

EVERGLADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

This is the first regular school newsletter I have sent out for six months. It seems like a lifetime ago.

Normally our newsletters will come out on a Wednesday. The short week bumped this out by a day.

This has been quite a week. As you will know, we had to work through the hugely complex processes that are in place when a Covid positive case was confirmed among our school population.

This case was a pupil in a particular class; all members of that class are isolating, and the learning programme has switched to Distance Learning (mainly online learning.)

Schools are finding that covid positive cases are emerging, often from out of school activity, which was the case for us.

We are following the processes as set down, and while they may not be as fast as we would like they provide a protective framework for our young people.



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Like all schools, we are following the various health measures that operate in the Red setting of the Covid Traffic Light system. We have had a lot of practice in doing this, yet at the same time we are not complacent. Health measures continue to be a high priority. As we head along the current path we are likely to see more challenges of this nature; we will continue to respond by following the latest advice.

Something that could help...

If someone in your household needs to get a Covid test, please consider whether you can keep your school children at home until the test result is known. By keeping your child at home from the outset, it means that if there is a positive test result, your children will not have been at school for those 2-3 days, and this will minimise the possibility of other children being caught up in the process.

In this situation, children kept at home are eligible for Distance Learning.

Term Dates

Term One began on Thursday 03 Feb and will end on Thursday 14 April

Other terms:

- > Term Two from 02 May to 08 July
- > Term Three from 25 July to 30 September
- > Term Four from 17 October to 16 December

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As always happens at the start of the year, the weather is very hot, and the sun is pretty merciless. Term One is part of our **Sunsmart season**. During the Sunsmart season (October to April) all our pupils and staff members are required to wear a suitable sunhat when outside in uncovered areas between 10.55am and 3.00pm. We recommend a 'cricket hat' which covers the ears, but we will accept a baseball cap as a minimum. Our suggestion is to set aside one hat for school and name it; it can either stay at school in the classroom or come and go each day.

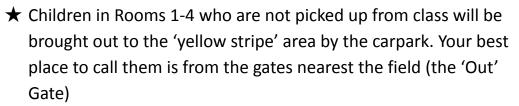
We sell school uniform sunhats at the office. However, any sunhat is acceptable.

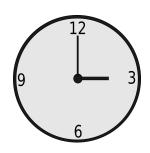
Changed your details?

Quite often people change cellphone numbers, address etc and forget to tell us. Please let the office know if any of your details have changed.

Collecting children at 3.00pm

Due to the red setting, we have altered our three o'clock arrangements slightly.





- ★ Children in Rooms 11-15 will now be walked out to the bottom of the ramp by the top carpark. Your best place is from the gate beside the letterbox (the 'In' Gate)
- ★ Children in other rooms are deemed old enough to make their pick up arrangements and follow them.

Vaccination of children aged 5-11 years is a very current topic. Everglade School endorses the right of the parents to make this call, and does not tell children what they should or shouldn't do. At the same time, as a state school we encourage all our families to strongly consider vaccinating your child.

A number of the vaccination centres are seeking ways to reach as many families as possible. The Whanau Ora clinic, based in Takanini, is in the process of arranging to use our carpark for vaccinations of children after school hours. The Everglade School Board has agreed to this, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. No child is vaccinated without written permission from parents
- 2. No child is vaccinated without at least one parent being present.

Soon we will be receiving information from the Whanau Ora people, and will send this on to you. It will include the relevant permission forms.

This will provide another option for those who wish to vaccinate their children.

Next newsletter: Wednesday 16 February 2022

Regards

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