



# The EBIS Bulletin

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## Dear Parents and Caregivers

The school athletics was a great day! We could not have wished for better weather and everyone enjoyed themselves. Syndicates did an amazing job with all their colours and their banners. The whole team spirit was incredible. It was great to see so many parents come along to cheer for their children. We have got some very fast runners!

The schoolwide Value that we are focussing on over the next two weeks is, **WHANAUNGATANGA**. This is a Maori word which means all things that are about: family, community, partnership, co-operation, caring, support, taking part. We want our students to learn to care about others, to have compassion, to be active members of the community that they live in. This is a very important value for us to teach our children.

### IMPORTANT DATES

17 <sup>th</sup> March	Ethnic Parents Meeting 7.00pm in the staffroom
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Motukairangi Netball - Delegates meeting 7.30pm in the Library
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Pacific Nations Parents Meeting 7.00pm in the staffroom.
19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Visits to Capital E. (All syndicates going)
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Maori Parents Meeting 7.00pm in the staffroom.
24 <sup>th</sup> March	Inter-intermediate Regional Athletics Meeting (All day at Newtown Park)
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Disco 7.00 – 9.00pm

### NETBALL FEES – 3<sup>rd</sup> APRIL FINAL DAY FOR PAYMENT.

Last year we ended the netball season with many unpaid fees and also uniforms not returned to the school. As a result of this year fees must be paid by April 3<sup>rd</sup> in order for students to play.

The fee payable covers a huge number of things including gear, umpiring, coaching courses, hire of uniform etc. Last weekend trials got underway. Special thanks to Sue Melville, Vicky Young and Sarah White for giving up their time in the weekend to do this.

**Delegates meeting** will be held **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm**. This will be in the library. If you are interested in being part of Motu Kairangi Netball then come along. All parents are welcome!

### **Parents meetings at 7.00pm: OTHER ethnic GROUPS -TUESDAY, pacific - THURSDAY, maori - NEXT TUESDAY.**

Each term these meetings take place at the school. The meetings start at 7.00pm and we invite parents to bring their children along too. At the end of the meeting we will have a cup of tea together. Schools are required to liaise/consult, with parents and whanau in order to raise achievement of the various student groups that are deemed to be underachieving.

Maori and Pacific students nationally, are the students who are most at risk of underachieving. The purpose of these meetings is to encourage parents of these students to come along and talk about issues. It is also a great way for parents to meet other parents.

### **CAPITAL E – SYNDICATE TRIPS**

All students are going to Capital E this week. This trip, like the Science one students have had recently, will be subsidised by our Board of Trustees. Students will only be paying \$5.00 and the Board will be paying the rest. It is great the way that our Board allocates funding to help support this sort of thing. It makes it a lot easier for

families. These are wonderful learning opportunities for students and we want every student to be able to go. If for any reason you are not able to pay the \$5.00 towards the trip to Capital E, please let your child's classroom teacher know. We do not want anyone to miss out!

### **SCHOOL FEES & DONATIONS**

Many thanks to the number of you that have already paid your child's school fees and donations. The fees are only for the consumable things that your son or daughter use in the technology area. This is the only area where we are able to, as a school, ask parents for payment. The donation is the voluntary amount. These can be paid at the office and can also be paid by instalment through the school's internet banking facility.

A blue reminder sheet is coming home with this Bulletin. School Donations paid by March 31<sup>st</sup> are able to be used for a tax deduction.

### **Students staying over**

We have, over the last two weeks, had two separate incidents where students have taken themselves off to stay the night with another student and their parent has no idea where they are. Can you please make sure that if you are going to have a student stay the night then you check with the other parent about this first. This is causing considerable upset for parents whose children are doing this.

### **Chairs for sale**

With the new furniture that we got for all classes in 2007, we had a giant sale of the old furniture. We still have got a huge number of the plastic chairs that people can buy for \$2.00 each Our Property Manager is keen to get these out of storage in order to have room for other things that are in need of being stored. If you contact the school office you can arrange to purchase some of these! They are wonderful outdoor chairs and also great for desks for students to work on at home.

### **Environmental education**

Your child may well have come home to mention that as a school we are looking at becoming more environmentally friendly! In each class, one person is being chosen as the Enviro Rep. They will be meeting with Miss White twice a term to look at things that we can do and to also report on how well we are caring for our environment.

As a starting point, we are very actively encouraging turning off taps, lights and power. Classes are using a recycling bin for paper. This is a great starting point for us. I hope that children will let this flow on at home when they are thinking about leaving things turned on!

Next week our school is hosting some students from Mt Somers Springburn School. This is a school in the South Island. Chris Murphy was a teacher at EBIS in 2006 and 2007 and he is now the Principal in this school. We are looking forward to catching up with him next week. Ben Gittos is in contact with Chris and he has worked hard to arrange this lovely exchange visit.

### **ROAD SAFETY**

Can you please talk to your son or daughter about crossing the road. We have an ongoing issue with students running across the road without looking. They are not using the crossings provided in Kilbirnie.

Please contact me 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**