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'Am I making positive connections in the world?' is the 2010 Learning Theme

Kia Ora Tatou, Greetings to all

Dear Parents

### A visit from Auckland University Staff

Graham Aitken, Dean of Education, Auckland University and Libby Limbrick, Head of Languages, Auckland University visited the school to discuss ENPS' vision and direction. High quality writing examples of students' writing were presented to Libby for lecturing staff to utilize in lecture to student teachers and Graham and Libby also visited classrooms. Both were highly supportive of the school's direction and were overwhelmed with the high quality visual displays of student learning. Graham spoke to the staff about Geography to support teachers' current topic plans for Term 3.

### Topic Planning for Term 3 "I am a Geographer"

Teachers are currently meeting in sectors to plan their geography topics for Term 3. A group of students from the Senior School attended the senior planning meeting and offered very good suggestions to guide our planning foci.

### Education Review Office Visit

Last week the Education Review Office reviewed the school. They were welcomed into our school by our very strong sounding Kapa Haka group. It was wonderful to see a group of parents at the Powhiri to also welcome the reviewers. The board and senior staff will be meeting with the review team later in the week to discuss their findings. The report will take approximately six weeks to publish and we will send out the community page via the school newsletter.

### Holiday Time

Thank you for your support this term with your child/children's learning and have a wonderful time with your children during the holidays.

Warmest regards

Jane Cavanagh-Eyre

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## INFORMATION UPDATE

### Mufti Week

This week is mufti week. However, if your child is going out of the school on a DOT Day trip, please send them to school in their uniform on the day of the trip. The school uniform makes the students readily identifiable to all members of the group. If you want to take part it's only \$5.00... wow! The money raised will go towards the Grid Club Subscription, Soccer Nets and PTA BBQ.

### Sausage Sizzle

On Thursday 1 July we'll be having a sausage sizzle and will have drinks available for sale. Sausages will be \$2.00 and drinks 1.00. Notices were sent home last week. If you have not received one, please call at the school office and collect a form.

### Fantastic response to our request for towels!

Thank you so much to our school community for heeding the call from the SPCA for towels. The Green Kiwis have been going around classrooms all week collecting old towels. At the time of writing this article, we had collected 80 towels so thank you to everyone. The SPCA will be thrilled to receive these towels and have also asked if they can have one of the wonderful posters made by members of the Green Kiwis.

*Jennie Adlam, Lucy Preston and the Green Kiwis*

### Enrolments for 2011 & 2012

In the Epsom Normal School newsletter of 17 June 2010, the school office staff asked all parents who live out of the school zone and who will have children turning 5 years old in 2011 and 2012 to complete the form at the back of the school newsletter and return it to the office by Wednesday 30 June 2010. This is to ensure that all parents who have children who are siblings of current students and are turning 5 in 2011, receive application forms for the Out-Of-Zone Ballot due to be held later this year.

At the same time, we also asked for parents living in the school zone who have children turning 5 in 2011 and 2012 to complete the second part of this form and return it to the office by Wednesday 30 June 2010.

If this applies to you and you have not yet returned the form, would you please complete it and return to the school office tomorrow morning, Tuesday 29 June 2010.

*The Office Staff*

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## Parent Teacher Interviews

The Parent Teacher Interviews are to be held on **Wednesday 28 July and Thursday 29 July 2010**. The school will close at **1pm on Wednesday 28 July** and we ask parents to make arrangements to collect their children at this time.

Epsom Normal is continuing to use the Parent Teacher interview system in order to make it easier for you to book your child/ren's interview with their teachers. Please follow the steps below in order to register into the system. We regret that this is on a first come, first serve basis and we will not be able to move other parents' times to accommodate your personal needs.

If you are not able to access the Internet from your home or work, a computer has been placed in the reception area of the school for your use. Office staff will be able to assist parents with this process.

## Steps

1. Go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/>
2. Type in our school code **EXFQ2**
3. Choose New Parent Booking (only have to register on first use)
4. Enter your name, your email address (to receive confirmation of your bookings), number of children at ENPS and the child/rens' names
5. Choose your child/ren's year level and teacher. Book a time that suits you.

You will then receive email confirmation if you choose to enter your address. If you wish to change the time(s) selected, please login at any time. Please note: other parents may have logged in as well and less times may be available.

The Deputy Principals of each sector of the school will also be in their offices if you wish to speak to them at the time of the interviews. Please ask at the school office if you are unsure where to go.

**Bookings will close at 10.00am on Tuesday 27 July. There will be no changes past this time.**

*Shawn Creamer*

*Assistant Principal*