



# The EBIS Bulletin

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## Dear Parents and Caregivers

The recent news that has been dominating our national news is about the **Swine Flu** and the possibilities of a pandemic. As a school our present action that we are taking is to ask you to please keep your children at home if they are unwell. It is important that if children are unwell, they are not coming to school and spreading infection to others. We are also stressing with children the importance of them washing their hands after going to the bathroom and washing their hands before eating. It is also important for them to remember that they must put their hand over their mouth when they cough as this of course spreads infection. In our assembly last week students got to see a very good DVD called Sneeze Safe that was provided by Kleenex Tissues. This basically went through safety with managing flu like symptoms. It was very well done and certainly would have given students a good reminder about the ways that they can keep safe with flu/cough/cold bugs!

The school value that we are focussing on over the next two weeks is: **THINKING**. We need to ask ourselves how we can better encourage our children to be thinkers? Together with you we can help our children to become active, reflective and successful thinkers. Always asking questions, helps to encourage thinking. By us simply talking about things that happen around us on a daily basis, we are encouraging our children to be thinkers.

## IMPORTANT DATES

13<sup>th</sup> May Variety Sport gets underway.

20<sup>th</sup> May Inter-intermediate Sevens Tournament

## COLLEGE 2010 - VISITS / ORIENTATION

Please note that these orientation visits are due to take place at the times noted below. If you want to know more about any of these then please contact the schools concerned.

26<sup>th</sup> May St Catherines Open Day

19<sup>th</sup> May St Mary's College Open morning 8.00 – 10.00am

9<sup>th</sup> June Wellington Girls College. Choose a time of either 9.00, 10.30 or 11.30am for the school in action

19<sup>th</sup> June Rongotai College Year 8 Boys visit 9.00 – 11.30am

23<sup>rd</sup> June Wellington High School

## parent interviews

It was great to see so many of you last week attending the parent and student interviews. If for any reason you were not able to attend then please can you make contact with your child's teacher and set up a time when you can come along and meet with them. Goal setting is a critically important part of the learning cycle. Students need to get into the habit of setting goals and working towards achieving these goals. We want all our children to be able to set their own personal learning goals. We want our children to reflect on their learning and to be able to identify what their next learning steps are.

## VARIETY Sport

All students have been allocated to one of the Variety Sports options available. Some of these have a cost and others do not. Where there is a cost we have been mindful of this and are keeping these to an absolute minimum. If you have any queries about Variety Sport then do not hesitate to contact Chris Cordell.

### **KEY DRIVES FOR LEARNING**

As a means of supporting students with managing learning tasks, the school will be stocking key drives for students to purchase. We are able to get a very good deal for the purchase of these and the cost to students will be minimal. Once we have this sorted we will let you know the cost so that children are able to purchase these from the school office. Students can of course also bring along their own one from home. Our long term goal is to have all students using their own key drive to store their work. These will be kept in the classroom teacher lock up cupboards which means that they will be secure. Students will be able to put work on their key drive and take them home to work on as well. At the end of their time at EBIS they will have compiled for themselves a portfolio of work that they will have done. They will have it to keep always. We think that this will be a great way of getting students to better manage their own learning.

### **SCIENCE FAIR**

With the Science Fair coming up, Mrs Grove has managed to get us a very good deal with the display boards. These will be able to be purchased from the school office at a cost of \$10.00 which is well below the cost in shops.

### **Year 8 Girls Vaccination**

As you are aware, last week the Year 8 girls had a presentation about this. As a school, of course we do not have a position about whether or not our girls should have this vaccine. In the media recently there has been various reports about this from other parts of the country. This is a personal choice to be made by parents. I can assure you that the school is not putting any pressure at all on any of our students about whether they are or are not going to have this vaccine. The Health Nurses who came and spoke to the girls also stressed that this was a personal parent and family choice. Parents of Year 8 girls will have received the booklet provided for parents. On this there is a phone number to call if you want to find out more about this. Please do not hesitate to call the Health Nurse if there is anything you want clarification about.

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Irish Dancing for all ages** - For more information contact Mary Beth on 021 1386344 or 384-6428

**Art Classes for kids and Teens** - For term 2 classes contact Fiona Sullivan 386 -2908, 021-786-629

**Youth Drop In Centre** - Opp. Woolworths. Now open Fridays 7.00 -9.00pm weekly for 11 – 16 year olds.

**Eastern Bay Scout Group** - For boys and girls. Cubs 8 -10.5 year olds Mondays 6.30 – 8.00pm. Scouts 10.5 – 14.5 year olds Tuesdays 7.00 -8.30pm Venturers 14.5 – 18 year olds Thursday s7.00 – 8.30pm new members welcome. Further information contact Morris van Voornveld 934-9386 or vanvoorn@paradise.net.nz

### **UNIFORM REDUCED PRICES! Fleece Tops \$40.00 & PE Teeshirts \$5.00**

Please contact the school if ever you need to. If I do not get back to you the day you called then the message may not have got through. Please call again. Emailing me will also always get an immediate response that day too! 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**