



From the Principal, Dr Jillian de Araugo

An International Outlook

Language learning at Chilton begins in the primary years with French and then Spanish. By the time girls reach secondary level where French, German and Spanish are available, they already know *how* to learn a language. More importantly, they have developed a 'can-do' attitude towards further language learning. Students who enter Chilton at other year levels quickly accept this culture.

Whilst learning a language is an academic challenge, teaching methods make it accessible to all students. From the beginning, the emphasis is on fun activities and games with a strong focus on oral communication. Every lesson includes a range of frequently-changed activities which cater to different learning styles and develop the skills of speaking, listening, reading and writing. Motivation is high as students are eager to experience the buzz of being able to communicate in a new way. Partner and group work, as well as whole class teacher-directed sessions, provide plenty of opportunities for reinforcement. Students are able to enjoy success at their own ability levels.

Progressing past the basics, opportunities unfold for those with an aptitude for language learning. They may prepare activities or presentations which serve as learning opportunities for their peers; they may engage in research about language or culture to add to classroom learning. Thinking skills are used to discover the organising rules and patterns of the target language and to make connections between what they are learning in their own or other known languages and cultures.

For senior students, learning a language extends access to an expanding volume of knowledge. Reading widely, viewing movies and listening to news bulletins in the target language helps them gain facility as they extend their minds to solve linguistic problems, take risks and experiment with language to achieve meaningful communication.

Increasingly, students enhance their language learning experience by testing what they have learned in 'real' situations. Visiting restaurants and shops, they interact with staff and visiting native speakers in the target language, correspond with young people overseas and taking part in school trips to countries where they can immerse themselves in both culture and language.

Consistently achieving higher rates of excellence passes than most other decile 10 schools, Chilton language students frequently go on to enriching overseas experiences. Some, like singer Elly-Marie Kappatos, opt to spend time in the target country before returning to New Zealand to take up university studies. Others, like Wellington lawyer Nicola Leslie, establish language fluency and international expertise through specialist overseas study. Singer Lauren Armishaw pursues her career in Europe.

Whatever the pathway beyond school, language learning expands our cultural awareness and provides a life-long learning skill.

Forthcoming Events

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

Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 & Thursday 14 May

- Level 3 Drama Performance *Jeannie Once* by Renee Chilton Little Theatre 7.30pm Cost \$5.00

Friday 15 May

- Years 9 & 10 Dance, Jubilee Centre 7.30pm - 10.00pm

Wednesday 20 May

- Primary inter-House Cross Country Championship 9.30am - 12.40pm

Friday 22 May

- School in Action 8.45am - 11.30am

University Economics Success Lucy Gloag and Grace Liang

Last year Lucy and Grace completed two Stage 1 University papers as part of their Year 13 studies. Both achieved exceptional grades in Principles of Microeconomics (Lucy A+, Grace A) and Principles of Macroeconomics (both girls A+). We were delighted to learn last week that Lucy was placed first overall out of 878 students at Massey University for Principles of Macroeconomics. This included both internal and extramural students. She scored a grade of 97%.

New York Art Trip

Art Exhibition and Gala Auction 7.30pm Friday 22 May

Odlins Gallery, Myrtle Street, Lower Hutt

An Art Exhibition and sale of art works by students and invited artists will take place between 10.00am and 4.00pm daily, Wednesday 20 May to Saturday 23 May.

The student work will be sold by auction at our Gala Auction on Friday 22 May and can be viewed from Wednesday.

This event is part of the fundraising for the New York trip being undertaken by senior art students in July this year.

Tickets \$20.00 available from the school office.

SCHOOL NEWS

Road Safety During Winter

With winter's dark days and poor visibility, coupled with the inevitable wet weather, please be especially mindful of safety around the school gates. There are pedestrian crossings on both Waterloo Road and Knights Road – please use them when you are with your daughters and insist that they use them when they are alone. After only two weeks of term we have already seen some near misses.

Winter Colds and Flu

The cold wet weather has started. If your child is not well before school please do NOT send her to school. This will help minimise the spread of bugs throughout the school community.

Year 9 Community Project

Thank you to our wider community for the donations of toys, books, clothes and bedding we have received for our Barnados project. We are still looking for jackets for 4 year olds right up to the 14 year old age group. If you can help us, please leave the items, labeled Year 9, at the school office.

School Photos

This Friday is the last day you can return either unwanted photos or money to the school office. After that date you will have to deal directly with LC Scott Photography, telephone 568 6721.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

In Term 2 we are at the second step in our E2E Journey for 2009 in which we will be learning new facts/skills in the new subject, sport or arts group we explored last term.

Throughout the year the School Council holds many fundraisers such as mufti days and sausage sizzles. We channel the funds we raise into two causes – the School Council project for the year and donations to various charities to support our local community. For instance, in 2008 the School Council supported: Kidney Dialysis, SPCA, Make a Wish, Starship, Women's Refuge, Foodbank, Te Omanga Hospice, Ronald McDonald, Mercy Ministries, Breast Cancer and the Bishop's Fund. All these charities are grateful for the contributions made by the Chilton community in 2008, as evidenced by the number of thank you letters and cards we have received.

On behalf of the School Council, I would like to thank all members of the Chilton community for the contributions you made last year, and have continued to make so far this year. With your support, the 2009 School Council also hopes to reach out to the community and continue to contribute to charities.

Tania Jacob
Secretary/Treasurer

PRESCHOOL

Supporting Our Children When They Don't Get What They Want!

Despite our best efforts, reality doesn't always meet children's expectations and probably shouldn't. We all hope that our children will experience happiness and success but there are inevitable ups and downs in life which we all have to learn to face. As parents and teachers, we need to prepare children to cope graciously and competently when life lets them down.

Daily schedules that promote security, predictability and stability build a strong attachment between parent and child. When children believe that others truly care for and love them, disappointment is easier to accept. Spreading attention amongst your children is essential: compliment character traits such as helpfulness or patience.

We need to build children's 'feelings vocabulary' from infancy, from joy and happiness to sadness and dismay. This will assist your children in managing their emotions. Coach them in ways to share feelings respectfully and to respect the feelings of others. Explain that all people feel emotions, but they must control what they do. Do not let children hurt themselves or others. Enforce respectful, relevant consequences when children ignore limits.

Often children think they don't get their way because someone doesn't like them, someone isn't fair or someone doesn't want them to give them what they want, so be available when children need emotional support to cope with disappointment. Obviously, helping children learn to cope with disappointment is a two-way street. It requires teaching self-awareness as well as respect for how others feel. It's a fine line to walk, but with your help children can manage it.

A Reminder!

Please ensure your preschooler has a change of clothing in his/her school bag. We encourage frequent visits to the toilet but accidents do happen when children become absorbed in play and leave going to the toilet too late!

Preschool – Year 6 Harvest Festival

Thank you to all our families who so ably demonstrated our learner profile of caring by contributing tinned food to our Preschool / Primary Harvest Festival today. It made a fantastic display and will be thankfully received by the Lower Hutt Foodbank. We are always grateful to Reverend Jean Malcolm, the School Chaplain, for leading us in worship. Her services are thought provoking and engaging.

PRIMARY

Learner Profile: Reflective

Reflective individuals consider alternatives and consequences of several possible directions prior to taking action. They decrease their need for trial and error by gathering information, taking time to reflect on an answer before giving it, making sure that they understand directions and listening to alternative points of view. The ability to reflect is an important quality in problem-solving. Effective problem-solvers have a sense of deliberation, thinking before they act. They intentionally form a vision of a product, plan, action, goal or destination before they begin.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

We look forward to seeing you today for Parent / Teacher progress interviews. Meetings with the class teachers are in the classrooms and meetings with specialist teachers are in School House between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. This is a great opportunity to discuss your daughter's progress and plan her goals for the next term.

PRIMARY SPORT

Netball

Netball teams in the Hutt Valley Competition have three weeks of grading games and play two games each week before the official competition begins

Fantails	Win vs Eastern Hutt 2 Win vs Taita Central 1
Tuis	Loss vs St Peter & Paul 2 Loss vs Eastern Hutt 3
Hearts	Loss vs Valley Fronds Loss vs Kelson 2
Diamonds	Loss vs Waterloo 3 Loss vs Pomare 2

Player of the Day: Grace Tresidder

Chilton Sparklers and Dazzlers will play their first game in the Silverpine Competition on Saturday 9 May.

Please ensure your daughter wears the correct netball uniform. Our netball teams are registered to wear the Chilton PE top, red netball skirt with black knickers underneath and if the weather is cold a white polyprop top may be worn underneath the PE top. Girls must wear either a Chilton fleece top or tracksuit to and from the game.

Hockey

Redsticks	Draw vs Upper Hutt 4 all
Bluesticks	Loss vs Hutt 4

Winter Sport Practice Days

Monday lunchtime

Hockey - Redsticks & Bluesticks

Monday after school

Netball – Fantails

Wednesday 7.45am

Netball – Chilton Hearts

Thursday lunchtime

Netball – Sparklers, Dazzlers and Tuis

Thursday 4.00-5.30pm

Years 6 - 8 Hockey squad at Fraser Park

Sunday 4.00pm

Flippaball practices beginning May 10

Please note: Chilton Redsticks have one more Friday lunchtime practice.

SportZone Football Tournament

The SportZone Football Tournament for students in Years 4, 5 and 6 has been postponed to Wednesday 13 May from 8.30am - 10.30am.

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) they are encouraged to wear these. This is optional as we understand that many children will not own this equipment.

SECONDARY NEWS

Level One NCEA School Examinations – May 2009

Year 11 students have exams and study leave on Wednesday 27, Thursday 28 and Friday 29 May. If students have an examination they will attend school at the time of the examination. They have study leave during the times they do not have an examination.

Year 10 students doing Level 1 examinations will come out of normal classes to sit them at the allocated times. Year 10 study leave is granted only to those students sitting L1 Economics on Thursday 28 May. On this day students may stay at home to study in the morning (or come to school and study silently in the library) until their examination at 11.00am.

Year 12 students doing Level 1 exams will come out of normal classes to sit their exam. If it is not in the first session (8.50am - 10.20am) they are granted study leave until the time of their examination.

Wednesday 27 May

8.50am - 10.20am

L1 Food and Nutrition*, L1 History

11.00am - 12.30pm

L1 Science

1.40pm - 3.10pm

L1 Accounting*

Thursday 28 May

8.50am - 10.20am

L1 Geography*, L1 Drama*

11.00am - 12.30pm

L1 Economics*, L1 Music

L1 Spanish

1.40pm - 3.10pm

Senior 1 English (Year 11 only)

Friday 29 May

8.50am - 10.20am

L1 French

11.00am - 12.30pm

L1 Mathematics

L1 Advanced Mathematics

Note: An asterix indicates Year 10 and/or Year 12 students are included. All students to be back in classes for spells 5 and 6 on Friday 29 May.

Changes of Term Carded Assessments

Level 3 Statistics and Modelling

Assessment term-carded for the end of week 3 and beginning of week 4 will now be held at the end of week 4.

(Wednesday / Friday for Mrs Burr's class and Thursday / Friday for Mrs McGinley's class).

Level 2.6 Physical Education

Hand-in day has been moved from Wednesday 8 June to Monday 25 May.

Year 10 Social Sciences

Assessment for Unit Standard 5999, part of our Religion Ethics and Philosophy topic, will now be in regular class spells on Wednesday 3 and Friday 5 June.

International Competition and Assessment for Schools Science Wednesday 10 June

This is a compulsory competition for students in Years 7 - 9. Students in Years 10 -13 have the option of entering and have received letters and returned entry forms. Entries are now closed.

High quality UNSW certificates are awarded in each year level in New Zealand as follows:

- High Distinction - top 1% of entrants
- Distinction - next 10% of entrants
- Credit - next 20% of entrants
- Participation to all other entrants.

To assist your daughter to prepare for the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS), past ICAS booklets can be purchased from EAA. These booklets provide a good indication of the types of questions used and their difficulty and give children experience in the ICAS format. Practice questions can also be downloaded from the EAA website. For more information please visit the EAA website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au or email info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

The cost of the competition is \$7.50. For students in Years 7 - 9 this will be deducted from Incidentals accounts. Those students in Years 10 - 13 who have had parental permission forms signed will also have this amount deducted from Incidentals accounts.

Excursions / Incursions

L2 Art History

Friday 8 May

The Level 2 Art History class will visit the exhibition of Monet and the Impressionists at Te Papa. Students must wear formal uniform and bring money for lunch and transport. They will depart school at 8.40am and return at 1.30pm.

L3 Geography Wednesday 13 May

As part of our work on planning and decision making we will visit the site office of Fletcher Higgins Joint Venture who are building the Dowse to Petone Interchange. We will leave school at 1.00pm and return at 2.25pm, travelling by van and car. One more car and driver is needed. Please ring the school office or email aolsen@chilton.school.nz if you are able to help with transport.

Chilton Years 9 & 10 Dance Friday 15 May

7.30pm - 10.00pm, Jubilee Centre
Please ensure students have their permission slips to the school office by Wednesday 13 May at 1.30pm.

SECONDARY SPORT

Summer Sport Colours

In the first Sports Colours assembly the following students were recognised for their contribution and success.

Gold Colours

Athletics: Elise McIlroy, Laura Robertson
Touch: Holly Houppapa

Silver Colours

Athletics: Sarah Brodie, Emma McBeth, Michal Milloy, Briar Palmer
Cricket: Lucie Gordon
Lawn Bowls: Adele Critchlow, Kendal Critchlow
Touch: Katie Fraser, Natasha Ingram, Stephanie Jonassen, Michal Milloy, Victoria Munn, Chenice Whearty
Volleyball: Lorraine Oloitoa

Bronze Colours:

Athletics: Sophie Burley, Holly Houppapa, Laura Lincoln, Alana Marsh, Olivia Poppe
Cricket: Ushana Jayasuriya, Alana Marsh, Radhika Palepu, Briar Palmer
Tennis: Kendall Bushby, Caitlin Carter, Katie Fraser, Charlotte Kerr, Juliana McMillan, Sara Massam
Touch: Zarra Houppapa, Ashley Kitchingham
Volleyball: Kate Evans, Bridget Hayman, Pernille Osborne, Rebecca Richter, Bayly Templeton, Natalia Waiker

Equestrian

The Equestrian team competed very successfully in the Saint Matthews Intercollegiate event last week. Placings were as follows:

Jess Giles (Year 9) on Greased Lightening placed 6th in the 2 phase class at 1.10 metres.

Jess Fraser (Year 11) on Philadelphia Dream placed 4th in Table C class at 95cm.

Jess Nelson (Year 11) on Millennium Magic placed 6th in Derby class at 80cm.

School Cross Country Championships

Due to the weather the School Championships were run as a trial for Inter-school teams and those who wanted to enter ran. The event was very successful with some excellent performances. Placings were as follows:

Senior Championship

1 st	Laura Robertson	10.12
2 nd	Rosie Milloy	10.31
3 rd	Jula McMillan	10.32

Years 9 & 10 Championship

1 st	= Anna Van Dissen	11.04
1 st	= Gabrielle Young	11.04
3 rd	Katie Burley	11.11

Years 7 & 8 Championship

1 st	Lucy Garner	10.30
2 nd	Rachel Vance	10.47
3 rd	Kate Plimmer	11.49

Achievements

Emily McGill (Year 11) has been named in the 2009 New Zealand Age Group Swimming Squad. She recently swam in the Australian Age Group Championships, qualifying for three finals and gaining top ten rankings in Australia.

Lucy Garner and **Kate Plimmer** (Year 8) competed for Wellington in the Interprovincial Athletics Championships. The Wellington Grade 12 team came 2nd overall and Kate was the highest points scorer for Wellington.

Courtney Grenfell (Year 13) has been named in the New Zealand U19 women's Road Cycling team to compete in Canberra and Adelaide in July.

PERFORMING ARTS

Young Musicians Concert Year 9

A large audience of family and friends enjoyed a wonderfully diverse programme on Tuesday night, ranging from solos on oboe, flute, saxophone, cello, piano and voice to a variety of band items featuring guitar, drums and contemporary vocal styles. The Year 9 Drum Corps made a strong impact.

The students have been working hard learning their music and developing their concert performance and presentation skills. Hours of effort bore fruit as all girls introduced their items and presented themselves with poise, confidence and polish.

The success of the evening is also testament to our outstanding team of tutors.

Don't miss the *Young Musicians Concert Years 10 & 11* on Thursday or the *Music Academy Concert* on Friday 8 May.

Level 3 Drama Performance *Jeannie Once* by Renee Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May Chilton Little Theatre 7.30pm Cost \$5.00

Come and support Level 3 Drama students and take a trip back in time to Dunedin 1879. Experience the trials, tribulations and entertainments of new immigrants to New Zealand.

Classical Guitar Tuition

At the Principal's Assembly this week we were treated to a performance by classical guitarist Cheryl Grice Watterson. Ms Watterson is offering limited spaces in classical guitar tuition. This is an outstanding opportunity and already a number of students have enrolled. Application forms and information are available from the office.

Seraphim Choir Performance

The Seraphim Choir sang last weekend at a wedding (the son of Mrs Susan Marshall - school librarian) at the Erskine Chapel in Island Bay. All singers enjoyed the experience of singing in the wonderful acoustics and stunning architecture of this historic chapel. We have received many positive comments regarding the choir's beautiful singing.

Wellington Regional Choral Festival Thursday 4 June

Day and Evening Sessions

I See Red, Seraphim, Contempora

These choirs will participate in this hotly contested choir competition. All choir members will perform in the competitive day sessions and again in the Evening Gala Concert for all choirs.

Parents and students are reminded to mark this important date in your diaries and to make all necessary arrangements to ensure your daughter is organised to attend the Evening Gala Concert.

Achievements

Grade 5 Theory with Distinction:
Johanna Thomas (Year 11).