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## Everglade Primary School - Newsletter 2026/03

Wednesday 04 March 2026

Greetings to the Everglade School Community.

In the last two newsletters we shared the various staff members who contribute to your child's learning and development. Today we round off our staff introductions with a look at our 'Learning Support Teachers.'

### Learning Support Coordinator

Mrs Naidoo - works Monday to Thursday

### Learning Support Teachers

Mrs Pillay works full time.

Mrs Sodhi works Tuesday to Friday

Mrs Pillay and Mrs Sodhi support learners across a range of learning needs.

We are fortunate to have the services of these three qualified staff members as we seek to provide next outcomes for all pupils.

### Is your child (or your friend's child) turning five in April, May, June or July?

If so, now is the time to enrol your child. If you live in the school zone, get onto our website and complete the enrolment form. We will then be in touch with you and get the process under way.

Our two **Transition Mornings** for parents of new five year olds are on:

Wednesday 25 March from 9.15 to 11.00am

Wednesday 01 April from 9.15 to 11.00am



**Is it a theatre show? Is it a science lesson? It's both!**

**Science in a Van** is coming to Everglade School on Tuesday 10 March 2026.

There will be two shows

For the Years 0 to 3:

**Billy Goats Gruff : A tale of competing forces – The Physical World**

- A classic tale with some new twists! Children will be spellbound as they watch the crafty goats apply their knowledge of forces to move the terrifying troll.

And for Years 4 to 6:

**Move It - Newton's Three Laws of Motion investigated - The Physical World**

- During this interactive show, your students will learn what Newton's three laws of motion are all about. This show will get you thinking about how and why things move. Cleverly it introduces the concept of fair testing while exploring forces.

**Date:** Tuesday 10 March 2026

**Time:** Yr 0 - 3 9.45 am Yr 4 - 6 11.30 am

**Venue:** Hall

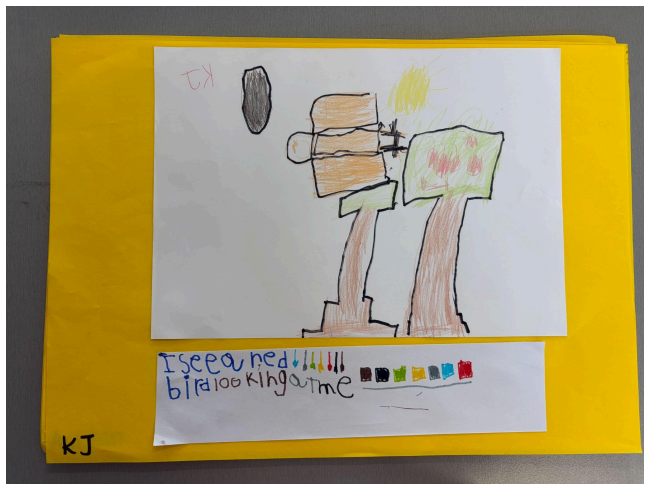
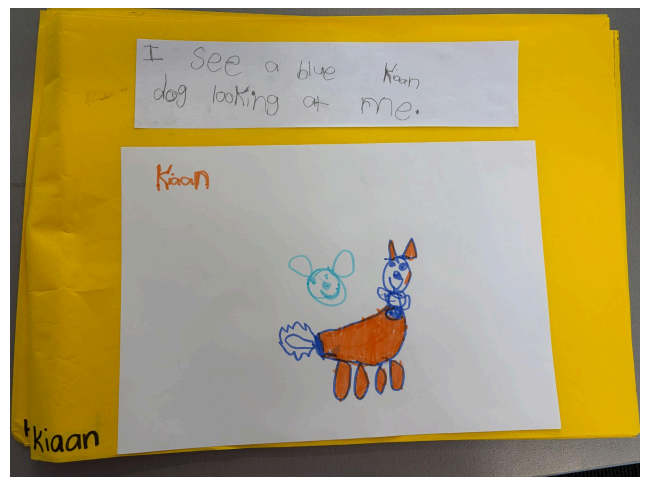
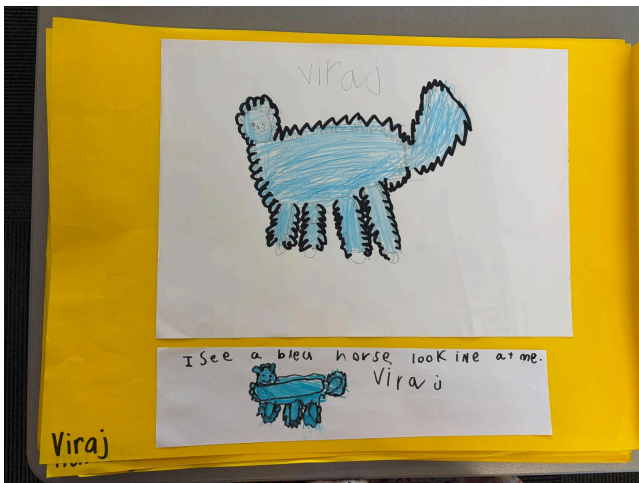


# Writer's Piece



This week our writer's piece comes from Room 8

Room 8 have been writing about animals



## Friday Lunch Orders

You can order (or cancel) any time before 9am on the day or schedule in advance.

Your sushi

lunch will be delivered to school in time for lunch.

Orders are made online through your myKindo account. One account for the whole family! Get started now and be ready... Click here or go to [www.mykindo.co.nz](http://www.mykindo.co.nz) to start ordering!



# New Reporting Updates for 2026

You will notice some changes in how we share your child's learning this year. These updates are part of a nationwide shift to align with the New Zealand Curriculum Refresh and new Ministry of Education reporting guidelines.

## What's Changing in 2026?

To give you a clearer picture of your child's achievement in Reading, Writing and Mathematics, all New Zealand schools are now moving toward more detailed, nationally consistent reporting at mid-year and end-of-year. Schools are now expected to report on student's progress using one of five new 'Progress Descriptors': Emerging, Developing, Consolidating, Proficient and Exceeding. We will provide more information about reporting changes closer to the publishing of mid-year reports.

## Updated Learning Posts

Because the new mid-year and end-of-year reports will now provide much more depth about Reading, Writing, and Mathematics, we have adjusted our termly 'Learning Posts' to ensure you get a broader view of your child's school experience.

- Curriculum Variety: This year, our termly Learning Posts will focus on "Other" curriculum areas (such as Science, The Arts, or PE), rather than just the core subjects.
- Frequency: You will now receive these posts in Term 1 and Term 3.
- New Language: When teachers write about a student's Ex-Learning experiences (expressive or experiential), they will relate the learning to the relevant curriculum area.

These changes move towards a more comprehensive map of your child's progress over time. We are excited to show you more of the "breadth" of learning happening in our classrooms this term!

If you are interested in the full rollout of reporting changes to come, you can find new Ministry guidelines on this site:

<https://newzealandcurriculum.tahurangi.education.govt.nz/reporting-to-parents-and-wh-na-u/5637158852.p>



## Planning an Extended Trip? ✈️

Are you planning an overseas holiday or an extended family trip? We have updated our procedures for notifying the school of extended leave during term time to ensure our records remain accurate.

### Why Notification is Essential

Families must complete the **Notification of Extended Absence / Overseas Travel** form before departure. Notifying us is vital for several reasons:

- **Avoid Unenrolment:** Under Ministry guidelines, schools are entitled to unenrol students after 20 consecutive days of unexplained absence.
- **Daily Attendance Checks:** Formal notification means our office won't need to contact you every single day of the absence to verify your child's whereabouts.
- **Accurate Records:** It ensures absences are not recorded as Truant or Unexplained, and an Attendance Services Referral is not made.

### Important Policy Reminders

Please note that this form is **not** a request for school authorisation. As we do not support withdrawing students during term time for voluntary travel or family events, these absences remain classified as Unjustified.

### Key Information

- **No Remote Work:** The school does not provide work packs or remote tutoring for voluntary absences.
- **Academic Impact:** Extended leave can disrupt foundational learning and impact eligibility for leadership roles or end-of-year awards.
- **Re-enrolment:** Students who do not return by their recorded date and exceed 20 days of absence will be withdrawn and must re-enrol upon return.

Forms are available at the school office, by [clicking this link](#) or on the school website via the 'Attendance' page. Please return your completed form as soon as your travel dates are confirmed.

*Look out tomorrow for a super sized Easter raffle notice coming home!*

Regards,  
John Robinson  
Principal

