



# CHILTON

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

### From the Principal, Dr Jillian de Araugo

#### Studies in Society

To develop the skills all students need to participate as citizens of New Zealand and the world, Social Sciences at Chilton focus on developing the research capacity, communication skills and knowledge base needed to understand how societies work; how they share resources; the effect of their natural and cultural environment; and how they explore and express ideas.

Specific studies in History, Geography, Economics and Religion, Ethics and Philosophy (REAP) help students to build from the strong inquiry base of the PYP learner profile through hands-on activities. At the same time we place a strong emphasis on developing sound basic reading, comprehension and writing skills. Learning to be respectful of others while maintaining a moral position is a lifelong process and Religious Studies at Chilton promotes the opportunity for reflection and practice up to NCEA level studies.

As study choices expand to include Art History, Accounting, Economics and Senior Enterprise, Geography and Economics students take advantage of the vertical timetable to accelerate their learning, achieving a broad knowledge base and gaining advanced NCEA credits. The introduction of Level 4 courses last year led Grace Liang and Lucy Gloag to complete two papers each with A+ passes from Massey University. This year, again, students are studying Economics and Geography extramurally.

Promoted through the Lion Foundation Young Enterprise scheme our Senior Enterprise companies consistently achieve well in the regional and national competitions. In 2007 *Spin Solutions* were 1st in the regional oral business plan presentation, finalist at Nationals, and one of four teams in the country to meet with Angel investors – Movac. 2008 saw *The Pink Ladies* 1st equal with our other company, *Fusa Productions*, for their oral business plan presentation. Both represented the school as regional finalists and *The Pink Ladies* achieved one of the highest marks in the region for their annual report.

Senior geographers continue to win or gain highly commended results in the national geography research competition. In 2008 Abbey McMillan and Nicky Wilcox were joint national runners up, while in 2007 Stacey Wrenn, who also gained an outstanding scholarship pass, won the competition to gain a place in the Royal Society 'Realise the Dream' week-long programme.

For many former students, their school Social Sciences is the foundation on which they build more specialised study such as law. Nicola Leslie, now a lawyer with Russell McVeigh, gained 94% in Bursary History. Grace Liang gained A passes through Massey for Economics, a scholarship pass in History and, on a prestigious Russell McVeigh scholarship, Grace is studying Law this year. Jenny Haskell, who has recently won a scholarship to Oxford in Engineering, was very successful in both History and Geography at secondary school.

Offering a strong foundation for more specialised studies, Social Sciences provide the knowledge base and learning skills for a wide range of careers.

#### Forthcoming Events

##### 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

##### Friday 22 May

- Art Exhibition & Gala Auction 7.30pm  
Odlin's Gallery, Myrtle Street, Lower Hutt  
Tickets \$20.00 available from the school  
office

##### Sunday 24 May

- Academic Scholarship Testing 9.30am

## SCHOOL NEWS

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### Homestay a Japanese Girl 8 - 16 August

We still require Chilton Homestays for the girls from Nakamura High School in Japan.

Have you always wanted to host a student but have not been sure? This one week experience will give you a taste of hosting an international student. A Host Family payment applies.

Please contact Mrs Lang [jiang@chilton.school.nz](mailto:jiang@chilton.school.nz) or Mrs Thompson [anthompson@chilton.school.nz](mailto:anthompson@chilton.school.nz) for more information.

### Phones for Starship Challenge

The Starship Foundation is trying to collect as many old cell phones as possible to help generate money for the children; they have therefore made a 'Phones for Starship' Challenge as a competition for schools across the country. Mobile phones can be recycled. The challenge involves the collection of old, unused cell phones. Phones do not have to be in working order.

For Chilton to participate in this community-based initiative, students are asked to canvass family, friends and community to collect old mobile phones to donate.

There is no cost to take part in the 'Phones for Starship' Challenge. The winning school will be the one that collects the most mobile phones and will receive \$5,000. The individual student (from any school) who collects the most phones will win a trip for two to Wellington later in the year to visit Parliament, have a tour and a one-on-one meeting with the Prime Minister. In addition, every school that donates more than 200 phones will go into the draw to win one of six Fujifilm Finepix J20 digital cameras.

If you have any old cell phones, please bring them into the school office student foyer and place them in the box labelled 'Starship Hospital'.

### Year 10 Community Project

This year 10Se aims to support Refugee Services in their work. On Thursday 28 May, Amy Dawson, the Hutt Valley Co-ordinator, will give a presentation of their work and what we can do to help to all of Year 10. Refugee Services are currently looking for volunteers for the next training course starting 26 May. The volunteers help refugee families when they first arrive with practical support and to establish community links. As a bonus, volunteers gain experience in a cross-cultural environment and do make a difference in their communities.

Are there any people in our school community who may be interested?

If so, please contact Amy Dawson – [amy.dawson@refugeeservices.org.nz](mailto:amy.dawson@refugeeservices.org.nz) or (04)566 9363, or Mrs Reta Snelling at the school.

### Library

One of the book finalists in the New Zealand Post Book Awards is *High Tech Legs on Everest*, a book written by Mark Ingles with Sarah Ell. Celebrate this achievement with Hutt City Libraries by seeing how fast you can scale the climbing wall on the lawn outside the War Memorial Library on Saturday 16 May from 11.00am - 3.00pm. No charge.

### PRESCHOOL

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Our Central Idea in this term's Unit of Inquiry is *People plan for danger in the environment to keep themselves safe*. The key concepts within this inquiry are causation and responsibility. That is the understanding that things do not just happen, that there are causal relationships at work and that actions have consequences. It's also the understanding that people make choices based on their understanding, and the actions they take as a result do make a difference.

One of the dangers that we prepare for, both at home and at school, is fire. By the time children reach the age of two, they can be taught fire survival skills. Parents need to keep a fire extinguisher nearby, especially in the kitchen, garage, and near a fireplace or woodstove. Purchase smoke alarms, have them installed correctly and keep them well maintained. Create a fire escape plan for your home with your children. Draw your floor plan, and then from each room, decide on two ways to get out. Use markers to colour-code escape paths with directional arrows. Practise it quarterly. Select an outside meeting place where everyone will gather after escaping.

Teach your child fire safety through play. Children learn most easily through play activities such as letting them dress up as fire fighters with a hat, boots and raincoat and a short length of garden hose. Pretend you have a fire and call for your child to rescue you and help put out the flames. Fire concepts that need to be taught are:

- When the fire erupts, get out of the house quickly, crawl on the floor and never go back inside
- Escape a fire first, and then call the emergency number
- Only use stairs to escape – never use an elevator
- If clothes catch on fire, never run. Stop, drop and roll to smother flames.

Our learner profile this term is thinker. By exercising initiative they will be able to approach complex problems making sound decisions.

### PRIMARY

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When we look back at everything we have already experienced and achieved this term, it is hard to believe that we haven't even been back at school for three weeks yet. Thank you parents and extended family for your continued support. It is very special to have family members attend school functions such as church services and assemblies; we thank you for this because it is your presence that helps to maintain our character, identity and atmosphere of warmth and family.

### Chilton Learner's Profile – Reflective

Probably the major components of metacognition – thinking about thinking – are developing a plan of action, keeping that plan in mind over a period of time, then reflecting and evaluating the plan on completion. Planning a strategy beforehand helps us consciously to keep track of the steps in the sequence of planned behaviour and to modify it when necessary. It sounds very complicated when it is broken down like this but as adults we exercise metacognition every day. The key is to verbalise this to our children so they become aware of how we 'think about thinking' and then they will begin to pick up the skills themselves.

Year 2 hosted assembly on Monday and their poem, which is below, was full of words of wisdom for us:

#### Reflection

When I look in the mirror, what do I see?  
Somebody pretty looking at me.  
Is it my clothes or is it my hair  
making everyone smile and everyone stare?

On the outside I'm as cute as can be.  
That's what reflection means to me.

Oh but you're wrong, that's not it at all.  
Reflection is all about thought in our school.

Have we thought of good questions,  
shown action, been caring?  
It's not about labels you may be wearing.  
You need to reflect on how deeply you think  
Not about whether you look good in pink.

We think about whether we tried our best  
in inquiry, maths, language and all the rest.

A reflective learner's much better to be  
Than someone who's thinking only of me.  
COOL!

## PRIMARY SPORT

### SportZone Football Tournament

This tournament was in doubt due to early rain in the Hutt Valley. However the skies cleared and a last-minute decision was made to run the tournament. A special thanks to SportZone Football and the class teachers who helped get the tournament under way at such short notice. There were a lot of fast-paced games before the exciting Grand Final between Italy and Fiji.

Congratulations to the team from Fiji: Eleanor Alexander, Shaynee Falloon, Kristy Freeman, Caitlin Piepke, Ashleigh Tan and Daisy Wilson who were the SportZone Football Champions.

### Central Zone Football Tournament

A team of twelve Years 5 & 6 students have been selected to take part in the Central Zone Football Tournament being held at the Petone recreation ground on Tuesday 19 May. The entry cost of \$1.00 will be charged to their Incidentals accounts.

### Sports Results

#### Netball

Fantails –

2 wins vs St Claudine & Rata Street

Hears –

2 losses vs Te Ara Whananui and St Peter & Paul's

#### Hockey

Redsticks – Win vs Hutt 3-2

### Cross Country

The School Cross Country is on Wednesday 20 May. Years 3 - 6 students will be running on a course near the Melling Bridge, starting from 9.10am. The fastest 10 students in each year group will be selected to represent Chilton at the Central Zone Cross Country being held on Wednesday 3 June.

Years 1 & 2 students will compete over a course on the Chilton Field, starting at 11.15am. In event of wet weather the postponement date is Friday 22 May.

### Winter Sport Practice Days

#### Monday lunchtime:

Hockey – Redsticks & Bluesticks

#### Monday after school:

Netball – Fantails

Wednesday 7.45am:

Netball – Hears

#### Thursday lunchtime:

Netball – Sparklers, Dazzlers and Tuis

Thursday 4.00pm - 5.30pm:

Years 6 - 8 Hockey squad at Fraser Park

#### Friday lunchtime:

Netball – Fantails

Sunday 4.00pm:

Flippaball practices beginning 10 May

Please make sure your daughter brings a packed lunch to school on her practice day as there is not enough time to buy lunch and attend practice.

## SECONDARY NEWS

### Careers Information

#### Thursday 21 May

Otago University is running an Information Evening for prospective students and their parents. It will be held at the Westpac Stadium in the upstairs West Lounge from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Information will be available about subjects, degrees, course planning, scholarships and student services. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions about accommodation and Halls of Residence. Contact details for any queries is 460 9805 or email [wellington.liaison@otago.ac.nz](mailto:wellington.liaison@otago.ac.nz)

### Assessment Changes

*Level 2 NCEA Religious Studies (Mrs Sewell's class)*

The date for the second part of this assessment is **Wednesday 27 May, Spell One.**

*Level 2 Accounting Subsystems*

**Due date: 22 June 2009.**

As this is EOTC week, girls leaving to go on OPC on Sunday 21 June must have their assessment in before this date.

### Excursions / Incursions

#### Year 10 Science

#### Research Roadshow 'Crash Course' Wednesday 20 May 2009

Year 10 Science classes have the opportunity to take part in the Research Roadshow (presented by the National Science-Technology Roadshow Trust). This new activity is designed to facilitate the development of research and presentation skills within the context of a non-injury car crash. The programme objectives are:

- to introduce students to the skills required for good research including data gathering, measurement, analysis, interpretation, evaluation and presentation via a variety of different media;
- to provide a quality, contextualised, cross-curricula learning resource, presenting a relevant life experience topic from a wide range of angles and perspectives;
- to inform students of the complexities of traffic hazards and crash potential (carefully positioned to complement other road safety initiatives).

The Roadshow will be set up in School House, with each class session lasting for two spells. The cost of the activity is \$10.00 and will be charged to your daughter's Incidentals account. For more information about the programme please visit [www.roadshow.org](http://www.roadshow.org)

If you have any queries about this activity then please email

[dholloway@chilton.school.nz](mailto:dholloway@chilton.school.nz)

## SECONDARY SPORT

### Sports Exchange

Results from the sports exchange with Wanganui Collegiate and St Oran's held up in Wanganui last week are as follows:

Senior 1 Netball vs Wanganui Collegiate	27-31 loss
Senior 1 Netball vs St Oran's	25-16 win
Senior 2 Netball vs Wanganui Collegiate	3-26 loss
Senior 2 Netball vs St Oran's	18-30 loss
Junior 1 Netball vs Wanganui Collegiate	19-28 loss
Junior 1 Netball vs St Oran's	21-41 loss
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Football vs Wanganui Collegiate	6-0 win
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Football vs St Oran's	2-0 win
1 <sup>st</sup> Hockey vs Wanganui Collegiate	0-5 loss
1 <sup>st</sup> XI Hockey vs St Oran's	1-3 loss

### Swimming

The Inter-school swimming team competed well in the Girls Zone relays and the following teams have qualified for the College Sport Wellington Regional relays:

Senior 4 x 50 Backstroke

Senior 4 x 50 Breaststroke

Open 4 x 50 Butterfly

Junior 4 x 50m Backstroke

Junior 4 x 50m Medley

### School Swimming Sports

A reminder that the Inter-House Swimming Sports are on 11 June at Naenae Pool. Girls will be asked in their PE classes to enter either Championship or Form races and novelty events in the next week or so.

### Achievements

**Natasha Ingram** (Year 11) has been selected for the Wellington U16 Federation Football team.

**Briar Palmer** (Year 9) has been selected for the Wellington U14 Federation Football team.

**Holly Houppapa** has been selected for the Hutt Valley U17 Girls Basketball team.

## PERFORMING ARTS

### Dance Splash Auditions

Thursday 21 May, 12.50pm

#### School House

This is the first time Chilton will enter this event in conjunction with the annual Arts Splash. Only twenty talented students from Years 7 - 9 will be selected to perform in a specialist dance item for the performance on the evening of Friday 14 August. All students are welcome to come along to the auditions if they are dedicated and have a passion for dance.

### Secondary Schools Barbershop Competition

Saturday 23 May 3.00pm

#### Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua

This year our quartet, Red Hot Chilli, will contest this very popular competition alongside 27 other quartets from the Wellington region. Our quartet this year comprises:

Olivia Bascand (tenor); Lucy Sewell (lead); Shannon Lindsay (baritone) and Femke van Schoonhoven (bass).

### House Music

All Houses are working hard towards next week's House Music competition. Each House presents a 10-minute big-group item, with costume, scenery, song and movement to a given theme. The theme this year is *An Historical Event of your Choice*.

A small group item of up to 12 students must complement this theme. There is a cup for both big and small groups. House Music offers tremendous opportunities for participation, leadership, co-operation and creativity for all our students and will be held this Tuesday afternoon in the JC for a student-only audience.

### Wellington Regional Choral Festival

#### I See Red, Seraphim, Contempora Choral Workshop

Tuesday 2 June 12.00pm - 3.00pm

(after Queen's Birthday Weekend – a teacher development non-school day)

This will be an important final polish in our preparation for the Schools Choral Festival. Chilton choirs have traditionally achieved highly in this competition.

#### 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.

### Young Musicians Concerts and Music Academy Concert

These concerts held last week were all a great success. The standard and variety of the performances and the performance presentation of the students made for very enjoyable concerts. This was an opportunity for NCEA assessment in Solo Performance Levels 1, 2 and 3 for some students.

### Learning Through Performing and Learning as Audience

Students learn a great deal from participation in concerts – both from performing and listening to the performances of others.

Students and parents are therefore reminded that all students participating in Chilton concerts are expected to remain for the duration of the concert, whether as performers or as an appreciative, supportive, learning audience. It is also, as I am sure you will all appreciate, good manners to support the whole event.

Miss Gale and Mrs Hanify would like to acknowledge our excellent team of itinerant tutors at Chilton, our accompanist Mr Hugh McMillan, and the technical support of Drum Tutor, Mr Maurice Phillips.

### Cello Recital – Students of Jane Young

Last Sunday a recital of students learning cello was held in School House. Among the students performing were Juliette Maurer, Year 9, and Emily Roberts, Year 6. Our tutor recitals are an excellent first performance experience for students in a semi-formal supportive atmosphere. Our thanks also to Mrs Elizabeth Marrison who accompanied the students.

### Achievements

Genevieve Coleman performed at *Expressions* in a public concert for Mother's Day last weekend.

### New York Art Trip Art Exhibition and Gala Auction 7.30pm Friday 22 May Odlins Gallery, Myrtle Street

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.

#### Environmental Tip

A quarter of food ends up in a landfill. Landfills emit harmful gasses into the atmosphere. So buy only what you need!