



The EBIS Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

In the last two weeks we have seen our students do extremely well on the sporting front! The girls team won the Volleyball at the Inter-Intermediate Tournament and on Wednesday our Touch Team took out the Inter-Intermediate Touch Competition. Both of these results are very pleasing.

We are delighted to share with you the permanent appointment of Miss Ali McCabe! She is currently the relieving teacher in Room 3. Ali came to our school as a teacher trainee in Room 12 under the guidance of Miss Danielle Soulis. Danielle is one of our great teachers and she continues to be involved with Ali as she moves towards full registration as a teacher.

The school value that we are focussing on over the next two weeks is: **success**. Success is something we have been celebrating alot lately! We want all our children to believe that they can be successful. One of the most important things that we can do as adults is to make our children believe in themselves. The higher our expectations are, the more likely they will be able to reach well beyond where, even they may think they can be. We want our children to have an attitude of "I can" about anything that they are doing and by taking pride in all that they do is about Excellence and Success.

The Red Cross came to the school last week to collect the \$1,000.00 we raised for the Tsunami victims.

IMPORTANT DATES

- 11th Y8 Rongotai visit- (boys are to make their own way to Rongotai in time for school to start)
- 11th Y8 WEGC testing here at EBIS
- 11th Board Meeting
- 12th Disco - 7 – 9.00pm
- 12th Inter-Intermediate Swimming
- 16th Emergency Evacuation Day
- 18th Inter –Intermediate Softball
- 18th School Assembly 11.15am

SCHOOL Graphic

The Board are at the stage of approving the revised version of our school graphic. This will be discussed in our Board meeting this week. We plan on presenting the new Graphic to you on the Night of Speaking with the Arts on Wednesday 16 December.

EVACUATION / EMERGENCY DRILL

On Monday 16th November we will be devoting a day to familiarise ourselves with the procedures that we will need to follow in the event of a Civil Emergency and which agencies that are likely to be involved. Students will spend the morning learning about the role of various agencies, ie: Police, Army, Ambulance, Fire Service and the Wellington Emergency Management Organisation will all be involved in this day.

Classes for 2010

As you will be aware our students remain in the same homeroom class for the two years that they are at EBIS. This fits very well with good practice for children in the middle years. At this stage in development, students need to be settled and as secure as possible. The advantage for our children and for you as parents of course, is that as the year ends students go home for the holidays knowing full well that when they come back they will be with the same teacher and in the same classroom. This provides security! Relationships are already secure, well established and this is a real plus. You know your child's teacher well and already have a good working relationship with them.

If for any reason at all you would like your child to be in a different homeroom in 2010, then please contact me directly about this. We are very happy to make a change if you think it is necessary. Staff are also obviously looking at the dynamics in their rooms and they may also decide that your child could benefit from a change of room. We will contact you to let you know if we are doing this.

Over the last week staff have been working on 2010 Curriculum Plans. This is very exciting. We are also looking at how better we can report to parents during the year in light of the new Standards that are being implemented next year.

CAREERS DAY

On Wednesday 2 December we are having our Careers day. To help us out, could you please send to school the 'Job Section' on the Dominion Post (Wed/Sat issues) as these will be used look at the distribution of employment.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Celia Lashlie internationally renowned speaker and author talks about: 'Living and Working with Boys and Men'. Cost: \$15.00 Wednesday 2 December, 4.00 - 5.30pm, at Titahi Bay Intermediate School Hall, Kahutea Terrace, Titahi Bay, Porirua. To register: (04) 2377318, or

Email courses@manaeducationcentre.org.nz

Don't forget to 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