



Bulletin

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

It is hard to believe that it is June tomorrow! The year is half over.

I hope that your family is keeping warm and dry after all this very cold weather we have had. The school heating will be working this week. With the major construction work going on, the main cabling that feeds into the school boiler has been cut! This is now fixed again.

This week I will be in Taupo with Marie Okeby at the National Intermediate Principals Conference. This is a very exciting conference, a really significant one in terms of the whole middle schooling movement in New Zealand. Behind the scenes over the last few years a lot of work has been going on to develop a website for Middle Schooling. This is being launched by Anne Tolley, Education Minister this week. We are also excited about a special new qualification for educators in the middle schools. The proposed Post Graduate Diploma in Middle Education is set to be trialled next year. I am very keen to get as many of our staff as possible, on this trial!

The Value that we are focusing on this week is **WHANAUNGATANGA**. Of all the values that we have at EBIS, this one really is the one that most of all is about the way we care for others. This is about being part of a community and what that really means. It is about how we support others, think of others, share with and care about others!

IMPORTANT DATES

This week is National Samoan Language Week! Tomorrow students can wear something Samoan!

- 31st May** New Board – Special meeting 6.30pm
- 2nd June** Interschool Cross Country
- 4th June** Wellington Regional Samoan Language Speech Contest
- 7th June** **Queens Birthday holiday**
- 9th June** ICAS Science Competition
- 9th June** Variety Sport
- 10th June** **DISCO 7.00 - 9.00pm**
- 10th June** **MAORI, PACIFIC, ETHNIC PARENT MEETINGS 7.00pm – various venues**

CROSS COUNTRY

The students who will be representing the school at the inter-school cross country will be going to this on Wednesday 2nd June. If your child is one of the students going, please encourage them to be doing some training themselves for this event. Every year there are some students who become exhausted and they end up unwell.

PARENT INTERVIEWS - END OF TERM 2 - STUDENT GOALS!

How are things going at home with your son/daughter in terms of them meeting the goals that they set with you and their teacher in the Interviews at the end of last term. Keep on reminding them and asking them about these. At the end of this term, you will have the opportunity to actually meet with

our Technology teachers and also our Art Teacher. In the times allocated for the interviews, these staff will be in their rooms available for you to go and talk to if you wish, about how well your child's learning is going. They will try to be available in the time when you will be at the school. The sheets to fill in times will therefore be important in terms of you letting them know roughly, when you would be calling in on any of them. The times that parents will be offered for interviews will be: **Wednesday June 30th 1.30 – 5.30pm** and **Thursday 1st 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 30th.

SAMOAN SPEECH CONTEST

This week is National Samoan Language Week and to tie in with this the Wellington Regional Samoan Language Speech Contest takes place out in the Hutt. We are thrilled to have two girls who have made it into this competition. They are Stephanie Fatu and Gillian Luamanu. We wish these girls all the very best of EBIS luck! As it is Samoan Language Week, tomorrow students are allowed to wear something SAMOAN!

NETBALL STARS!

It is very exciting to have news of the great netball stars that we have in our midst this year. Students who have made it into the Motukairangi Reps are: Lyric Dixon, Tenika Leota, Tory Watt, Rosalina Iva-Reedy, Alyssa Lewis, Georgia Jacobs, Kenzie Hampton, Mikara Harrison, Shania Lewis, Theresa Young. Also to add is the girls who have been named in the Development Rep Squad : Hannah McMullan, Misha Puleitu, Holly Jacobs. Our congratulations to these rising stars!

EXTRAVAGANZA - 23 rd JUNE

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 23rd 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 have 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.

THANKS!

Big thanks to Jill ford, a parent of one of our lovely students last year, for all the things she dropped in to us this morning. Jill has given the school a several soccer balls, boxes of corn chips, and all sorts of other things for students!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

Drum Lessons - Call/text David 027 -550-8269 \$40.00 half hour or \$60.00 an hour.

Before School/After School Care - Contact Kristina at NZ Nannies. Kristina@nznannies.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