



The EBIS Bulletin

Phone: (04) 939 3247

Fax: (04) 939 3248

Email: principal@ebis.school.nz

secretary@ebis.school.nz

Monday 25th May 2009

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The weather has certainly changed lately and it is a lot colder. We still have plenty of polar fleece tops on special here for \$20.00. These can be purchased anytime. The school heating has been fired up and we are actively encouraging children to keep themselves warm.

The school value that we are focussing on over the next two weeks is: **whanaungatanga** This Maori word means all things that are about contributing, participating, caring, supporting, sharing and family. We encourage our students to take part in things, we want them to care for others. This value is very much about the things that make our children good citizens. While we can teach children to read and write, the thing that is so essential to their success as adults in their community, is their ability to relate positively to others around them. This is a very important value for us to teach our children!

IMPORTANT DATES

25 – 29th National Samoan Language Week!

28th May Thursday 9 Due to bad weather) Cross Country at Hataitai Park

27th May Board Meeting in the staffroom

28th May Talk with Year 8 girls from Wellington

1st June **QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND - HOLIDAY**

3rd June Inter-intermediate Cross Country

School reps - elections for term 3 and 4

In the next three weeks students will be holding their elections for the new School Reps for Terms 3 and 4. This is a very transparent process which involves students determining who the new School Rep will be from their class. Please talk to your son or daughter about this. Intermediate is a time when children get to be leaders and this is the time when they need to be encouraged to take the many leadership opportunities that are offered to them.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The whole school takes part in our annual cross country. This school exercise is used as a way of timing ourselves to walk from school to Hataitai Park in the case of a tidal wave. If your son or daughter is not able to take part in the Cross Country can you please make sure you give them a note to be handed to their teacher. Students not able to take part will remain back at school where they will be supervised in the library.

sCIENCE FAIR

How is all this going at your place? I know how much this can create a lot of extra work at home and I encourage you to seek help if you need to from your child's classroom teacher. Mrs Grove has managed to get us a very good deal with the display boards. These can be purchased from the school office at a cost of \$10.00 which is well below the cost in shops.

STUDENTS – Taking part in STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Last week a student was chosen from each class to join with their classroom teacher to talk about feedback in learning. A lot of research into what works with students to improve learning outcomes, has recently been published. Our staff are involved in the Assess To Learn Teacher Development Project and through this project they are working to ensure that the way they are assessing student learning, is making the greatest possible

difference to student learning outcomes. Feedback to students is a hugely important part of the learning cycle. Our ultimate goal as a school must be to develop our students into effective self regulators in their learning. By the time they leave EBIS at the end of year 8, our students need to be confident in their ability to succeed. Our staff are passionate about making a difference to student learning. We need to ensure that every student whether they are a high achiever or a low achiever, continue to have value added to their learning. The national vision from the new Curriculum talks about our young people being *confident* and being *life long learners*. This is exactly what we want for every student at EBIS!

Molly Munro is going to be away in the Solomon Islands with the army from next week until November 5th. We are very pleased to have been able to appoint to take over her class, Alice Barnes. Alice has done a lot of relieving for us and she will be ensuring that Molly's programme continues. We wish Molly well! She is one of our real A+ teachers! We look forward to her returning safely to us.

Samantha Marsh has been appointed to work with us this term as an additional teacher aide. She is working supporting some of our boys who need extra help both in class and also in the playground.

PROPERTY UPDATE

The work on our big property project with the Kimi Ora Satellite continues. We are meeting regularly with the architect and as we know more we will keep you informed. We will have a lovely new technology block by the end of the year. Had we remained with our own School 5 Year Property Plan we would not have been able to get all this work completed in such a short timeframe. This has really worked to our advantage. The new technology block will be in the position where Room 23 currently stands. The current Foods Room will have a complete upgrade which is going to be lovely. We intend to relocate Room 23 to the area at the end of the Inter-challenge. The driveway will have an additional 12 car parks that will be angle parks on the right side of our current driveway exit, to the school.

SAMOAN LANGUAGE WEEK

As it is National Samoan Language Week, students are allowed to wear something Samoan with their uniform this Friday. This can be a flower behind their ear, a lava lava around their shorts or an ula around their necks. This week students will be taught a few basic Samoan phrases too.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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 sale- Fleece Tops \$20.00, 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 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