three Way Conferences are hugely important in your child's learning; it brings together teachers, parents and pupils to discuss learning to date, areas for further progress, and successes to celebrate. All three participants are involved in the conference, and all contribute. This is a powerful process in engaging our pupils in their learning, and drawing families in behind them. At the end of the 3WC, the **Mid Year Report** will be issued. This year our 3WCs will be held on:

- Wednesday 12 August, from 3.15 to 6.30 pm
- Thursday 20 August, from 2.30 to 8.30 pm.

Bookings will be available soon on our **Skool Loop App**. Make sure you book your times as soon as bookings are notified.

Please note: Some Year Zero pupils (Rooms 6 & 7) and some pupils who started at Everglade School later in the year will not receive a written report, due to lack of time at our school. There is still the opportunity to hold a 'verbal only' Three Way Conference, and we encourage you to do this. We will advise families where no written report will be prepared.

### **What's in a Name?**

Our names are very important to us. They are how we are each recognised, and are a big part of developing our identity.

At Everglade School, we try very hard to know and say each child's name correctly.

One thing we are seeing is a number of our pupils who have both a formal (legal) name and an informal (preferred) name. This can be as simple as an abbreviation, such as 'Joey' for 'Joseph.'

In other cases we have children whose informal name is very different to their formal name.

In day to day situations, we will use a child's preferred name. When it comes to more official written documents (School Reports, Awards, Official letters) we will use the child's formal, or legal name. It's a case of using the most appropriate name for the situation.

### **Visiting Performers - restarting the schedule**

In a regular year we arrange four visiting performers to present to our pupils. This usually occurs once each term. This is what the **\$24 Visiting Performer Charge** is for.

This year we have had to reschedule, and we now have two performers in each of Term Three and Four.

Our two Visiting Performers for this term are:

Tuesday 04 August - Cook Island Cultural Programme

Wednesday 26 August - Be Bright, Eat Right presentation

Most of our families have chosen to pay the \$24 Visiting Performer Charge, which means your child is covered for all four shows this year. If you haven't yet paid, and want your child to attend one or both shows, there will be an opportunity to 'pay as you go' closer to each show.

As we mentioned last term, we went a bit light on **school uniform** when we returned after lockdown. It's now time to make sure we step back up to our usual standards and expectations. In particular, at this time of year we find a small number of pupils wearing 'non-uniform' jerseys, sweatshirts, hoodies etc. Sometimes this is because the washing hasn't dried, or maybe the uniform jersey has been temporarily misplaced. Like you, we are keen to keep these situations to a minimum.

Unless unusual circumstances occur, pupils should be wearing one of the following:

- ★ A school uniform jersey (polar fleece style)
- ★ A school uniform jacket
- ★ A Kids Can 'Warriors' raincoat (outdoors only)
- ★ An alternative lined jacket. Please note: This is not a hoodie, sweatshirt or jersey. It must meet the requirements to be a proper jacket.

It is also a good time to give a reminder that **naming your child's clothing** is really important. With the best will in the world, children are not good at taking care of their clothing, especially the items that can be taken off during the day. Naming a jersey or jacket can make a huge difference to getting it back.

By far the greatest number of Lost Property items are the polar fleece jersey. Unfortunately, most of them aren't named.

**'Young at Art offer children's, teenage and Adult Art and Craft classes in Pukekohe. Our Term 3 classes are open for booking in groups for children aged 6-9yrs, 9-12yrs and 13yrs+ on Monday's, Tuesday's and Wednesday's. We are also offering Adult Resin, Adult Acrylic Painting and Face Painting workshops (teens and Adults). Please note this term we are in our new studio in Pukekohe. For more information or to book please check out:**

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**Bookings are essential as places are limited'**

### **Pita Pit Friday**

Our regular **Pita Pit Friday continues this week**  
**See attachment for menu**



**Next newsletter: Wednesday 29 July**

**Regards**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John Robinson'.

**John Robinson**  
**Principal**

