

EVERGLADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We are now well into restarted school. Our pupils are well used to the requirements at Level Two, and are enjoying being back in the school environment.

As we look ahead, it is possible that by the middle of next week, Auckland will move to the full version of Level Two, rather than what is known as Level 2.5.

Level Two will make no difference to how we operate at school. Our current procedures will be maintained until we reach Level One. This is all about ensuring a safe environment for our pupils. The biggest difference that moving to full Level Two will make is in the community and economy, rather than in schools.

Having said all of the above, if we do move to full Level Two, it will still be a great step forward for us all, as we work through this second wave of Covid-19.

School is currently open for all pupils.



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Happenings this term:

We have done a fair bit of rearranging this year. With the most recent phase of 'lockdown' we have done a bit more.

Between now and the end of term, we have scheduled the following:

- > Thursday 10 September 11.30 am Transition morning for Term Four New Entrant families
- > Tuesday 15 September Rooms 1-8 Wheels Day (Save Day Wednesday 16th)
- Wednesday 16 September 1.40pm Second Transition session(Term Four New Entrants)
- Friday 18 September Totara & Pohutukawa Cross Country Day 10.30am 12.00pm (Rooms 9, 16-23)
- Monday 21 September Ponga Iti & Manuka Cross Country Day 11.15am -12.30pm (Rooms 1-8, 11-15)
- > Tuesday 22 September Save Day Senior Cross Country
- > Thursday 24 September Save Day Junior Cross Country
- > Friday 25 September last day of Term Three. School finishes at 3.00pm as normal.

Please note that for all above events **we are not able to invite parents and other adults onto the school grounds.** This is consistent with Level Two (or 2.5) requirements. While this may be a bit disappointing for some, it is one of the sacrifices we make now for a stronger future.

Visiting Performers in Term Four

In order to keep our Visiting Performer Schedule running, and providing four events per year, we have a very condensed schedule in Term Four.

There are three VP Events running in consecutive weeks, as follows:

- ★ Wednesday 14 October Be Bright, Eat Right a fun look at health and nutrition
- ★ Tuesday 20 October Hiwi the Kiwi a storyteller performance
- ★ Tuesday 27 October Rhythm Interactive as the name suggests

If you have paid the entire year's VP Charge of \$24 (most people paid this at start of year or on enrolment) your child is already booked for all three events.

If you have chosen to 'pay as you go' and make a decision as each event comes up, we will send you a note to outline the options for the three shows in Term Four. As always, it is your choice.

Writers' Piece

Thank you to Room 21 for these contributions:

In Room 21, we make an effort to notice and understand idioms in our reading. We were lucky to be able to explore the idiom 'When life gives you lemons, make lemonade', when Hazel brought in some lemons for us. We discussed how lockdown was a lemon that many of us turned into lemonade. We collect the idioms we notice and talk about them in order to improve both our comprehension and our writing. Here are some more we have found this year:

- A vicious circle
- Keep your chin up
- As thick as thieves
- He's got his head in the clouds
- Not the sharpest knife in the drawer.



Out of Zone Enrolments (this is a repeat of least week's notice)

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.

Pita Pit Friday

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



Next newsletter: Wednesday 16 September

Regards

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John Robinson Principal