



EVERGLADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Another term begins and, as always, it's great to be back again. We are looking forward to another exciting term, with a range of activities and experiences.

Our vision statement refers to building

Capable Learners, Effective Communicators and Responsible Citizens.

There may be many things happening over a term at school; they all align with our vision and the values and culture that sit alongside it.

Inside this newsletter, you will see information about some of the activities this term, as well as a school uniform reminder.

We look forward to another successful school term



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School Uniform during winter months

We find that during the winter terms there can be a 'falling off' in terms of uniform standards. This is especially so with regard to jerseys and jackets. It can also be the case with 'leggings' that are worn.

Now is a good time to go through the detail of uniform over winter.

Jerseys, Jackets and Raincoats

Children have options for their top layer of clothing. These are:

1. **'Warriors' Raincoat** - these are provided free to all pupils by the Kids Can Trust. They are mainly for wet weather use, but they do have a lining and provide some warmth. Children can wear these outside of class.
2. **School Jacket** - we sell a fully lined jacket as part of our uniform options. These are mainly for warmth, although they do provide a small amount of wet weather protection.
3. **Non-school Jacket** - quite a few children have their own jackets, and these can be worn at school. However, it is important to understand the difference between a jacket and a jersey or hoodie. If a child wears their own jacket, it must be a true jacket. This means it should have full lining, with a full length zip, and both look and act as a jacket. **We do not accept sweatshirts, jerseys, hoodies or tracksuit tops as jackets.**
4. **School Jersey** - these are polar fleece jerseys which provide warmth but do not give any wet weather protection.

Any of the above items fit within our uniform expectations during winter months. It is not necessary for a child to have all of these items. In general terms, children can get by with the raincoat and one other item. If you are unsure whether a 'non-school jacket' meets expectations, please contact us.

Health Education Focus

Each year we have one major focus in this area of the curriculum. In 2021 our focus is school wide, and is entitled **Keeping Ourselves Safe**. Depending on the year level, it looks at different ways in which children can be in unsafe situations, and ways to respond in these instances. The Keeping Ourselves Safe programme has been operating for many years, and provides children with both a knowledge and strategy base in order to give themselves the best chance of staying safe. Depending on year level, there can be some very personal terms and concepts used (body parts, unwelcome touching etc) and these are addressed in a sensitive and positive way.

We have the services of two Police Education Officers to assist with part of the KOS programme, which will run over the first three weeks of the term.

Thon '21

After a year off we are bringing back our annual Thon Fundraiser Event. It's a general knowledge theme, and we have given with the simple title of **Thon '21**. We always find the Thon event to be highly popular, both as an activity and also in terms of being a successful fundraiser.

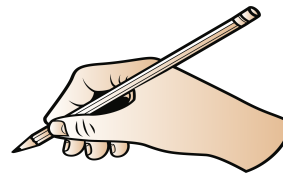
Children will be bringing home their Thon '21 material on Thursday (tomorrow.) This will include their learning sheets, a sponsor form and a letter of explanation.

For now the two things to focus on are:

- Learning the Thon '21 answers
- Signing up Thon '21 sponsors.

Writers' Piece

We thank Room 19 for this contribution to our newsletter.



Last Term in Room 19, we looked at how to use language features to enhance our writing. Here are some examples of the 'quick writes' we completed using similes and metaphors.

To this day, Mrs Dianne Green had been touring the globe. She had come up from Scotland two days ago to find her son. Samson Green.

Her rings glittered like water under the sun as she tenderly placed one hand over her eye and kept it there. A car sped overhead. Dianne jumped at the noise. Instantly, it took her back to her prime...to when she had almost died.

Her emerald green eyes glistened with tears as the memory flooded to her as water might flood a town.

Josie Hambridge

His eyes were as green as palm tree leaves. He looked like he was from a foreign country. The boy was wearing a ripped piece of fabric on his lower waist area.

I tried helping him but he shouted in some sort of language I didn't know. I felt a strong breeze behind me. I felt footsteps. I heard a growl. I froze.

Olivia Leota

I was a security guard at the vault, gun in hand, locked and loaded. I was a military soldier staring at the target. Suddenly, the alarm went off then I saw the bad guys. I closed the door so they couldn't get out.

Saharsh Veerla

So what's happening in Term Two?

Here's a quick rundown of 'whole school' activities this term:

TERM 2

- ★ 03-21 May Keeping Ourselves Safe - Health Education programme
- ★ 06 May Thon '21 starts
- ★ 19 May Netsafe Parent Evening 7pm (detail to come)
- ★ 26 May Class & Sibling Photos
- ★ 01 June Visiting Performer
- ★ 02 June School Assembly 1.45pm
- ★ 03 June Thon '21 Sponsor Cards returned (no money required yet)
- ★ 04 June Teacher Only Day
- ★ 07 June Queen's Birthday - Public Holiday
- ★ 08-11 June Thon '21 testing, sponsor cards returned for collecting sponsor money

- ★ 23 June Three Way Conferences Part One (3.15-6.30pm)
- ★ 24 June First Transition Session for Term Three New Entrants & families (11.40am-1.10pm)
- ★ 01 July Three Way Conferences Part Two (2.30-8.30pm) - Note classes finish at 2pm
- ★ 07 July Thon '21 ends - all sponsor money paid in to office
- ★ 07 July School Assembly 1.45pm
- ★ 08 July Second Transition Session for Term Three New Entrants & families (1.40-3.00pm)
- ★ 09 July Term Two ends

As each date approaches, we will send more information and reminders as necessary.

We welcome **Ms Luck, who started on Monday in Room 7.** Ms Luck has opened our first Year Zero class for 2021. As new five year old numbers continue to grow, we will open new classes to provide for this.

Next newsletter: Wednesday 12 May

Regards

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

John Robinson
Principal