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Everglade Primary School - Newsletter

Thursday 05 February 2026

Greetings to the Everglade School Community.

As the school year begins, it is a delight for me to be back at Everglade School. After spending 2025 as a Leadership Advisor with the Ministry of Education, working in many schools in west and north Auckland, I can say without any fear of correction that pupils attending Everglade School are extremely lucky. Your school has so much going for it!

A new year begins, and once more there are challenges going forward. As a school we always aim to 'walk towards the challenge' and we intend to do exactly that again this year.

Overview of classes and teachers

In 2026 we look like this:

Team Ponga Iti (Year 0-1)

Room	Teacher	Room	Teacher
1	Ms Taylor	7	Ms Gruber
2	Mrs Ramsuran	8	Miss Christensen (Team Leader)
3	Mrs Kissun		

Other teachers working in Ponga Iti: Mrs Bayliss (mainly Room 8) Mrs Kaur (Room 1)

Team Manuka (Year 2-3)

Room	Teacher	Room	Teacher
4	Ms Carriere	13	Mrs Tuineau
11	Miss Naidoo	14	Miss Nisha
12	Mrs Lambert	15	Mrs Read (Team Leader)

Other teachers working in Manuka: Mrs Sailani (Room 4) Mrs Lal (Room 13) and Mrs Kaur (Room 15)

Team Totara (Year 3-4)

Room	Teacher	Room	Teacher
9	Mrs Hirannah	22	Mrs Gill
10	Mrs Hoenes	23	Mrs Mander (Team Leader)

Other teachers working in Totara: Mrs Alexander (mainly Room 23)

Team Pohutukawa (Year 5-6)

Room	Teacher	Room	Teacher
16	Mrs Groube	19	Mrs Irvine (Team Leader)
17	Mrs Turu	20	Ms Petersen
18	Mr Yang	21	Mrs Raj

Other teachers working in Pohutukawa: Mrs Woodfield (mainly Room 18 & 19) and Mrs Kettoola (Rooms 20 & 21)

A Few Dates

Below are a few of the key dates in Term One. Please note these for now, and further details will come as each date gets closer.

Friday 06/2 Waitangi Day public holiday

Wednesday 11/2 Welcome to new pupils and staff (Mihi Whakatau) 1.45pm

Wednesday 11/2 Ponga Iti and Manuka Parent Orientation afternoons

Wednesday 18/2 Totara and Pohutukawa Parent Orientation afternoons

Monday 02-Friday 06/3 Vietnamese Language and Culture Week

Wednesday 04/3 School Assembly 1.45pm

Tuesday 10/3 Science in a Van - Visiting Performer

Thursday 26/3 Three Way Conferences 2-8pm (classes finish early)

Wednesday 01/4 School Assembly 1.45pm

Thursday 02/4 Term One ends at 3pm

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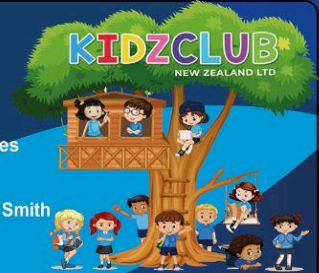
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Friday Lunch Orders

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PUBLIC HOLIDAY

This Friday 06 February
Waitangi Day - School closed



Every Day Counts: Starting the Year Strong!

As we settle into the term, we want to take a moment to discuss the vital role regular attendance plays in your child's success.

Our Shared Commitment

Education is a partnership. While our teachers are dedicated to providing high-quality learning from day one, students can only benefit if they are present. Under the Education and Training Act, parents have a legal obligation to ensure their children attend school every day. More importantly, missing even a few days can create gaps in learning and social connection that are difficult to bridge.

When to Stay Home

We understand that illness happens. **Medical reasons or genuine sickness** are the only justified reasons for absence. To help you decide if your child is fit for class, please refer to the official [Ministry of Health guidance](#).

Reporting Absences

If your child is unable to attend, you must notify the school **every day** they are absent. This ensures we know your child is safe. You can reach us via:

- The Hero App: Our preferred method for quick updates
- Phone: Call the school office directly at 092620244.
- Email: office@everglade.school.nz

A Goal for Success: "Regular Attendance"

We want to challenge every family to set a goal for **Regular Attendance** this term (and throughout the year). In New Zealand, this is defined as attending more than 90% of the time—meaning your child **misses no more than five days per term**.

If you are experiencing any difficulties or barriers in getting your child to school, please reach out to Mrs Heale (claudineh@everglade.school.nz). We are here to support you in any way possible to ensure your child can engage fully in their education.

Regards,
John Robinson
Principal



