



# CHILTON

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### From the Principal, Dr Jillian de Araugo

#### English at Chilton

Maintaining our cultural heritage from Shakespeare's timeless and poetic perceptions to the contemporary rhetoric of USA President Barack Obama's victory speech (courtesy of YouTube) presents an expansive and ongoing challenge for English education. Constant media bombardment demands analytical skills. When opinion pieces are presented as news, popular culture as history and visual text as a substitute for considered literature, discriminatory ability is the mark of the well educated student.

As creativity and sound technical literacy skills provide the basis for the development of effective communication, increasing exposure to different texts helps students develop the skills to contextualise what they are reading, hearing and viewing in historical, political and social contexts. Discriminatory development assists students to evaluate the reliability or usefulness of texts, to confirm that not everything we read or hear is as it seems.

In our ongoing review of the Chilton English programme, the teaching team is constantly seeking to meet the needs of today's and tomorrow's learners. The shift from written text to an inquiry focus builds on the skills developed as a result of the IBO Primary Years Programme. Increasingly setting their own topics and questions, learners are expanding from literature to a broader definition of text, including film and speech. Exploring a range of different texts in literature circles, student interests and abilities are catered for more widely than the traditional set novel study allowed in the past.

Because learning in English is increasingly dependent on the process of research, our approach includes cross-curriculum links. Recognising ways in which key learnings from one area of study may cause or be dependent on another, students are encouraged to seek connections between English, Art History, History and Music, for example. They are working critically with an expanded range of ideas and information to cement their understanding. Emphasising the point that ideas do not happen in a vacuum, History teacher Mr de Montalk's guest lecture on NZ women's roles in colonial New Zealand, for example, enlivened a senior English study of New Zealand literature already supported by a unit of study on New Zealand artists in Level 2 Art History.

The opportunity for powerful self-expression developed through our inquiry-based approach, our recognition of the range of texts we all need to work with and the value of cross-level discussion presented by vertical timetabling each adds to the developing power of the Chilton English programme.

As our current learners are challenged with expanding communication opportunities at school, past students such as Carolyn Ching, author of recently acclaimed *Pix and Me*, Sarah Henry, Editor of *Woman's Day* and poet/playwright Poppy Haynes provide role models for those who wish to take their creative writing skills to national and international levels. The academic achievement of our most recent graduates remains inspirational. Last year's scholarship winners Vanessa Ellingham, Jessie Baxter, Grace Liang and Ellen Thackray and Outstanding Performance Scholarship winner Elizabeth Prasad confirm the ongoing depth of the Chilton English programme.

#### Forthcoming Events

##### Tuesday 5 May

- Young Musicians' Concert  
7.20pm, Year 9 students, Chilton Theatre

##### Wednesday 6 May

- Winter Sports Exchange to Wanganui Collegiate All day, Years 9 - 13

##### Thursday 7 May

- Years 1 - 6 Parent / Teacher Interviews  
3.15pm - 7.30pm
- Young Musicians' Concert, School House  
7.20pm, Years 10 & 11

##### Friday 8 May

- Music Academy Concert, Chilton Theatre  
7.20pm, Years 12 - 13

##### Thursday 14 May

- Winter Sports Exchange with St Oran's and St George's Schools. All day, Years 7 & 8

##### Thursday 14, Friday 15, Saturday 16 & Sunday 17 May

- Royal Academy of Dance Vocational Exams  
All day, Years 9 - 13

##### Friday 15 May

- Civil Defence Training & Competition Day  
All day, Years 9 - 13
- School Dance, Jubilee Centre  
7.30pm - 10.00pm, Years 9 & 10

#### Exchange Opportunity

We have one place left on the exchange to our sister school Nanyang Girls High in Singapore. This exchange would suit students in Years 10 -11 and will take place during the July holidays.

Students will stay in the boarding school in Singapore and host a Nanyang student here in New Zealand during November. The only set costs are flights.

Please see Mrs Lang if you are interested.

**Chilton girls – Remarkable as independent life long learners**

## WINTER HEALTH TIPS

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The outbreak of 'swine' flu has received intense media coverage this week. In the light of this, and with the winter approaching, it is useful to remember this advice from the Ministry of Health about how to stop the spread of any type of influenza virus:

- Build resistance with healthy habits: get plenty of sleep, be physically active, drink lots of water, eat nutritious foods.
- Bring your own supply of tissues to school.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue.
- Put used tissues into a rubbish bin.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth – germs spread that way.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water then dry them thoroughly – **hand hygiene is critical**. Even when you start to feel better there is still a risk of infecting others, so keep the 20/20 rule – 20 seconds washing and 20 seconds drying.
- Keep surfaces clean at home, school and work.
- Stay at home and away from others if you are sick and provide adequate time for a full recovery.

## WIN-WIN FUNDRAISING

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Fundraising opportunities for schools are a recognised necessity by community focused businesses. Three win-win opportunities follow, providing cost savings for you and funds for Chilton.

1. **E-gas Ltd** is an independent gas supplier with nine years in the commercial market. The company has moved into the residential market and offers 7% off your current gas charges. The company will make a donation to the householder's nominated school. The e-school plan and application form is found on [www.e-gas.co.nz](http://www.e-gas.co.nz)
2. **Dominion Post SmartSubs** is available to new subscribers who have not been subscribers for the last three months. You will receive a Dominion Post subscription at 50% off the normal retail cover price. The school will receive \$20 cash and a \$50 newspaper advertising credit for every SmartSub received. Phone 0800 50 50 90 quoting SmartSubs and Chilton as the school of your choice or visit [www.dompost.co.nz/smartsubs](http://www.dompost.co.nz/smartsubs)
3. **Cherrytree** – the club for smart shoppers – enables you to buy over 360,000 top brand products at wholesale prices. You save money. See [www.cherrytree.co.nz/join](http://www.cherrytree.co.nz/join) and the Wellington club will call you. Please tell them that you heard about the club through Chilton and Cherrytree will

contribute to the Centennial Development Fund for every new member. All businesses will contribute for every *parent, old girl, staff or friend* identifying Chilton as their school at the time they register.

### Thank You

Thank you to the school families who purchased your school stationery at the start of the year from PaperPlus. We receive 5% of sales and so the owner, John Vallely, recently sent us a cheque for \$411.94. This will be spent on learning resources.

## PRESCHOOL NEWS

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A new term always brings new children to preschool and we welcome our new preschoolers **Radhika Dhanji, Lily Forsyth, Lauren Gordon-Crosby and Ashton Reeves**. We wish you an exciting learning journey at Chilton.

### Helping Our Children to Stay One Step Ahead of Germs

One goal at preschool is to encourage good health, both at school and at home. With a team approach, we can help limit the spread of contagious illnesses among children as well as adults. Prevention is fundamental to managing children's illness. Controlling children's exposure to germs is the first step. In today's Bulletin we offer you some tips to follow to encourage healthy and happy children.

### Excursion to the Hutt Valley Civil Defence Headquarters, Lower Hutt – Morning Children

We would like to remind parents that all permission slips are to be returned by Friday 1 May.

## PRIMARY NEWS

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### Learner Profile: Being Reflective

Many centuries ago, Plato said that, "When the mind is thinking, it is talking to itself". The ability to reflect on one's behaviour, performance and words is crucial for continuing development. Independent learners' reflection means they self-assess and are not dependent on others to give feedback. We encourage our students to reflect on their work so that they develop a sense of how it measures up to the success criteria without having to rely solely on teacher feedback.

### Uniform

A reminder that Mondays are always Formal Uniform Days and every outing this term will require formal uniform. The girls wear more items of clothing in winter. Please ensure that absolutely everything is named.

### Lost Property

There are several unnamed items of uniform in the Primary Office. If your daughter has lost anything, please contact Mrs Tracy Nel.

### Winter Sport

Winter sport is getting underway in the primary with Flippaball in Years 5 & 6 and Netball and Hockey from Year 3 up. Many girls from Year 1 are also involved in club sport for Football and Hockey. Sport at this level is a time to develop skills, a sense of playing as a team and having fun. We thank the parents who have volunteered to be managers and coaches for the season; your input is vital. We also ask that parents respect the commitment made by those who have volunteered to help and observe the code of conduct summarised on page 3 of this Bulletin.

### Looking Ahead

#### Tuesday 5 May

##### Year 4 Trip to the Zoo

This is an all day trip with the girls leaving at 9.15am and returning at 2.45pm. The cost of \$6.00 will be charged to incidental accounts.

#### Wednesday 6 May

##### Year 2 Field to Table Lunch

The girls in Year 2 will host a lunch for their parents. The menu will be based on items that they have made themselves as part of their unit of inquiry on the journey of food from its raw state in the field or hive to our tables.

#### Thursday 7 May

##### Primary / Preschool Harvest Service in School House, 8.30am

Our tradition is to bring non-perishable foodstuffs to this service as our community contribution and this is given to the Foodbank. Please could your child bring a donation of food to school for our Harvest Service any time up to Thursday 7 May.

#### Thursday 7 May

##### Primary Progress Interviews 3.15pm - 7.30pm

The interviews are scheduled for next Thursday 7 May. All parents who have requested interviews will have received their times for their appointments with class teachers in the classrooms and with the specialist teachers who are in School House.

## PRIMARY SPORT

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### Netball

#### Years 5 & 6 teams

The Hutt Valley Netball competition begins this Saturday, with all four teams having two grading games. Game times are on the Sports noticeboard and girls will also be advised of times by their team manager. There are three weeks of grading games to be played before a break, then the first round of competition begins on 6 June.

### *Years 3/4 Sparklers and Dazzlers*

The Silverpine Competition start day has been delayed until 9 May. The Sparklers team still needs a manager. Please contact Anna Robertson if you are able to help – [arobertson@chilton.school.nz](mailto:arobertson@chilton.school.nz).

### **Hockey**

The Hutt Valley Hockey season begins this Saturday. Game times are on the Sports noticeboard and girls will also be advised of times by their team manager. Girls need red hockey socks which can be purchased from the Uniform Shop. Chilton Bluesticks (8 a-side team) have two Friday lunchtime practices before their timetabled Monday practices begin on 11 May.

### **Winter Sport Practice Days**

#### *Monday lunchtime*

Hockey – Chilton Redsticks & Chilton Bluesticks

#### *Wednesday 7.45am*

Netball – Chilton Hearts

#### *Thursday lunchtime*

Netball – Chilton Sparklers, Dazzlers and Tuis

#### *Thursday 4.00pm - 5.30pm*

Years 6 - 8 Hockey squad at Fraser Park

#### *Sunday 4.00pm*

Flippaball practices beginning 10 May

### **SportZone Football Tournament**

SportZone Football is running a Football Tournament for our Years 4, 5 and 6 students on Wednesday 6 May from 8.30am - 10.30am. The girls will be put in mixed year level 5 or 6 a-side teams. Girls will need to wear a shirt in their team colour, PE shorts and sports shoes. They can wear their fleece top or tracksuit between games. If your daughter has shin guards, long socks or football boots (not with screw-in studs) she is encouraged to wear these. This is optional as we understand that many children will not own this equipment. The postponement day is Wednesday 13 May. The cost of \$2.50 will be charged to the Incidental accounts.

## **SECONDARY NEWS**

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### **Careers**

On Thursday 7 May Victoria University is holding an Information Evening for interested students and parents. The format will be:

*6.00pm to 6.45pm* – Expo where people can talk to Faculty staff

*6.45pm to 7.20pm* – Ten minute presentations from Faculties on their degree programmes

*7.20pm to 8.30pm* – More opportunity to get detailed information and chat to staff.

### **Excursions / Incursions**

#### **Level 2 Economics Field Trip**

##### **Tuesday 5 May 2009**

The students will visit Statistics New Zealand and the Reserve Bank of New Zealand from 9.30am to 3.20pm. The cost of the trip will be \$3.60 for the train fare and will be charged to Incidentals accounts.

#### **English Field Trip**

##### **Friday 1 May**

Mrs Matheson and Mrs Ellis's Senior 1 English classes will visit Katherine Mansfield's birthplace. The girls will leave school by bus at 10.30am and be back by 12.40pm for a 'dainty' lunch with fine china! The cost of the trip will be \$15.00 and will be charged to Incidentals accounts.

#### **Level 3 Materials Technology Field**

##### **Trip Wednesday 6 May**

Trip to Wellington city fabric shops with Mrs Newton, departs 11.45am and returns 2.25pm. No travel costs will be involved.

## **SECONDARY SPORT**

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### **Orienteering**

The Orienteering team had a very successful weekend in Auckland at the North Island Secondary Schools Championships last weekend. Results were as follows:

#### *Senior Girls*

Laura Robertson, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Julia McMillan, 7<sup>th</sup>;  
Joey Haynes, 19<sup>th</sup>

#### *Intermediate Girls*

Pippa Halliday, 12<sup>th</sup>

#### *Junior Girls*

Sammy Sebire, 8<sup>th</sup>; Phoebe Parker, 16<sup>th</sup>

#### *Years 7 & 8*

Lucy Garner, 6<sup>th</sup>; Bryony Thorne, 10<sup>th</sup>

#### *Standard Course*

Sarah Spicer, 9<sup>th</sup>

#### *Relay Events*

##### *Senior Girls, 1<sup>st</sup>*

Julia McMillan, Joey Haynes,  
Laura Robertson

##### *Intermediate Girls, 10<sup>th</sup>*

Sammy Sebire, Sarah Spicer,  
Pippa Halliday

##### *Years 7 & 8, 1<sup>st</sup>*

Lucy Garner, Phoebe Parker,  
Bryony Thorne

### **Fitness Circuits**

Nicole van Oosterom will be taking the fitness circuits again this term and sessions will start in Week 3. The two sessions that will operate are Thursday morning and Friday afternoon for Years 7 & 8. Girls should confirm registrations on the Jubilee Centre noticeboard.

### **Winter Sport**

Thank you to all those parents and students who are assisting with coaching, managing and umpiring our winter sports teams. We still require more Netball umpires and would really appreciate some parents coming forward. We offer assistance with umpiring, with one of our senior umpires available every Thursday after school to train up new umpires to a good level of competency. Please contact me if you are able to help.

With most winter sports starting in the next 10 days it is a timely reminder for girls to regularly check the noticeboard for updated draws and fixtures. Some handy websites for parents and students to check for results and draws are:

#### *Years 7 & 8 Netball*

[www.sportingpulse.com.au](http://www.sportingpulse.com.au)

Hutt Valley Netball provide a text cancellation service for Years 7 & 8 – you need to txt 13362 to 3080 to register.

#### *College Sport Wellington competitions*

[www.collegesport.org.nz](http://www.collegesport.org.nz) for all draws

and results for Secondary Netball, Football, Secondary Basketball, Badminton.

#### *Wellington Hockey*

[www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz](http://www.wellingtonhockey.org.nz) for draws and results for all Years 7 - 13 Hockey.

### **Code for Parents (on the sidelines)**

Please –

- encourage your child to play within the rules and respect officials' and coaches' decisions
- teach your child to respect the efforts of their opponents
- remember that your child learns best by example so applaud good plays / performances by both teams
- give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort
- support your child's efforts and performance
- appreciate that the coaches, officials and other volunteers give their time to conduct the event for your child
- help when asked to by a coach or official
- respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background
- do not pressure your child in any way – know that this is their game not yours
- do not use bad language or harass players, coaches, officials or other performances
- do not criticise or ridicule your child's performance after the game.

## Wanganui Collegiate Sports Exchange Wednesday 6 May

Teams involved in this exchange are 1<sup>st</sup> XI Hockey, 1<sup>st</sup> XI Football, Senior 1 and 2 Netball and Years 9/10A Netball. Girls will receive information and travel details before the end of the week.

### Sports Directories

Sports Directories for winter codes should be published within the next week. If you do not want your phone number listed in the directory you should contact Ann Fowler - email [afowler@chilton.school.nz](mailto:afowler@chilton.school.nz) - as soon as possible.

### Achievements

**Laura Robertson** (Year 12) placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the (W20 grade) in the sprint, middle and long distance events and **Jula McMillan** (Year 12) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the long distance and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the middle distance (W18 grade) in the New Zealand Orienteering Championships.

**Courtney Grenfell** (Year 13) placed 4<sup>th</sup> (Senior Girls section) and **Lucy Grenfell** (Year 11) was 25<sup>th</sup> in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Triathlon Championships (Intermediate Girls section).

**Courtney Grenfell, Lucy Grenfell and Laura Robertson** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Triathlon Championships (Team Relay event).

**Tayla Styche** (Year 8) won a gold medal in a Wellington regional tournament for Taekwondo in the Individual Poomase (patterns) for red belts to red belts black tips. Tayla then paired with a top junior black belt Poomase exponent and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Teams event.

**Laura Robertson, Jula McMillan, Sammy Sebire** (Year 9) and **Sharne Ralston** (Year 9) have been named in the Lower North Island Regional Orienteering team to compete in an Inter-regional competition at Queen's Birthday Weekend.

## PERFORMING ARTS

### Classical Guitar Tuition

There is an opportunity to learn Classical guitar at Chilton beginning in Term 2. The tutor, Cheryl Watterson, is a performer and teacher of international standing – a wonderful opportunity. Please see Mrs Hanify for more details.

### Concerts in Term 2 – Week 2

*Young Musicians Concert - Year 9:*  
Tuesday 5 May, Chilton Theatre

*Young Musicians Concert - Years 10 - 11:*  
Thursday 7 May, School House

*Music Academy Concert Years 12 - 13:*  
Friday 8 May, Chilton Theatre

All parents, family and friends are warmly welcome to support the students at these concerts.

The concerts begin with refreshments served at 7.00pm (in the JC Foyer for 5 and 8 May and in School House for 7 May). The concert programmes will begin at 7.20pm.

### DANCE CENTRE

The Dance Centre students have been busy during the holidays with students travelling to Auckland for the Alana Haines Australasian Awards where they performed to an excellent standard and benefitted greatly from the experience.

Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop and Vocational Ballet students attended holiday classes in preparation for exams in Term 2 and a group of 25 dancers and teachers travelled to Palmerston North to take part in this year's Phoenix Workshop.

Tutors from the USA and Australia taught highly energised classes in Jazz, Musical Theatre, Hip Hop, Funk and Lyrical.

Dance Centre students **Ashleigh Tan** and **Grace Cabauatan** received scholarships awarded by the tutors while the following students were selected to perform with the tutors in *Dance with the Stars* at the end of the workshop:  
Grace Cabauatan, Allegra Canton, Brianna Coughlin, Emma Dellabarca, Jacinta Heffernan, Cordelia Hughes, Olivia Hughes, Katie Musgrove, Chelsea O'Reilly, Taylor Shera, Michaela Sullivan, Ashleigh Tan, Peita Tawhara, Katie Tregurtha and Shimada Waiwai.

### More Apples for the Big Apple

Bags of Granny Smith apples fresh from the orchard will be available at school next Thursday in the car park. This is a further fundraiser for students travelling to New York during the July break. 4kg bags – \$10.00.

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