



# EVERGLADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

We have started again! The 2021 school year is underway, and it's great to be back.

This newsletter will cover some basic 'start of year' information.

Nowadays we send 99% of our communications through the **Skool Loop App**. This is on your smartphone, and if you're reading this that means you've got the app!

Keep checking for notifications, or set up to get a signal when a notification arrives.

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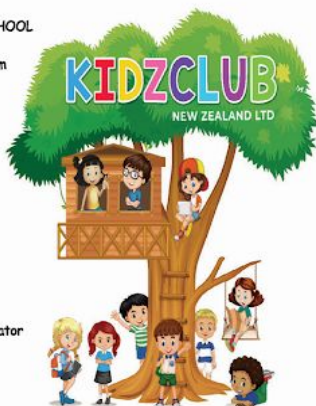
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## What are our dates for this term?

Term One dates are: Tuesday 02 February to Friday 16 April.

School will not be open on:

- Monday 08 February (Waitangi Day)
- Friday 12 March (Teacher Only Day)
- Friday 02 April (Good Friday)
- Monday 05 **and Tuesday 06 April (Easter Monday & Tuesday)**

Dates for the following terms are:

Term Two: Monday 03 May to Friday 09 July

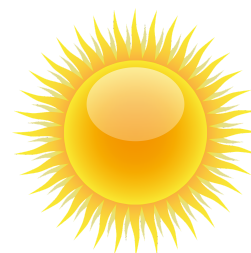
Term Three: Monday 26 July to Friday 01 October

Term Four: Monday 18 October to Tuesday 14 December

## That sun is hot!!

We are now in the hottest time of the year. We call it our Sunsmart Season. During this time, all pupils and staff members should be wearing a suitable sunhat between 10.55am (start of morning break) and 3.00pm (end of classes) if they are outside in an open area (no roof.)

Ideally, a sunhat should also cover the ears; however, we do allow baseball caps as a minimum standard. The best bet is the bucket hat (or cricketer's hat) as shown below.



We do sell the hat pictured from our uniform store; however, it is not compulsory to wear an 'Everglade School' sunhat.

As long as the hat meets requirements, it is fine.

Note: Please name the hat clearly. We recommend a hat set aside for school use, and kept at school. This reduces the risk of a child forgetting it one day, and then being restricted in where they can play.

Coming up soon...

We will be holding our **Parent Orientation Sessions** in the coming weeks. These give the opportunity to see how your child's class and team works, and what the important details are that will help you to support your child's learning.

Dates and times are listed below:

Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 - Wednesday 17 February, at 3.15pm and 5.00pm

Rooms 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 - Thursday 18 February at 3.15pm and 5.00pm

Rooms 9, 21, 22 and 23 - Wednesday 24 February at 3.15pm and 5.00pm

Rooms 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 - Thursday 25 February at 3.15pm and 5.00pm

Each team/class will run two sessions to allow for people's personal/work schedules. We urge you to make sure you get to one of them. The teams are running on different days to enable those with several children to attend all relevant sessions.

## Keeping in touch.

On the front page I spoke about the **Skool Loop App**. This is a vital part of our school communication strategy, and so much more. Skool Loop covers all 'school administration' matters. This includes weekly newsletters, notices etc.

In addition to this, each class has a **ClassDojo**. This is best described as a Class Portal, and provides more specific detail and information about what is happening/going to happen in your child's class. It helps you to keep in touch with your child's learning and school activity, even though you can't be here yourself.

Skool Loop and ClassDojo are essential partners; you need both to get the full picture.

If you used the ClassDojo app at Everglade last year you will already be connected and ready to go. If your family is new to Everglade School your child's teacher will be sending you an invitation to join. In the meantime, download the app for iOS or Android so you are ready to go. It can also be accessed from a computer at: [www.classdojo.com](http://www.classdojo.com).



If you are having difficulties using the app or getting connected to ClassDojo then stop by and see the classroom teacher.

## Team Names

Our classes are organised into teams at appropriate age levels. Each team goes by a set name. We often use these names when we communicate, so it's good to know who we are referring to.

Our teams are:

- ★ Ponga Iti (Year 1 and later Year 0 also) - Rooms 1, 2, 3, 4, 8 and later Rooms 7, 6 and 5.
- ★ Manuka (Year 2 and Year 3) - Rooms 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15
- ★ Totara (Year 3 and Year 4) - Rooms 9, 21, 22 and 23
- ★ Pohutukawa (Year 5 and Year 6) - Rooms 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20

## Covid 19 remains on the radar

At this stage, we are working as normal for a regular school year. We are also continuing to be prepared, and to promote safe practice with sneezing, sanitising, hand washing etc.

We look forward to continuing with 'normal' this year. If the situation does change, we will be prepared for this.

Any Covid information we receive will be shared with our families.

That's all for the first week! I wish everyone at Everglade School a successful and exciting year.

**Next newsletter: Wednesday 10 February**

**Regards**



**John Robinson**  
**Principal**