



EVERGLADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have moved back to 'regular' school pretty smoothly this week. Being at Level Two (or Level 2.5 as some call it) we are operating under a number of restrictions. These include our procedures during classroom time and breaks, as well as before and after class hours.

If you are a parent of a Year One pupil (Rooms 1-4 and Room 8) you will have noticed the biggest difference is in **the drop off and pick up procedures**. Year One pupils are now dropped off and collected at the gate. It is only Year Zero pupils (Rooms 6 & 7) that are dropped off at class by parents. Even here, they are collected at the gate in the afternoon.

Level Two has some challenges, as do all the levels. We are confident of seeing things through in this phase, and greatly appreciate the support of our families in doing this.

Keep up the good work!



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The Fence is getting a facelift (and an add-on)!

If you have been up at school in the last few days, you would have noticed that work has started on replacement of (and additions to) our perimeter fence.

Most of the school's boundary fence dates from the late 1980s.

In some places it is nonexistent. The replacement fence will increase security and provide a safer environment for our pupils. Another side of the fence project is to do with providing a barrier for any child who may want to run home from school. While this is a very rare situation, it does present real danger when a child takes this action. The additions to the fence will see gates set up across the three walkways into and out of the school front. These are:

- ★ Between the back of Room Five and the fields
- ★ Between the Principal's Office and the Library/Resource Room
- ★ Between the back of the hall and Room 15.

With these areas secured, it will add a further dimension to the safety factor of the school.

It will also mean a change to school entry for adults. At 9.00 am each morning, these gates will close, along with the gate at the rear entrance to the school. That means that **any person wishing to enter the school between 9.00 am and 2.45 pm must enter via the school office.**

This may be a small change for some people, but it is well worth it when weighed up against the advantages that the new fence brings.

We will have a completion date for the fence in due course, and will let you know when the new arrangements will begin.

Have you got the Skool Loop App?

If you are reading this newsletter, your answer is "Yes!" That means you get all the necessary school notifications. We still have some parents who are not on the App. It is easy to tell, because when they complain about not knowing what's going on, they either haven't downloaded the App or they haven't read the notices that we have posted on it.

Hmmm!

If you have other Everglade parents that you know well, please check in with them that they are on Skool Loop. That's how we all keep up to date.

Out of Zone Enrolments

If you are planning to apply for an Out of Zone enrolment for your child (or you know someone who is) please note the following:

- Out of zone enrolment places are only available for five year old children
- Even if you already have children at Everglade School, **you must still apply. There is no automatic right of enrolment for younger siblings.**
- The process is governed by law, and given procedures must be followed. All applications are subject to a set system of prioritising, and a ballot is conducted to determine final places. There are no shortcuts or exceptions.
- Applications must be received by the school **on or before Monday 12 October.**



It is important to understand that the process is very legally bound, and it is not possible for people to ask for a late placement. If you are planning to apply, don't wait around; contact the office to be sent an Out of Zone application form.

Visiting Performers

We have had to reschedule our Visiting Performers (again) for the remainder of the year. We now have three shows in a row over the first three weeks of next term. These are covered by the Visiting Performer Charge that most people paid at the start of the year.

If you chose not to pay the VP Charge, or you can't remember, don't worry. Later this term, we will contact you about these upcoming performances if you haven't paid. You can then choose to make a single payment, or to 'pay as you go' one show at a time, or not to pay at all. It's your call.

If you don't get a notice about this, it means you have paid, and all is sorted.

Well Done!

Tuesday 04 August was an amazing day for Paige Roberts, one of our Year Five pupils. Paige is a keen gymnast, and her mother asked if we were entering any competition. Unfortunately, we don't receive any information from the gymnastics body, so Paige's mum did some digging. As a result, Paige was a last minute entrant in the Auckland Central-West Gymnastics competition held in Mt Roskill. With next to no time available to learn the routines, Paige attended and finished in Third Place! A mighty effort indeed.

Not only was this a great achievement for Paige (and her mum) it also means we now have contact with the gymnastics world, so this may lead to more opportunities next year and beyond.



Our Writers' Piece publication comes from Room 16, one of our Year 5/6 classes.

Dear Mr Robinson,

I believe that this school should have shelter over the playground. Everglade citizens should be safe from the deadly rays of the sun. Students shouldn't get overheated during their break times after all recess is meant to be fun.

Sunburn is a serious problem around the world because sunburn can also lead to higher chances of skin cancer. Sunburn can also lead to swelling it can also causes flakiness, peeling, rashes, roughness, red spots, redness, blistering, itching, headache, fever, nausea, dehydration and fatigue would you want that happening to you? That why 60,000 people die every single year from the sun every single year every single year!

In addition if we had shelter over are heads in the playground then we will be safe from the harsh weather. During rain you could get infected with the rhinovirus. Rhinovirus comes in all shapes, sizes and strength but most of them are strong. In 2010 and 12,000-61,000 people died from the rhinovirus. When it's windy you can also be infected with the rhinovirus as well then the chances of death is increased. Plus the wind may even cause damage to are park.

I agree that there might be some problems here and there but there are also solutions. The students in Everglade school can't play in the park while in construction. But this school also has other areas for playing like the library, turf, courts, and field. I also agree that there is the cost of the changes. But with the positive statements and the children health the money wouldn't matter.

That's why I believe that this school should have shelter over the parks in Everglade school.

Your sincerely
-Chao Qiang

Dear Mr Robinson,

I believe we should have clubs for after school. Students have to wait by the library for like, an eternity and they're not even allowed to run around or play with their friends. If clubs were added, people could learn new skills while waiting to be picked up.

Where the clubs would be depends on what type of club it is. For example, sports clubs could be on the turf, the hall, or the courts. Students may pick a club they want to take part of and receive a form that must be signed by their parents giving them permission to join the club. In a club, a leader is not necessary but should have adult supervision.

Did you know that joining clubs can benefit students? Whether they're an expert or a beginner. They can learn new skills and practice them. They can also help teach the other club members how to do a certain thing. Some clubs may require more buildings. Sure, building can cost a lot of money and time but it's all for educational purposes! People can become fit with sports clubs or learn subjects from other clubs.

Parents may not know where a certain club is and look around the school for an hour but students can help them find the club they are looking for. During lunch, students might want to practice their skills but can only play for 45 minutes. After school, they can practice longer but would have to clean up the equipment that they used if they even used it. If they joined a club and learnt something new, they could understand the topic much better.

In conclusion, this is why I believe we should have clubs after school. You may disagree with me but if clubs were added, students would be well-educated on a topic and can still focus on their studies.

Yours sincerely,

Trelise Tran

Dear Mr Robinson,

I believe Everglade school needs a cafeteria. You're maybe thinking, why? When?, and Where? Don't worry I'm going to answer them all.

Okay why, because there are kids who forget lunch and no one is at home, but maybe they have enough amazing points to get something from the cafeteria.

Now you're wondering what are the points? don't worry I will tell you that later. Now when, when October the 1st 2020 or whenever it will get built.

So now you think where should we put the cafeteria? we can put the cafeteria in front or behind room one or in the staff room.

But now you're maybe thinking what is points, don't worry I will explain now. So when you're in class if you do something amazing, you'll get a magnificent point but only if the teacher sees you. So with the points, you can buy something from the cafeteria and won't stay hungry and could provide income instead of fundraising.

I believe Everglade school would love to have a cafeteria.

Your sincerely
Khushi Mandalia

Pita Pit Friday

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



What does the rest of the term look like?

Obviously, we can't say what the Alert Levels will be like. We have done some rescheduling of our various activities/events, and at this point in time the rest of the term includes the following:

- ★ Thursday 10 September - First Transition for Term Four New Entrants 11.30am-1.00pm
- ★ Monday 14 September - Greenmeadows Intermediate visit to Year 6 pupils 2pm
- ★ Tuesday 15 September - Rooms 1-8 Wheels Day (Save Day Wednesday 16 September)
- ★ Wednesday 16 September - Second Transition for Term Four New Entrants 1.40 - 3.00pm
- ★ Friday 18 September - Totara & Pohutukawa Cross Country Day (Save Day Tuesday 22)
- ★ Monday 21 September - Ponga Iti & Manuka Cross Country Day (Save Day Thursday 24)
- ★ Thursday 24 September - Year 5 & 6 Zone Basketball Tournament
- ★ Friday 25 September Term Three ends

Next newsletter: Wednesday 09 September

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Robinson', on a light-colored background.

John Robinson
Principal