



The EBIS Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

The school value that we are focussing on over the next two weeks is: **success**. This is such an important value when we think of our young people. It is so important that they grow up believing that they can be successful. They have a right to succeed! It is up to us as the adults in their lives, to make sure that we do all we can to enable them to find success. At EBIS we believe that success is about attitude, pride and excellence. Success comes with the right attitude. When we have pride in ourselves we are successful.

Last week our school had some very exciting success to celebrate! In the Wellington Regional Inter-Intermediate Netball Tournament EBIS won both the Year 7 and the Year 8 section! This is a really outstanding achievement. Another exciting success story for the school is that last week 6 out of the 20 students who entered the Wellington NIW Science Fair took out 8 prizes for our age section in this regional competition. This is another truly outstanding achievement for the school!

Our new School Leaders Groups had a great time last Thursday and Friday at Ako Pai Marae. This was a worthwhile time for students to really get to know each other well and to also have some training in becoming good leaders.

IMPORTANT DATES

This week Swimming starts.

8th Sept. Football -Inter-intermediate

9th Sept. Health Consultation meeting for parents - 7.00pm in the school library.

swimming

As you know our swimming programme starts this week. It is great to be able to provide all students with swimming lessons. We seem to be hearing of a lot more people drowning these days. Schools are being encouraged to relook at providing swimming lessons. As you know, we have received a most generous donation from the Bear Trust and this is paying for a large part of the cost of this programme. It will only cost families \$5.00 for their child to have the lessons which is excellent.

BOARD NEWS

As I said in the last Bulletin, this is a good time to start thinking about becoming a Board member at EBIS. Next year is the year for elections. If you are thinking that this may be something you would like to get involved in then please come along to our next meeting **on September 16th at 6.00pm**. In this meeting we will be formally welcoming to the Board Mr Va'a Makisi. He currently has a son at EBIS.

Intermediate conference - feedback!

I have recently returned from three days in Auckland with Sandra Boolieris and Marie Okeby at the National Intermediate Principals Conference. This was a really refreshing time to think about all the issues that surround our young people as they go through their lives. It was great to really think about the many things that are in the end all related to the success of our children.

Rod Oram – Rod is an international financial journalist and commentator. He spoke about the recession that we are in globally. We need to be teaching our children how to come up with ways to address climate change, find other forms of energy, create other ways of making food. He stressed the fact that as a world today we have a scarcity of resources and our children will need to find ways to address this. We need to borrow less and earn more! New Zealand needs to develop strong relationships with countries such as China and India. These are the

two countries in the world right now that have made the greatest progress in coming out of the recession. These two countries have made great progress in reducing poverty. They are the new world leaders in terms of production. We need to build resilience in our children. The world is changing and it is going from being a physical to more a virtual world! We must see diversity as an asset and a challenge to embrace. We need to not lose faith in mankind. Our children need to be able to see a bright future!

Andrew Becroft – He is the Youth Court Judge in Wellington. He is actually an ex student of EBIS! We of course made sure that he knew that and he came over and talked to us. He spoke of how important and essential it is for young people to have 4 key things right in their lives: home, school, friends and community. 83% of Youth offenders are male. 70% of all youth offenders come from single parent homes. 41% are school truants, 50% use cannabis and other drugs with 75% being smokers and drinkers. The things that are the issues that lead to offending by young people are: their choices of friends, they frequently have low self esteem, had poor school attendance, are socio-economically disadvantaged, have a lack of good role models in their lives, are not connected to the community and lack values. All young people need to have a protective factor, someone in their lives who they trust and can count on, someone who cares for them.

Archbishop Roger Herft – from Western Australia but formally Waikato. The theme of his presentation was “What language does the soul speak?” This was a great thought provoking presentation. We need to learn to speak the language of family, friend and neighbour. We need to get our children to channel their energy into positive things. What will make the difference to the future of our young people are the choices that they make. Everything is about choices that we make. Our children are testing boundaries all the time and our adult world too is testing boundaries all the time.

Richard Faull – Research Professor of Anatomy at Auckland University. The thing that I got mostly from his presentation in relation to our age level that we teach is the absolute importance of children being in stimulating environments for learning and also, the need for exercise. These are the key things that the brain needs in order to keep reproducing new brain cells. This was very interesting!

Consultation re HEALTH education

Just a reminder about this meeting. The date for this is **Wednesday 9th September at 7.00pm in the school library**. Schools are required to consult with their school community about the health programme that is delivered to students. The best way to do this is through a public meeting.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION TICKET SALES

Tickets for the school production **KOKONUT KAPERS** will be on sale from next Monday September 7th. Adults \$10.00, Student \$5.00 Under 5's Free. Nights for the show are Wednesday 23rd. Thursday 24th September at 7.00pm. Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

Clarinet Lessons

We have been given a wonderful opportunity to have 5 students learn to play the Clarinet. The lessons will be in a specified lunchtime next term. Mary Scott has arranged this for us and all students will need to pay is \$20.00 to hire a clarinet. The lessons will be at no cost. We are expecting that we may have a lot of interest in this. If you would like your child to have this opportunity then please write me a note requesting this enclosing \$20.00 for the instrument hire. These need to be handed into the office. We will draw the 5 names out at the end of this term. Obviously students who miss out will bring home the \$20.00!

Have a good week - keep warm and dry!

Please contact the school if ever you need to. We enjoy the partnership that we have with you! I welcome your calls at school on **939-3247**, cell phone **021- 252-1383** or at **home on 234 – 8724 anytime the need arises.**

Best Wishes



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ON BEHALF OF THE EBIS STAFF & BOARD