



# The EBIS Bulletin

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## Dear Parents and Caregivers

The last two weeks have indeed been very hectic here! Staff have been flat out with getting student reports ready to go home to you by the end of next week. We are feeling very excited about our reports! When we look at what the Ministry of Education has suggested as a model for reporting to parents, we are feeling very pleased with the model that we have come up with. I hope that you will give me feedback early next term after having received your child's report. We want to know how well these give you a picture of where your son or daughter is achieving at!

You received last week a letter from me that was sent out to schools regarding Swine Flu and I want to just remind you again please to keep your child at home if they are unwell. The School leaders Camp due to happen this week is being postponed to next term because of the number of students we have with colds and flu like symptoms. As a safety precaution we are changing the date for this to take place. Obviously having a large number of people sleeping in a confined space is not sensible when sickness is on the increase.

The school value that we are focussing on over the next two weeks is: **SUCCESS**. We want our children to have success and to feel that they can be successful.

## IMPORTANT DATES

23<sup>rd</sup> June Wellington High School visit. They have an Open Evening 1 July 6.00pm  
24<sup>th</sup> June Extravaganza - 7.00pm in the hall! See you there.  
30<sup>th</sup> June SCIENCE FAIR 3.00 – 5.00pm and 1<sup>st</sup> July 3.00 – 8.00pm in the hall.  
2<sup>nd</sup> July Disco 7.00 -9.00pm

## sCIENCE FAIR

This has been a huge amount of work for you and your children. Staff too have worked very hard with this. As we draw close to the time when these need to be completed the pressure usually comes on. Do not hesitate to call your child's teacher if you need any help with anything. We would love to see every student presenting their project in the school hall at our Science Fair.

## EXTRAVAGANZA

Attached to this Bulletin is the programme for the **Extravaganza**. As you are aware, this is on Wednesday evening in the school hall at 7.00pm. I hope that you are able to join us for this evening of entertainment by our talented students!

## DISCO

On 2<sup>nd</sup> July we have our end of term Disco. This is always a great time for students to celebrate the end of the term. Just a reminder that this is from 7.00 – 9.00pm. Students need to be collected at 9.00pm.

### **BEA CARTER - FAREWELL**

As we come to the end of the term we farewell Bea Carter. Bea has been on leave this year from the school having moved out of Wellington. She was not sure if she would be returning and she has now gained a new position in Levin where she is living, so she is not returning to Wellington. Bea has done a lot at EBIS over the years and we all wish her well. A farewell function will be held tomorrow in the hall at 11.00am.

### **SWIMMING programme TERM 3**

I am delighted to be able to tell you that we have received a very generous grant from the *Bear Trust* to help cover parent costs for children to do the Swimming Programme next term. This would normally cost \$30.00 per child for the programme and with the grant we have received parents will now only need to pay \$5.00. With the increasing number of drownings that there have been over recent Summer holidays, we feel that we need to be providing swimming lessons for students. You will receive more information about this, early next term.

### **MT SOMMERS SCHOLARSHIP**

The Special drawer for student wanting to go to Mt Sommers School next term, will be done in the assembly on July 3rd. One day this week will be used for students who returned their parent consent slips, to fill in the application form for them to be able to go into the drawer. Students will do this at school and these will then be collected and handed in to the office ready for the drawer!

### **New extension programme – term 3!**

Thanks to the local National Bank, we will be offering an exciting new extension programme next term called Financial Literacy. We are extremely lucky to have the kind support that we have from our local National Bank. Special thanks to Sean Woodcock and his team for this great opportunity!

### **THE NATIONAL STANDARDS**

You will have heard about the new National Standards that are coming in for Primary and Intermediate Schools in New Zealand. Over the school holidays our teaching team will be working on becoming familiar with these. The general feeling in the teaching sector is one of feeling positive about the standards but like anything there is also some feeling of uncertainty too. The concerns that are out there are largely around what the data from individual schools will be used for.

### **Community notices**

**Pottery Classes** – contact Rosemary O’Hara 233 -0003 for details.

**School Holiday Computer Course** – Further information from Ed Brown on 499 -2211 or [www.grandtraining.co.nz](http://www.grandtraining.co.nz)

## **UNIFORM sale- Fleece Tops \$20.00, PE Teeshirts \$5.00**

(We have mainly larger sizes left in stock!)

**Please note that hooded sweatshirts are not part of the uniform. If students wear these they will be given an old school one to wear and their sweatshirt will be returned to them at the end of the school day.**

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



Mrs Wendy Esera

**ON BEHALF OF THE EBIS STAFF & BOARD**