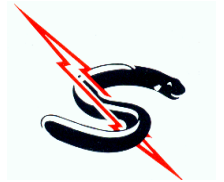




EEL NEWSLETTER



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On the home front...



We recently took a much anticipated family trip to Australia and had a blast. If you overlook the tears and paddys from overtired children who insist on waking at 4:30–5:00am every morning. However, just between you and me I want to share a theory I have. I have come to the conclusion that our aeroplane interiors have been designed by a man. Picture this... Two sections of seats in threes separated by an aisle, your average family of four. Lets take a guess at who gets to sit between the two kids to stop them fighting? Dad? I think not. No no it's good ol' Mum, (who doesn't like flying too much anyway). Yup good ol' Mum who nurses Mr 10 who suddenly became unwell at the airport. During the flight he turned a revolting shade of grey making good use of the little white bags provided. Then of course the tired monster pays a visit to Miss 4 who would now also like some of Mum's attention. Feeling a tad flustered Mum looks to Dad for some sympathy maybe even a little support only to see the back of his head, his blissfully unaware head. There he is across the aisle looking perfectly relaxed with beer in hand and in deep laughter filled conversation with the two ladies beside him. Charming!!

Luckily the holiday went better than the trip.

Richard and Mandy



Helpful Hint For All You Cowboys:

Never squat with your spurs on!



HOLIDAY DATES

We will be closing on Thursday 23 December and re-opening on Monday 09 January 2006. There will be an electrician on call over this time for **urgent** calls. When you leave a message we get paged so please only do this if you need an electrician straight away, otherwise call back during working hours. Remember to leave your phone number.

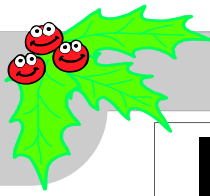


Boom Time



It's fantastic, work is plentiful, unemployment low (93% of skilled workers employed). The country is humming. School leavers have a vast array of career options open to them. Skilled workers, particularly trades workers are scarce. Further research shows that it is not only New Zealand with a shortage of skilled trades people, but also Canada and the U.K. Why is that? Do the schools have a focus on "hot" jobs, (computer technology, lawyers, etc), or are our youth just not interested? We had a recent conversation with a young adult wanting to become an electrician, (yay for him). His school guidance/career advisor told him he couldn't do it because he didn't have year 13 (7th form) maths. **This is news to us!** You do need to be able to grasp mathematical concepts, but on hiring apprentices we don't have a preset qualification requirement. Employers look for more than just grades and each firm can have its own criteria. It makes you wonder if misinformation is swaying people from following their chosen career path. We are sharing this story with the hope that people can encourage kids, (or adults), in their family and communities, not to be discouraged by one persons' opinion. *Our Hints:* Take the initiative and contact a few companies in the field of your choice and find out what *they* are looking for. Send out your C.V. (make an effort with this, include references) and follow it up with a phone call shortly after. Make the most of this "boom time" to gain skills and show your potential.

Our advice ...Grab life with both hands and chase your dreams.



How Old Are You?

When we are young we can't wait to get older, we're so excited in fact we count in fractions. "I'm 4 and a half." You never hear someone say, "I'm 36 and a half" Going teenage you're on a roll don't try to stop you now. "I'm gonna be 16" Okay your only 14, but it's coming. Next a momentous age... you **become** 21. Alright bring on the celebrations! But then you turn 30. OOOH what happened there? Makes you sound like bad milk. He *turned*, we had to throw him out. All the fun's gone out of it now, you're just a sour dumpling. What happened?



You **become** 21, you **turn** 30 then you're **pushing** 40. Whoa hold up now lets slow this down it's all slipping away... Before you know it you **reach** 50 and your dreams are gone. But wait you **make** it to 60 -didn't think you would. Now you've gathered so much speed that you **hit** 70, full force with all your might. So lets do a brief recap you *become* 21, *turn* 30, *push* 40, *reach* 50, *make* 60 and you *hit* 70. Sounds promising. Hello 80's you're going backwards, "I was **just** 83" After this you **get** to your 90's and it's basically a day-by-day thing, you hit Friday. Wahoo! Everyday is a complete cycle: you make to morning, you hit lunch, you reach bedtime. Then a wondrous thing happens if you journey past 100. Your kidhood returns... "I'm 100 and a half" May you all make it to a healthy 100 and a half !!

Our Community

PK -Lower Hutt, Porirua, Upper Hutt, Wainuiomata

Looking to get involved in your community? You can make a difference to a young person's life. To find out more contact: Makeri Tuterangi on 04 5772070

It takes a community to raise a child.

A TRIBUTE

We wish to pay tribute to a great man who sadly passed recently. David was our mentor and an inspiration to us. He encouraged, supported and guided us in our business and personal lives. He always wanted the people close to him to succeed and has probably contributed to a good many that have. We will miss his stories, advice, kindness and cheerful grin.



"It broke our hearts to lose you, but you did not go alone, for part of us went with you on the day God called you home." Be at peace Uncle.



L.E.D Lighting



A fabulous decorative light used to enhance both the inside or outside of the home, office, hotel, showroom etc... This is a relatively new product to New Zealand and we will see more and more of this technology being developed and utilised in our everyday lives.

We have recently been privileged to work on a stunning multi million dollar new house where these lights have been used to highlight the homes features; artwork, stairways, indoor pool, driveway, the list goes on and the effect is brilliant.

Recessed floor lights offer discrete illumination and are a great way to highlight paths and stairways. They are completely safe to walk and drive on and are cool to touch. There are a variety of styles in fittings to tempt you starting at the simple and ranging to the more trendy including several colour options.

Lamp colours come in warm white, cool white, red, red orange, amber, blue and green and you can have several coloured lamps in the same fitting which can be changed at the flick of a switch or by remote control.

These groovy little lights are becoming very popular and not just because they look fantastic, but also because they are low on power consumption and you get 100 000. hours from the bulbs. So they save you time and money—bring it on!!



Proud to support Oracle — Dance and Fitness Foundation. Encouraging youth to be healthy, active and passionate about dance.



Merry Christmas

*Wow it's coming up again, the years seem to be gathering momentum, although not quick enough for Miss 4 who is asking **everyday** if it's Christmas yet. The weather man said we should be in for a better holiday period this year, - yay! So we should be able to go for summery walks and crank up the BBQ. Hopefully you will get a chance to chill out and spend some quality time with the people that are near and dear to you. We would also like to spare a thought for the families that have lost loved ones this year as this can be a particularly sad time.*

Thank you for your continued support. Have a safe Holiday Season and we hope to see you next year.

Take care.

From the team at EEL