



Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Here comes more paper! You have certainly been swamped with paper over the last 8 days, but at this stage of the year we have a lot of things that we need to get out to you. Thank you for your patience and understanding with this. It was great to meet so many of you last week at our “Meet the Teacher Evening”. If you were not able to make it then please call your child’s teacher and have a chat. Teachers are very keen to make contact with you.

CHANGE OF DATES

As we have the opportunity to hire out our Hall on Wednesday evenings (..... and make some money doing so) we have changed the dates for the Disco and our Parent Committees this term.

The new dates are: **DISCO Thurs. March 11th 7.00pm,**

PARENT COMMITTEES Thursday March 18th 7.00pm

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Feb 25th at school. Please can you get the envelopes returned to the office as soon as possible for these.

BOARD ELECTIONS

This year is a Board Election year. If you are interested in standing for our Board then please call the Office and talk to Suzanne Hendry our Executive Officer.

You may like to come along to our Board meeting this Wednesday at 6.30pm to see how we do things!

REPORTING TO PARENTS AND THE NEW STANDARDS

The media is full of comments and information about the new National Standards. EBIS is feeling confident and comfortable about the Standards. As a school that already makes very good use of National Standardised Tests, we are well on the way when it comes to being able to determine whether or not students are meeting the National Standards. We would however, have liked to have had more time to get ourselves organised in terms of the type of written report we provide you with.

Our school feels strongly about parents knowing exactly how well their children are achieving compared to their national cohort. EBIS staff and Board have always felt that this is critically important to parents. Our school reported last year to parents on the levels where children were achieving against the New Zealand Curriculum Framework in all learning areas. We also gave parents copies of National Standardised Test results so that parents could see for themselves exactly how well their child was achieving. Parents were very pleased to have this information! It was very useful in helping parents to work with their children on next learning steps. This year we will be reporting to you at the end of every term. At the end of Terms 1, 2 and 3 we will be holding interviews. At these interviews, parents will be given written reports. You will be able to ask questions and you will help in actually setting your son/daughter’s personal learning goals. Some of those goals will be things that will happen at school and some will be goals for you to work on with your son/daughter, at home.

This term the dates and times set aside for interviews are:

Monday 29th March 3.30 – 8.30pm and Tuesday 30th March 8.30 – 5.30pm.

We believe that giving parents both day and evening times we will get a much better turnout to the interviews. I will be sending out a letter to you that you will be able to show your employer if you decide to take a daytime interview for your son/daughter. I am also going to provide two evenings when you can come down to school to talk through the new report model and the Standards. You may like to diary these dates, **Tuesday March 9th and March 11th at 7.00pm in the library.** You will receive two written reports specifically on the National Standards this year. The first will be at the end of Term 2 and the second will be at the end of Term 4. The Term 2 Standards Report will be given to you by your child's teacher in your face to face interview with them. At the end of Term 4 the report will be posted home. To EBIS Staff and Board, the Standards are about parents and teachers working much more closely together with students to help them achieve, "better than" their potential. Students who are successful in their learning are students with families that proactively engage with the school to support their children's learning.

SYNDICATE NAMES

At the end of last year we revised the names of our syndicates because it was brought to our attention that the names we had, were not quite correct in terms of the Maori language used.

They are therefore:

Tokerau	- Miss Soulis, Ms Pearse, Mr Knap, Mrs Coleman
Rawhiti	- Ms Cordell, Mrs Collins, Miss McCabe, Mrs Okeby
Nga Hau E Wha	- Mr Gittos, Miss Wright, Mrs Boolieris, Miss Munro
Uru	- Ms Newman, Mrs Melville, Mr Carey, Mrs Boolieris
Tonga	- Mrs McKinley Mrs Sagato, Mrs Young, Mr Fah

PE TOPS

We have had a parent come in today saying that the EBIS letters on the back of their child's PE top were coming away at the corner. All you need to do with this if this happens, is to place something like a tee-towel or handkerchief on it and lightly press with an iron. The transfer will then be firmly back in place once more. If you like you can get your son/daughter to bring it in to us and we can do it for you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Harbour City Hockey Club - ages of 5 and 13. Registration date 28th of Feb, 11.30am, National Hockey Stadium in Newtown. website: www.harbourcityhockey.org.nz If you have any queries contact Fiona on 3836947 or email fiona.morgan@paradise.net.nz

Motu Kairangi Netball- AGM, March 3 EBIS Library 7:30pm. Delegates Meeting, March 24 EBIS Library 7:30pm
Poneke Junior Rugby – Registration Dates- Thurs Feb 25th 5pm-7pm, Fri 26th Feb 3.30pm-6pm, Sat 27th Feb 12-2pm
Come along and meet the Hurricanes Thurs.25th Feb. 5-7pm, Upstairs at Poneke Clubrooms. For more info contact Sue Sparkes 027 3123261

Artsight Term 1 Art Classes offers a range of art classes. Held in studio at Toi Poneke, Abel Smith St. For more information and to book go to: www.artsight.co.nz or contact Fiona:021 786629,3862908 or fiona@artsight.co.nz

L.O.D Dance Studios- Ballet and Jazz for all ages!. For more info please call 386-2145 or visit www.loddance.co.nz


Nam Wah Pai Kung Fu – Kung Fu (Chinese Martial Arts) classes held in EBIS Hall. Self defence skills. Training times are Mon 6.00-7.30pm

Wed 6.00-7.00pm - First 2 weeks **FREE** trial. For more information please contact Brian Lee on 021 432 0079 or Email: namwahpaikungfu@gmail.com

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