



EVERGLADE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Greetings to Everglade families.

This has been the most stop-start beginning to a year that I can ever recall. Bigger issues have taken priority, and we are aware that for some people and families there is a long way to go before their lives can get back to normal. Our thoughts continue to be with those who have been impacted.

At school, we are into our Parent Orientation Days (PODs.) These are taking place **TODAY for parents of children in Totara and Pohutukawa teams (Room 9, Rooms 16-23) at 3.15pm and 5.00pm.**

Next Wednesday it will be the turn of parents with children in Rooms 1-8 and Rooms 10-15 (Ponga Iti and Manuka teams.) Your invitation will be on HERO soon.



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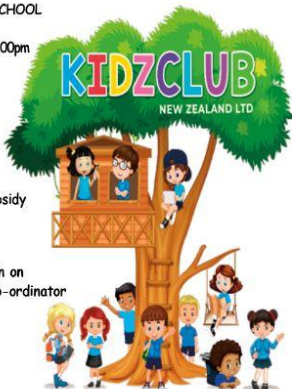
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This Friday we have our **Welcome Powhiri for pupils who are new to Everglade School**. Normally this would have happened a couple of weeks ago, so we are really keen to hold this event.

We have around 60 new pupils of varying ages who are new to Everglade School this year. We look forward to welcoming them.



The Powhiri is a fairly brief and simple event (less than 30 minutes in total) which welcomes all new pupils and families into the Everglade whanau. Parents of new pupils are very welcome; at the same time, the Powhiri is open to all families who wish to attend.

What: Welcome Powhiri

When: Friday 24 February at 1.45pm

Where: Everglade School Hall

Our first **Visiting Performer** event for the year is on **Tuesday 07 March**. This is the **Nanogirl Superhero Science Show**. Here is a brief bio of the event:

Join Nanogirl on her quest to build her STEM superpowers!

Nanogirl is on a mission to give ALL young people the opportunity to be blown away by Science and Engineering with engaging (and often explosive) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) experiences!

The excitement in the eyes says it all—Nanogirl Live! theatre shows are hugely impactful, inspiring and will (for some of these young people) be the moment that they look back on in the future as being the spark that led to a lifelong passion for STEM.

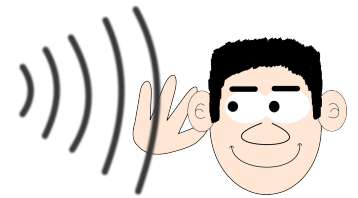
If you have paid the \$24 Visiting Performer Charge with your stationery payment, your child is automatically eligible to attend.

If you have been waiting to see, and decide that you want your child to attend this event, the cost will be \$7.50. Those who have chosen not to pay the VP Charge will get a paper notice to enable you to make a decision.



The Nanogirl group are also asking that our pupils do a **simple anonymous survey** before the performance. We will let you know more about this shortly.

Sometimes things happen at school that can cause a child to be a **little upset or worried**. Our young people are usually pretty good at letting us know about something. This is important because we can then address the matter as quickly as possible.



On occasions something will happen and we don't hear from the child.

The first we hear is a message from home. While we can certainly work with this scenario, it can make matters more difficult, especially if time has passed since the incident caused the concern.

If your child- tells you something, please ask first if they told their teacher, or a playground duty teacher. If they haven't, please be aware that this may be news to us when you let us know.

Related to the above is the regular use of the word '**bullying**' when a concern is raised. This is largely due to the media's love of this word. Unfortunately it has created a culture where people say 'bullying' for many things that are not. Bullying is quite a specific thing, and something can go wrong for a child without it being caused by bullying. The little graphic below helps to make this point.

is it BULLYING?

When someone says or does something
unintentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
RUDE.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful
and they do it once, that's
MEAN.

When someone says or does something
intentionally hurtful and they *keep doing it*-
even when you tell them to stop or show
them that you're upset—that's
BULLYING.

One thing we do in line with our **'Growth' value**, is to build resilience in our pupils. Evidence is showing that there is a big need for children to become resilient. If your child talks to you about something at school that worries them, please use the graphic to consider what is actually happening. This will help your child to understand things a bit more. It will also help you to communicate with us on the same page if you need to let us know.

More on this next week!

Youthtown have asked us to put this message in the newsletter. There is a little survey they are asking for. The QR Code is probably easiest to access.



**Be in to win one of ten
\$50 supermarket vouchers**

Simply fill in the survey at the link below (or use the QR code) and tell us about your needs for out of school care/ activities. Include your contact details and you are in the draw.

We know many families requirements for out of school care has changed in the last few years and we'd love to know your thoughts.

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Next newsletter: Wednesday 01 March (already?)

Regards



John Robinson
Principal