



CHILTON

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

From the Principal, Dr Jillian de Araugo

Welcome Back

Welcome to the 2009 school year and to those families new to Chilton Saint James School, a very special welcome. As the year begins it is vital that each student has written down a set of goals for 2009 and a plan for achieving these. For most students, the key to success will be to focus on improving the skill that most gets in the way of her learning, whatever that might be.

The ethos of Chilton Saint James School is one of participating, striving and achieving. Students are unlikely to do their best if they are not supported as well as challenged. The partnership between home and school is the foundation of this support, and central to the success of this partnership is good communication. No worry is too small and no question is silly. Please contact us the moment you have a concern so that together we can work towards a solution.

Please note the dates of the *Meet the Team* evenings scheduled for each year level across the next two weeks. Your attendance at these is vital.

School Diaries

Your daughter's School Diary is an invaluable communication tool for you and an organisational tool for her. It contains a number of policies for your reference and contracts which require your signature. Please keep a close eye on the diary through the year. We ask that up to and including Year 11, parents check and sign the diary each week. Form teachers will be counter signing diaries.

Home - School Communication

We are always happy to meet with you to discuss a concern and query you might have. At preschool and primary level it is usually fine to arrange a meeting time with the teacher as you are dropping your child off or collecting her. The nature of the daily organisation at secondary level means that you need to ring or email the relevant staff member to flag the issue and they will get back to you to arrange a mutually convenient time to meet with you. Teachers spend most of their day teaching so they will be unlikely to get back to you immediately but they will certainly do so by close of business on the following business day.

I entreat parents to advise us of any personal circumstances, no matter how small, that may impact on your daughter's learning.

Road Safety

Both Waterloo Road and Knights Road are extremely busy roads. Please use the pedestrian crossings.

It is illegal to park or stop on yellow lines. It also means the school patrol team can't see clearly down the road. The Hutt City Safety Officers do monitor the parking areas around the school.

The speed limit when passing a parked school bus is 20km per hour.

To relieve the congestion at the Waterloo Road entry please consider parking a little further from the school gates to drop off your daughter and have her walk safely to school or use the Knights Road entrance.

Forthcoming Events

- Friday 6 February

Waitangi Day
SCHOOL CLOSED

- Monday 9 February
Class and Individual Photos

Formal Uniform please

- Wednesday 11 February
Summer Sports Exchange with Wanganui Collegiate – Years 9 - 13

All day in Wanganui

- Monday 16 February
Sports Academy Evening – Years 12 - 13
7.30pm in the JC Foyer

- Tuesday 18 February
Secondary Athletics Sports
All day at Hutt Recreation Grounds

Meet the Team Evenings 7.30pm in the Jubilee Centre

- Thursday 5 February Year 7
- Tuesday 10 February Years 8 and 9
- Thursday 12 February Year 10 and 11
- Sunday 22 February Year 13
Note venue – The Loaves and Fishes, St Paul's Cathedral, Wellington
- Thursday 5 February
Music Tutors/Instrument Demonstration
6.30pm-7.30pm in the Jubilee Centre
- Monday 9 February
Years 1- 3 Picnic
12.30pm on the School Field
- Thursday 19 February
Parent / Teacher Interviews – Years 1 - 6
3.30pm - 7.30pm

Homestay Families Required

Homestay a Japanese Girl from 6 March – 20 March 2009

We require 15 Chilton homestays for the girls from Reitaku High School. This is a great opportunity to learn about another culture and see your environment through another's eyes.

The girls will arrive at school on Friday 6 March and will come home with your daughter(s) at the end of the day. The Japanese student will spend the weekend of 13 and 14 March in the Wairarapa.

A weekly homestay fee of \$200.00 applies.

If interested, please contact the Homestay Manager, Mrs Anita Thompson
anthompson@chilton.school.nz
566 4089 or 021 891 196.

STAFF NEWS

Joining the staff this year are:

Miss Kirsty Boniface *BEd* - will be teaching Dance, Music, Art and Physical Education at preschool, primary and lower secondary level. Kirsty is an avid dancer and singer and has taught both Music and Dance in the past. For the past two years she has taught at Te Aro Primary School with a composite Year 1 and 2 class.

Mr Andrew Brunt *BSc (Hons), DipTchg* - joins the Physical Education Department. A UK graduate, Andrew has taught Physical Education, Geography and History at Rossall School in the UK for 4 years before moving to New Zealand. Most recently he has taught at St Marks School in Wellington.

Mrs Sarah Gardner *BA, BTchg* - will teach Geography and Social Sciences. Sarah has taught Geography and Social Studies at St Patrick's College Wellington for several years.

Miss Rachel Morris *BA, DipEd* - will teach English. She has also majored in teaching Performing Arts and Drama. While Rachel has a range of work experience this will be her first year of teaching.

Mr Selva Periasamy *BSc(Hons), Cisco Network Associate* - is the new ICT administrator with extensive experience in a range of IT roles in Malaysia.

Miss Gizele Price *BSc(Hons), BEd* - will teach secondary Mathematics. A Canadian, Gizele has taught at schools in American Samoa and in Ontario.

Mrs Anna Robertson *BSc, DipTchg* - will co-ordinate primary sport and assist Mrs Ann Fowler. She is a keen orienteer, runner and hockey supporter. Her contact email is arobertson@chilton.school.nz

Miss Hester Ruffell *B Fine Art, DipTchg* - will teach Art, Painting and Design. Hester has taught these subjects and Photography at Havelock North High School for the past six years.

Mrs Sandra Simons *BPhysEd, DipTchg* - a native speaker of German and with German and French as part of her degree, Sandy will be teaching German to Years 8 and 9 and Primary French to Years 1 – 4. Sandy has experience at Northern Southland College, Marlborough Boys' College, the United Nations School in Naharyia, Israel, and at primary level, the Wa Ora Montessori School in the Hutt Valley.

Confirmation of Details

We are still waiting for some Confirmation of Details forms to come back. Please return these to the office ASAP so we are sure we have your correct, current contact details, medical details and so on.

Late Arrivals

Please make sure your daughter signs in at the office if she is arriving later than 8.35am in the morning as she will have been marked absent from form time.

We are experiencing ongoing technical difficulties with our telephone system, in particular our voicemail system. Please feel free to email us at info@chilton.school.nz with any absences or questions.

Uniform Shop

Opening hours this term will be Monday to Wednesday 12.00 noon to 4.30pm. The shop is located on the corner of Cornwall Street and Raroa Road (opposite The Professionals).

We are able to do minor alterations on uniforms. Please discuss with Teresa Niznik at the shop.

Parent Satisfaction Surveys

Thank you to the many parents who have already returned the Parent Satisfaction Survey which was sent out at the end of last year. These surveys provide us with valuable feedback on our performance and can help us improve our service to you. If you have lost the form it is possible to download it from the bulletin page of the website. Please put completed surveys in an envelope marked attention Sally Selwood and return it to the school office by 20 February. Sally analyses the results and provides a written summary of your comments so your anonymity is protected.

Parents' Association

The first meeting of 2009 was held on Monday 2 February. It was a pleasure to welcome two new parents to our meeting. We look forward to seeing them again, along with any other families at our next meeting on 2 March.

In 2008, funds raised from the Parents' Association Levy were used to buy a new industrial treadmill for the fitness centre, new shade cloth for the Preschool playground and a new school van. We look forward to working with the school to support this year's projects.

Library

The author Alexander McCall Smith will visit the Hutt on Monday 9 February. He will speak at an afternoon tea to benefit Te Omanga Hospice – 3.30pm - 5.00pm, at the Hutt Golf Club, Military Road. Tickets cost \$25.00. For bookings, telephone 566 4535, ext 716.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Chilton is a very special place and as a school community we pride ourselves on our tradition of excellence. But what is excellence to you? And more importantly how do we achieve it, either individually or collectively? Is it the environment we create and the opportunities to **explore** within it? Is it the processes, knowledge and skills that we **learn**? Is it the practice underpinning the **performances** we deliver? Or is **excelling** being the very best we can be? **E 2 E!** Watch this space!

PRESCHOOL

The preschool year plays a vital role in a child's educational journey. It is here that the foundations for future learning skills, confidence and attitudes are formed and nurtured. Parents are vital contributors and partners across this time. Our teachers establish an atmosphere of warmth and community - parents are valued as partners in realising each child's potential.

We invite parents to share in your child's educational journey by:

- becoming familiar with the preschool setting, its philosophy, objectives, environment, staff and the other families (staff will assist parents with this)
- taking an interest in the educational programme, discussing it with the teachers, asking questions, becoming involved with feedback on your child's learning
- supporting your child's learning by taking an interest in all they do
- sharing the delights with your child, applauding their gains, however small
- exchanging information about your child with the teachers regularly so s/he may be effectively supported
- participating in parent / teacher interviews
- voicing concerns with the teachers immediately they arise to ensure effective resolutions
- participating in any organised special events, picnics and teas
- volunteering as a parent help (lists with days and times will be placed on the parent board beginning from week 4)

The preschool year should be a happy and successful one, both for your child and you! Collectively, teachers and parents need to form partnerships that are mutually supportive, filled with trust and respect and that have as their focus the current and future educational and personal development of each unique child.

PRIMARY

Whether this is your first term at Chilton or your umpteenth, please don't hesitate to contact either your daughter's class teacher or Tracy Nel, Deputy Principal Primary, if you have any questions or concerns. Please never feel that your question or concern is too little to raise. We always welcome the opportunity to talk to you. It is on the foundation of strong dialogue and a partnership between school and home, between teacher and parent, that your daughter will flourish.

Education Outside the Classroom

Next week is EOTC in the Primary. Every class will be involved in a wide range of exciting learning experiences outside the classroom. Years 1 - 3 will take part in Amazing Race activities and a picnic with their parents on the school field; they will visit Staglands Wildlife Reserve and will go fishing off the Days Bay wharf. They will orienteer at Percy's Reserve and spend a day swimming at H2O Extreme and adventuring at Maidstone Park. Years 4 - 6 are going on camp to Kaitoke. Year 6 leave for camp on Monday, Year 5 leave on Tuesday and Year 4 join the rest of the girls on Wednesday. Camp is a most exciting time with plenty of learning experiences from packing gear to obstacle courses and flying foxes. We are hoping for good weather but we know that the girls will have a fantastic time regardless of sun, rain or wind. Thank you very much to all the parents who are taking time away from home and work to help out. Your assistance is invaluable.

Thursday 14 February 3.15pm–7.30pm Primary Goal-Setting Interviews

Letters will go home this week for you to indicate the time you would like for your daughter's goal-setting interview; this will be accompanied by a goal-setting sheet. Please make every effort to attend this interview with your daughter to help set the right foundation for the year's learning. Before the interview, spend time with her discussing and filling in the goal-setting sheet and then bring this sheet with you to the interview.

Congratulations

During the holidays roller skater Katelyn Kennedy in Year 4 won gold and the national title in Primary Solo Dance and in the Primary Girls' Figures. She came fourth in the Primary Free Roller Skating and her team came first in the Show Skating. Katelyn shared her cups, medals and achievements with us in assembly on Monday.

PRIMARY SPORT

Sports Registration

Sports Registrations are being collated for summer sports. If you would like to play a winter sport but have not registered please fill in a 'Sports Registration Primary' form and return it to your teacher or Mrs Anna Robertson ASAP. Forms are available from the school office.

Tennis Coaching

Tennis Coaching begins on Monday 9 February. Coaching group lists will be on the Primary sports notice board and the girls involved will receive an information notice today.

Touch

Games commence 20 February. Teams and coaches are being finalised over the next week.

Sports Achievers

If your daughter has success in any out of school sports involvement please email Anna so that it can be recognised in the weekly bulletin.
arobertson@chilton.school.nz

Achievements

Tayla Rogers performed well at the Wellington Long Course Swimming Championships in January with a 6th and two 5th placings in finals of the Wellington Long Course Swimming Championships in January.

EXCURSIONS/INCURSIONS

Level 1 & 2 Food and Nutrition Thursday 12 February

Mrs MacKenzie will take the Level 1 and Level 2 NCEA Food and Nutrition classes to Avalon studios to see the filming of *Activate*, a teenage cooking/quiz show. They will leave school by bus at 3.20pm and return at 6.30pm. There is no cost but would parents please ensure that arrangements are made to collect students promptly from school on their return.

Level 2 History Tuesday 10 February

History students are to visit Parliament. They will travel by train, leaving Chilton at 12.00pm and returning by 4.00pm. Students who use school buses will have to make their own arrangements about getting home. Costs for the trip will be around \$5.00 and formal uniform must be worn.

Level 3 Biology Wednesday 18 February 2009

Level 3 Biology students will visit Wellington Zoo to complete two Human Evolution workshops in the zoo classroom and to spend time observing the resident primate groups. Students will travel to and from the zoo by bus, leaving Chilton at 8.45am, returning by 3.15pm. Students need to bring their lunch and wear mufti clothing appropriate

for all weather conditions. The cost is \$20.00 and will be charged to your daughter's Incidentals account. If you have any queries please email dholloway@chilton.school.nz

INCIDENTAL CHARGES

For Students of –
Senior Biology
Social Sciences Years 7 - 10
Level 1 Geography
Level 2 Geography
Level 3 Geography
Level 2 Economics
Levels 1 and 2 Food Nutrition
Food and Materials Technology
Level 1 and 2 Materials technology
Visual Arts

The requested materials, course notes, etc, are listed in the Curriculum book, along with their costs. These charges will be made to your daughter's Incidentals account.

SECONDARY SPORT

2009 Sports Academy

The following Year 12 and 13 girls have been accepted as members of the 2009 Sports Academy.

Year 13

Courtney Allen-Anderson -
Hockey, Underwater Hockey
Zoe Anderson -
Cycling
Courtney Grenfell -
Triathlon, Cycling
Stephanie Jonassen -
Football, Volleyball, Touch
Rosie Milloy -
Cross Country, Athletics
Chenice Whearty -
Touch, Running
Year 12
Sophie Burley -
Football
Kendall Bushby -
Tennis
Kendall Hawes -
Netball, Tennis
Bridget Hayman -
Volleyball, Netball
Sammy Henderson -
Underwater Hockey
Courtney Macris -
Yachting
Jula McMillan -
Tennis, Orienteering
Pernille Osborne -
Netball, Volleyball
Brigitte Ravera -
Tae Kwon Do, Football
Laura Robertson -
Orienteering
Bayly Templeton -
Netball, Volleyball
Catherine Tobin -
Equestrian
Natalia Waiker -
Volleyball, Netball

Summer Sport Start Dates

The following are start dates for summer sport competitions.

Bowls Thursday 19 February
Cricket Thursday 19 February
Orienteering
Have a go session – 12 February 4pm
Tennis – Junior Tuesday 17 February
Tennis – Senior Thursday 19 February
Tennis Coaching Weds 11 February
Touch – Years 7&8 Friday 20 February
Touch – Years 9&10
Tuesday 24 Feb, 10 March, 17 March
Touch – Years 11-13
one tournament – 25 February
Volleyball – Junior Weds 18 February
Volleyball – Senior Friday 20 February

College Sport Wellington Triathlon

The College Sport Wellington Triathlon is on Friday 20 February. The age categories and required distances are:
Junior (U14 @ 1/1/09)

250m swim, 15km cycle, 2.5km run
Intermediate (U16 @ 1/1/09)

500m swim, 15km cycle, 2.5km run
Senior (U19 @ 1/1/09)

750m swim, 20km cycle, 5km run

Girls can enter as individuals or teams and will be expected to provide their own transport. Entry fees are \$5.00 for individuals and \$10.00 for teams. These entry fees will be charged to Incidentals accounts. Girls wanting to enter should see Mrs Fowler ASAP for an entry form. Entries close on Friday 20 February.

Sports Achievements

The following girls competed successfully in the North Island Colgate Games Athletics meets.

Lucy Garner (Year 8): 7th Long Jump, 8th High Jump, 13th 800m (Grade 12)

Kate Plimmer (Year 8): 4th hurdles, 5th 200m (Grade 12)

Tyler Rollo (Year 8): 3rd 400m, 4th Long Jump, 5th 400m, 6th 100m

These three girls were gold medalists in the Grade 12 4 x 100m relay.

Kate Plimmer also competed in the South Island Games and placed 3rd 200m, 4th Long Jump, 5th 400m and 6th 100m.

Elise Mclroy (Year 11) captained the 14/15yrs Wellington Athletics team which successfully defended their titles at the North Island Interprovincial Athletics meeting in Inglewood.

Melanie Kinsman and Briar-Louise

Rose (Year 9) competed in the Kapi-Mana Junior Tennis Open with Briar beating Mel in the singles final. The two girls then combined to win the doubles title.

Zoe Anderson (Year 13) placed 3rd in the New Zealand Cycling Criterium Nationals in Christchurch.

Lucie Gordon (Year 11) has been selected in the Wellington U15 Cricket team.

Laura Robertson and Jula McMillan

(Year 12) represented New Zealand at the Orienteering Oceania Carnival held in the South Island. This included a New Zealand vs Australia Schools Test match. Results were:

Laura – 1st W16 Sprint, 1st W16 Middle

Distance, 1st W16 Long Distance

Jula – 3rd W16 Sprint, 5th W16 Middle

Distance, 5th W16 Long Distance.

Laura and Jula were both in the winning W16 Relay team. New Zealand won the overall and schools event.

Anna Van Dissen (Year 10) was selected as one of three junior riders (Under 16) to represent the Wairarapa-Wellington Area at the New Zealand Pony Club Teams Dressage

Championships at Taupo on 31 January and 1 February.

Swimming

The following Chilton students performed well at the Wellington Long Course Swimming Championships in January.

Emily McGill (Year 11) won four gold and six silver medals and won the overall 14 year age group title. She has qualified to swim at the NZ Age group championships and NZ World Championship trials in March and the Australian Age Group Championships in April. Emily won a further six medals at each of the Auckland and Manawatu Swimming Championships.

Dina Clark (Year 7) qualified to swim in 10 finals winning one gold, one silver and two bronze medals. She has qualified to swim at the NZ Junior Swimming Championships.

Lauren Beere (Year 7) and **Bryony Thorne** (Year 8) each swam in three finals and both qualified to swim at the NZ Junior Swimming Championships later this month.

PERFORMING ARTS

Itinerant Tutor Programme

The Itinerant Tutor Programme offers tuition on an individual basis to students in an instrument, singing, and speech and drama at primary and secondary level. Details are in the Music and Performing Arts Registration booklet.

The programme is well underway, with some students having their first lesson this week. Many students, particularly students enrolling for the first time in the programme, will receive their first lesson next week.

If any student has not yet received an application form or has yet to hear back from a tutor, she should see the Head of Music, Mrs Ella Hanify, at lunchtime in the Vogel Music room. Alternatively, parents may ring or email Mrs Hanify at: ehanify@chilton.school.nz

The Meet the Tutor Evening and Instrument Demonstration is on this evening 6.30pm - 7.20pm in the Jubilee Centre – all welcome.

Prioritising Students

Students who study Music as an option subject have priority for lessons within the programme. Students who are a member of a choir or an orchestra also receive a priority status. It is recommended that all students in the itinerant programme join a choir, orchestra or other suitable Music group, as appropriate.

Some tutors have waiting lists, while limited vacancies are still available with others. Senior students may sometimes have priority over younger students in those instruments where there is a waiting list.

We commend all students who have taken up this opportunity and wish them well in their progress. Parents are asked to read the *Making the Most of Your Itinerant Lessons* sheet with their daughters, to ensure all aspects of the programme are clearly understood.

Senior Orchestra

The Senior Orchestra has got off to a very good start with a workshop on Thursday 29 January. The orchestra will perform at the Commissioning Service on Sunday 22 February.

Seraphim Choir

The Seraphim Choir for 2009 had a very productive workshop last week with guest tutors Fiona McCabe and Ruth Armishaw. Both these tutors are outstanding choral vocal musicians and the students enjoyed all they had to offer. The Choir will perform on Sunday 1 March 2.30pm at a Civic function to mark the opening of the Labyrinth at the Hutt Hospital grounds.

I See Red and Bella Voce Choirs – All-Comers Choirs

These choirs have got off to an excellent start. The doors are still open over the next two weeks for new members to come and see. There is no audition, but both these choirs achieve a very high standard.

Bella Voce Choir Rehearsal Time

The Bella Voce Years 7 and 8 Choir rehearsal time is Wednesday before school at 7.45am.

Chilton Choral Centre – After School Choirs

Cherubs for Years 2 - 5 and

Brio for Years 6 - 8.

Girls and boys from the wider community are welcome to join these choirs.

Information and application forms are available from the school office. The first practice is on Monday 9 February 3.30pm – Cherubs in School House and 4.30pm – 5.45pm for Brio.

Achievements

Brittany Jenks achieved 98% (Higher Distinction) in her music exams for keyboard last year.

DANCE CENTRE

A number of Dance Centre students attended Summer Schools during January with some travelling to Melbourne and Sydney for classes.

Grace Cabauatan won the Advanced Scholarship and **Pasquale Orchard** the Intermediate Foundation Scholarship at the Wellington Summer School. **Eddie Brunton** won an encouragement award at the McDonald College Summer School in Sydney.

Dance Centre classes commence on Monday 9 February. The timetable and enrolment forms are available from the school office.