



# The EBIS Bulletin

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## Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is hard to believe that the term is almost over. The whole year seems to be flying by. We have been having a real run of exciting success stories lately. After the great excitement with the netball and the NIWA Science Fair, last week the Boys Soccer Team came second place in the final at the inter-intermediate Soccer Tournament. This was a close game and our boys played very well. The school value that we are focussing on over the next two weeks is: **THINKING**. As a staff, in the last couple of weeks we have talked about how we can better ensure that students across the school are being taught how to use a variety of different thinking tools! Thinking is the most important thing our children need in order to have success in all learning areas. Thinking is a strategy that we need our children to know how to use to improve their success in learning across all curriculum areas.

### IMPORTANT DATES

16<sup>th</sup> Sept.      **Board Meeting**  
16<sup>th</sup> Sept.      **Waterman's Rugby Tournament at Trentham Memorial. Park, Upper Hutt**  
17<sup>th</sup> Sept.      **Netball Prize giving in the school library 6.00 -6.30pm**

### production update

We are certainly getting closer to the actual performance of our school's production. The sound of music is literally filling the admin area each day and it is wonderful! This is going to be a great production. The school will have a raffle on sale on the two nights of the production. This is to help offset the costs of the various things that we have had to purchase as you do, with any production. Could you please send along to school one grocery item that we can put in to make a big raffle. Tickets for the production are on sale at the school office - \$10.00 Adult, \$5.00 Student, Under 5 free.

### NEMP

We have had the National Education Monitoring Project Team working in our school over the last week. All schools are given a turn at hosting this. They come into a school and work with selected students assessing them using specifically designed activities in Mathematics, Social Sciences and Thinking Skills. They really enjoyed our staff and they were impressed with how polite and positive our students were. The other great feedback for us as a school is that when our students were asked to describe what makes a good citizen, they referred to our school values!

### SWIMMING PROGRAMME

The **swimming** has been a hugely productive learning time for most of our students. In the report home to parents in Term 4, you will receive a report on the progress that your child made in the swimming programme. The assistance that we received in order to make this affordable for all families, has been a real bonus for us too. Special thanks again, to the Bear Trust who so kindly sponsored our students with this programme.

### Health consultation meeting

A special thanks to the Dads that came along to this meeting last week. Thanks also to Sue Melville and Christine McKinley who did a great job clarifying things for parents about what and how we teach the Health

Programme at EBIS. John Milne, who represented the Board, chaired the discussion. He was most positive in his comments about what he felt his children gained through the current school Health Programme.

Other parents at the meeting also acknowledged the great health education that happens in the Food Technology programme with the focus given to hygiene and nutrition.

We will send home to parents the 2010 Annual Plan in Health when this is completed late next term. We would welcome any feedback on this from parents too. The things that have come out of this meeting are:

**Pubertal Change Unit** – in future the school will tell parents in the information letter that goes home prior to this unit being taught, exactly how much is in the unit, and how much information is given to students.

Currently the school does not specifically do this and so this is an area where we can improve our communication. Currently the school only teaches about the body changes that students can expect during puberty. We will also find out where parents can access other information that may be useful for them with their children at home in addressing the areas of pubertal change and sexuality education. The school was asked about how often the Dental Nurse and Health Nurse visit the school. The **Dental Nurse** visits the school once a year. The days of having a dental nurse on the school site are over. If your child does have issues with their teeth when the nurse is not at the school, then you need to phone our office. We are given the annual timetable for the local dental nurse and this means that we can tell you where to take your child to get the attention that they need.

The **Health Nurse** comes to the school to arrange the various vaccinations that our children have. She calls in from time to time with information about these things. She is also able to give staff advice if they need it about various other health issues that students may have. The school can refer issues to her and she will make contact with families if necessary.

#### **Looking ahead to term 4**

Next term we will be doing the **Beach Education** programme. This will be a great way for students to build on their new swimming skills as well as becoming confident and being safe in and around water. We are looking forward to our **Careers Education Programme** that will run over several weeks and will be done as part of the classroom learning programme. **Electives** is going to be a part of the extra curricular things that we offer next term. Syndicates will be doing this so you will hear from them as to what elective options are available for your children.

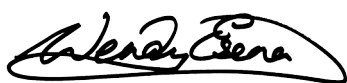
Attached to this Bulletin is the **Term Planner for Term 4** and also the **Student Advanced Organiser**. Please encourage your children to talk to you at home about the various different learning programmes that they will be doing throughout the term.

#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

- **Computer Holiday course**- Ed Brown, ph 499 2211, for students ages 5-15, game creation, programming, web design, animation & graphics, [www.grandtraining.co.nz](http://www.grandtraining.co.nz) .
- **Rongotai College Adult and Community Education** Enrolments for T4 classes are now open - pick up a programme booklet at your local library or community centre, email [comed@rongotai.school.nz](mailto:comed@rongotai.school.nz) or ph 9393056 for further info.
- **Artsight. Term 4 & Holiday Programme Art Classes** For more information and to book go to: <http://www.artsight.co.nz/> or call Fiona on: 04 3862908 or 021 786629 Email:fiona@artsight.co.nz.
- **Introductory programme for Athletics**, Newtown Park- school holidays-further info: [ghenry@actrix.co.nz](mailto:ghenry@actrix.co.nz), School Holiday Athletics Programme, P.O. Box 14 174, Kilbirnie, 6241 or <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/whacjuniors>.
- **Teens living with Arthritis, Fibromyalgia or Chronic Pain** – Arthritis NZ Service Centre, 174 Hutt Road, Petone, Wed 16th Sept, 7-8.30pm,-we hope to plan some fun events for 12-20 year olds. More info Nicola Kane 04 237 0810 Mob 021 261 4915.
- **Miramar Tennis Club**- open day, Fri 18 Sept, 9.15-11.15am, free childcare available. Ph 388-3629.

**Have a great week!** Please contact the school if you ever need to. 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**