

# EVERGLADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

There's a lot going on right now.

Perhaps the biggest reminder is that this FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER is a TEACHER ONLY DAY.

There is NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY.

Another very important date is **Thursday 26 November** (next week.) This is the date of our **Twilight Festival.** You can read more about this inside.

Also inside is a list of other events that will be taking place over the next four weeks.



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Next Thursday 26 November is a BIG DAY. To be more precise, it's a BIG EVENING. That's because next Thursday is our



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### CAKE STALL - Please help us make this the best ever!!!

If you are able to donate a cake/biscuits/slice etc for the Twilight Cake Stall, that would be tremendous. Each year our families make some delicious treats. Please can they be dropped off next Thursday 26 November at the office. Thank you, we look forward to seeing your wonderful cakes etc.



Tomorrow the pupils of Pohutukawa and Totara (Room 9, Rooms 16-23) teams have their **Athletics Day.** This covers a range of athletic experiences.

To be prepared for the day, pupils should:

- arrive to school in full school uniform
- have Mufti clothes to change into. These must be clothes they can run, jump and throw in.
- be wearing sunblock. It would make sense to bring a small bottle so they can re-apply as needed.
- bring a named water bottle
- wear a sun hat

The Athletics Day will start soon after 9am, with the aim of concluding before lunchtime.

Other important dates to note are:

- > Monday 23 November Year Six monitors to Rainbows End Reward Day
- ≻ Tuesday 01 December Junior School (Ponga Iti & Manuka) Athletics Day
- > Wednesday 02 December Weetbix Tryathlon event
- Wednesday 02 and 09 December Transition afternoons (1.45 3.00pm) for Term One new entrant enrolments.
- > Thursday 03 December School Assembly
- > Friday 04 December Daytime Disco (postponed from 13 November)
- > Thursday 10 December End of Year Prize givings
- > Thursday 10 December Year Six Graduation evening
- > Friday 11 December Meet Your New teacher
- > Friday 11 December End of Year Reports issued.
- > Tuesday 15 December school year ends.

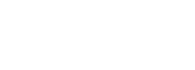
# **Road Safety reminder**

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.









## Writers' Piece We thank Room 17 for this contribution to our newsletter.



#### Our Trip to the Stardome

On Tuesday the 10th of November, Team Pohutukawa visited the Stardome Observatory and Planetarium. The reason why we went there was to learn about Myths and Legends, something that we had been studying this term. We were supposed to go to One Tree Hill as well, but the weather did not permit us to do this. Rooms 17 and 20 both boarded the bus and left school at 9 o'clock. On our journey to the Stardome, we encountered traffic on the motorway. Despite this, we were lucky to reach the destination before time.

Firstly, we got off the bus and waited patiently outside for someone to usher us in. Then we entered the Stardome and our guide, Nikki gave us instructions. She took us to the Observatory and through her digital presentation talked about space, planets and the galaxy's. We learnt that there were infinite stars and there were some planets that are bigger than the sun. We had also learnt about what events occur in a black hole and that stars are made from gases, such as hydrogen and helium.

After this interesting presentation, we got into our groups. Each group received an iPad. On the iPad there was a set of questions. These questions were related to the things in the display area. We had to match the image on the ipad with the image in the display area and read the information to answer the questions. Most of us were lucky to get most answers correct. Once we finished this task, we all took the iPads back to our guide, Nikki.

Finally, we went to the most exciting part of our trip. Our guide took us to the Planetarium, a huge room in a circular shape. Here we sat on really comfortable, theatre-like seats. On the roof was a circle-shaped screen which showed a video on various Myths and Legends. We learnt how those myths and legends connected to constellations like Orion, Zeus, Herculus, and many more. We were told that constellations were a group of stars forming patterns that were identified with a mythological figure. At the end of the show, we went outside to have a short break in the park. We had some food and played around for 15 minutes before we boarded the bus.

We had arrived at school at 12.15pm as scheduled. We believe this was a fun and also an educational trip for us. We all are wishing we could go back to this place again in future.

By Andrew Ngo Dane Mann

Next newsletter: Wednesday 25 November

Regards

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John Robinson Principal