



# Bulletin

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## **Dear Parents and Caregivers**

It has certainly been very cold lately! As part of our uniform we allow students to wear polyprops to school as long as they are either black or white. We care about students being warm! We have had a lot of trouble with our school heating system and we are all the more concerned about students having warm clothing to wear. Over the weekend we have had testing done of the heating system and they have found that we have underground leaking of the hot water coming across from the boiler room to the classroom blocks. I can assure you that we are giving this urgent attention. In the meantime, a few rooms are not as warm as they would be if we had the heating system working as it should be. The Value that we are focusing on right now is **RESPECT**. Our children need us to model respect as adults. They need to be taught about respect for themselves, for others and for the **environment** around them. In this day and age students see all around them too many examples of what a lack of respect looks like. Now more than ever, we need to be teaching our children how to be respectful. Respect is about our relationships with others of course and we know as adults, that when we are respectful then we also have strong and positive relationships with others. Our communities are very different places today, and respect is therefore even more important.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

16<sup>th</sup> Variety Sport

23<sup>rd</sup> Extravaganza – 7pm in the hall

## **PARENT INTERVIEWS - END OF TERM 2 - STUDENT GOALS!**

We are going to post out to you the written reports that you will be discussing in the interviews. This will give you time to look at the written achievement data about your child.

Times that parents will be offered for interviews will be: **Wednesday June 30<sup>th</sup> 1.30 – 5.30pm** and **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July from 3.30 – 7.00pm**. Like last term, we will provide supervision for any students not able to go home at 1.00pm on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>.

I have just completed doing a mid year report to our Board showing progress of our students in working towards meeting the National Standards. It is important to keep in mind that these are end of year Standards. Students still have the rest of the year to be working towards them. The purpose of this mid year Board Report is to show how well we are tracking as a school and to also identify where additional student support resourcing may still be needed. Where students are achieving well below where they should be, it is critically important that we provide them with extra support.

## **SAMOAN SPEECH CONTEST**

We are delighted with the second placing of Gillian Luamanu in the Speech Contest last week. Gillian now goes on to Auckland to represent Wellington in this event. This is very exciting for her and for the school.

Last week I attended the presentation for the Samoan Radio Speech Contest. This was an event that has been running for many weeks on Tuesday evenings for Secondary School students. I was delighted to be at the prize giving on Friday night and to see one of our ex-student Matauaina Fagalilo who is now Year 9 at Wellington East, win the overall prize! The prize was \$1000.00 which is a huge amount

of money for a 13 year old! She was the youngest competitor and yet she took out the top prize in the event! How wonderful it was to be there to see that!

I sat with the Year 9 Dean from her school and she spoke of what a great student Matau is.

We have recently had a visit from the Principal of Wellington East and she told our Year 8 girls that EBIS breeds school leaders! This is lovely feedback for us as a school.

### **CONFERENCE FEEDBACK**

As I told you in my last Bulletin, Marie Okeby and I attended the New Zealand Intermediate Principals Conference in Taupo. This was a very good professional learning time away. So much of what was presented was incredibly useful for us. One of the things that I really loved was a ladder model that was all about our relationships with students in their learning. The top of the ladder is when there is student led decision making shared with adults. Here students are taking control of their learning, sharing a learning partnership with their parents and teachers. As a school this year we have set a target around our students becoming *more self regulated learners*. We want our children to become more and more in control of their own learning. They need to be setting their own learning goals, assessing the progress that they are making and then setting themselves new learning goals. In our interviews this year, we are really encouraging this student centred learning approach. I believe that at the end of this year we will see a big shift in achievement by students. We know ourselves as adults that when we need and want to learn something, we have usually identified it ourselves. When anyone wants to learn something, that is when they will have success in learning it!

### **EXTRAVAGANZA - 23rd June 7.00pm**

Our school performance groups are all working on the items that they will be performing in our Extravaganza. This evening of entertainment is in the hall on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 7.00pm**. Make sure you diary this as an evening to be at school to enjoy seeing our students perform. The date has been changed due to the fact that we just received information about the College Orientation Evenings. We naturally do not want our children to miss these important evenings and so we have changed our date for the Extravaganza. If your son or daughter has an item that they would like to perform that is not part of one of our school groups, we can make some room on the programme for students to do an item if they would like to. I need to know about these however, this week in order to finalise the programme!

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Entertainment Books** - \$60.00 from the Office. \$12.00 goes towards plants for the school grounds.

**Children's Pottery Classes** Contact Rosemary O'Hara for details 233 – 0003

**Holiday Programme** – at the Netball Wgtn Centre, 43 Ruahine Street, Hataitai. Both weeks, limited to 50. Email for details [info@netballwellington.co.nz](mailto:info@netballwellington.co.nz)

**Computer Holiday Classes** – Ages 5 – 15, Contact Ed Brown 499 -2211

**Artsight Holiday Programme** – Contact Fiona on 386-2908, 021 -786629, Wellington ( Toi Poneke)

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**, at home on **234 – 8724** and you can email me at [principal@ebis.school.nz](mailto:principal@ebis.school.nz), anytime the need arises.

Best Wishes



Mrs Wendy Esera

**ON BEHALF OF THE EBIS STAFF & BOARD**