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## Everglade Primary School - Newsletter

Wednesday 18 March 2026

### Greetings to the Everglade School Community.

This newsletter is kicking off with a visual aid that we put out fairly regularly. It's called "Who Do I Contact?"

We recognise that communication between home and school is an essential element for pupils, families and the school.

Sometimes the communication is to acknowledge something good; at other times it's because there is a concern about something. We also know that where there is a concern, it's better to get it sorted early rather than wait to see if things build up.

When we want to share something, it can sometimes be a case of asking "Who do I contact?" On the page below you will see a chart that gives clear guidance about this.

Once you know who to talk to, things can be much easier to get sorted.

### Three Way Conferences - have you booked yet?

Over 75% of our pupils have a 3WC booking made. Thank you to those who have done so.

We want to get that up to 90% or better. If you haven't booked yet, we will be sending reminder notices, giving the steps to make a booking.

Please be reminded that **classes will finish at 12.30pm on Thursday 26 March**



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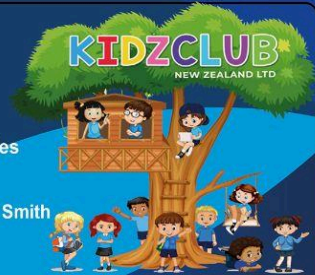
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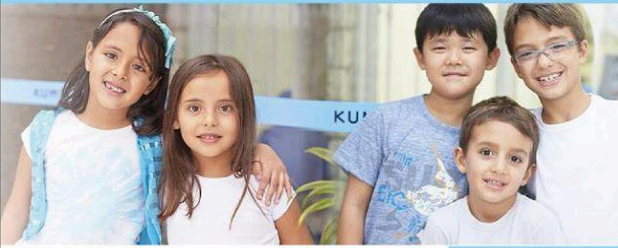
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# Who Do I Contact in 2026?

Please use the following table to check who your first contact should be when you have a concern about your child.

If your concern is about .....	Please contact...
A Classroom Matter	Your child's teacher (see Note 1 below)
An Unresolved Classroom Matter	See Note 2 below
Attendance Matters	Mrs Heale
Playground Behaviour Matters	Mr Robinson or Mrs Roberts
Student Welfare (Pastoral Care) Matters	Mrs Heale
Educational Needs (Programme Support)	Mrs Naidoo
School Operations and Policy Matters	Mr Robinson

Note 1: Sometimes a classroom matter will arise when the regular teacher is not in the class. It is still expected that you contact the class teacher. They will then pursue the matter.

Note 2: If you have discussed a classroom matter with your child's teacher, and you feel it has not been resolved or concluded, please ask at the office to speak with either:

one of the Deputy Principals

or the Principal, Mr Robinson

Whoever is available will then meet with you.

**THANK YOU**



### **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.

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## **How Families Can Support Strong Attendance**

Regular attendance is one of the most important ways families can support their child's learning. When children attend school consistently, they are able to build skills step by step, keep up with their class learning, and feel confident participating in lessons and activities.

Research consistently shows a strong link between attendance and achievement. Students who attend school regularly are **much more likely to achieve at the expected curriculum level in Reading, Writing, and Mathematics**. Even missing a small amount of school can make learning more difficult, as classroom programmes build on previous lessons each day.

Families play a key role in helping children develop strong attendance habits. Here are a few simple ways you can support your child to be at school every day and ready to learn:

### **Create consistent routines**

A regular bedtime and morning routine helps children feel rested and prepared for the school day. Preparing lunchboxes, uniforms, and school bags the night before can also make mornings run more smoothly.

### **Arrive at school on time**

Being at school before the 8:55am bell ensures children are settled and ready for learning when the day begins. Late arrivals can mean missing important instructions or the start of lessons.

### **Plan appointments outside school hours when possible**

Where possible, try to schedule medical, dental, or other appointments after school or during school holidays.

### **Talk positively about school**

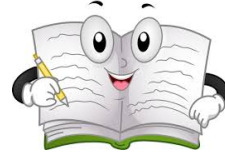
Encouraging conversations about learning, friendships, and school activities helps children see school as an important and enjoyable place to be.



Of course, children should stay home when they are genuinely unwell. However, when students attend regularly and arrive on time, they are in the best position to make strong progress in their learning.

There will be more information coming soon about the end-of-term celebration for Regular Attenders.

## Writer's Piece



***This week our writer's piece comes from Room 18***

**We are learning to write monster-themed free verse poems using simple, compound, and complex sentences.**

### **Missing Monster!**

Owner: Room 18, Max



My monster has scruffy crimson fur and crooked teeth.  
His tongue sticks out all the time.  
Although he's got four stubby legs and two tiny wings, he is still very capable of many things.

When I lost my monster, he was having a swim in the big lake behind my house, but the lake soon turned into a swamp.  
Now he hasn't come back for three weeks, and he probably never will.  
Also, that swamp is as dangerous as it could be!

If you find my monster, he will act cute and adorable. But he is actually ferocious...  
His name is Doug, so make sure to call his name out!  
Although he eats mud and sand, his favourite food is chocolate.

The reward for finding Doug is a massive basket of every flavour of chocolate.

### **Missing Monster!**

Owner: Room 18, Ziming



My monster has gigantic wings and pointy horns.  
Its silver scales are as hard as a heavy metal shield.  
His tail is as long as a bike.

On the trip to Tiritiri Matangi, my monster found a kiwi.  
He chased after the kiwi, and he ran into the forest.  
He ran deep into the forest, and he got lost.

When you find my monster, feed him some paper and cookies.  
Then he will follow you.  
Lead him to the beach, and he will fly back to me.

If you find him, you will get a brand new iPhone 17 Pro Max.

# Have You Seen My Monster?

Owner: Room 18, Salina



My monster has fur as violet as a field of lavender.  
He has four scaly wings, four arms, and two fuzzy tails.  
His blue spots are as blue as the deep ocean.

When my monster and I were exploring a desert, a sandstorm struck!  
I managed to find cover, but my monster didn't.  
I looked everywhere, but I couldn't find him!

Although my monster looks frightening, he is actually very curious and friendly.  
He loves ice cream and pizza.  
When you find him, please give him a slice of pizza.

## Out of Zone Enrolments

Everglade School enrolls a small number of pupils each year who live outside the school's enrolment zone.

Generally speaking, only five year old children are eligible.

This process is prescribed by the Ministry of Education.

We strongly urge families who are considering applying for an out of zone enrolment place to **MAKE YOUR APPLICATION WHEN YOUR CHILD TURNS FOUR, AT THE LATEST.**

**The ballot for the upcoming year is held in early September each year.**

If you leave your application later than this, you will probably find that the out of zone ballot process has already happened, and we have no place to offer.

Our advice is: **GET IN EARLY OR YOU WILL MISS OUT**

**For the 2027 year, applications need to be in by Tuesday 01 September of this year.**

## Hall for Hire

The Everglade School Hall is available for hire.

Use of the Hall is limited to groups that wish to use the Hall for 'community activity.' By this we mean that it is **NOT** available for social functions, such as engagement parties, twenty first birthdays etc.

Hall hirers in recent times have included Karate, Little Kickers and Church groups. If you are involved with, or know of a group that is looking for a regular venue, please let them know. We believe our charges are as good or better than any others close by, and we're happy to talk to prospective hirers.

If you want to know more, phone 262 0244.

**Heads Up - End of Term**

This term ends on Thursday



April.

Classes will finish at the normal time of 3.00pm

Regards

**John Robinson**  
Principal



