



# CHILTON

## SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

### From the Principal, Dr Jillian de Araugo

#### From The Hutt to The Hague for Human Rights

Chilton old girl Dianne Luping, Head Girl in 1986 and now a human rights lawyer with the International Criminal Court in The Hague, gave an inspiring address at this week's Principal's Assembly. Her vivid recollection of the Chilton motto *Possumus* or *We are able* and what that means has underpinned her career across the twenty or so years since she left school. Reflecting on her years at Chilton, Dianne observed that a good education was an all-round education and one which instilled "the right attitudes and values".

Completing a double degree in Arts and Law with Honours at Victoria University, Dianne started out with well known New Zealand law firm Russell McVeagh in the area of commercial litigation. Like many Kiwis, she then headed overseas to continue her career as a trial lawyer specialising in employment and discrimination with a London law firm Linklaters.

Dianne's ambition had always been human rights work, however. Achieving a Masters degree *cum laude* in international law from Leiden University in the Netherlands and the necessary experience, she "took a step back" in terms of salary to follow her dream. Moving to a series of Non Government Organisations and the United Nations, Dianne began taking cases in human rights and international law. This illustrated an important life lesson for the audience – follow the dream, not the money.

Reporting on her work in Palestine, Uganda and The Congo, Dianne spoke passionately about the "vast numbers of young people whose lives have been shattered by violence, war, slavery and sexual abuse". Her mission in life is now to bring the criminals responsible to justice.

Reflecting on her experience as it related to her audience, Dianne observed that the common thread of hope for the victims she had met lay in education, "as a way out" of their circumstances. She exhorted the Chilton girls to value their education, make the most of the opportunities available to them and then do something good with it because *we are able - Possumus*.



### Raffle

In support the Centennial Development Fund

**Well done those of you who have already sold your raffle books.**

**More books are available if you want to win the \$250 petrol voucher for the family who sells the most books.**

All returns, including money, to the school office.  
Closing date 26 August 2009.  
Drawn 29 August at The Big Event.



**3 weeks to go  
Over 20 tables sold**

A great night will be had by all!

Auction items include -  
All Black shirt signed by Christian Cullen  
Persian rug from Richard Pointon Collection  
Painting by Jane Hyder  
Botox and bubbles  
Netball signed by the Silver Ferns  
Netball top signed by Casey Williams  
plus many other great prizes.

Full list of items will be given in next week's bulletin.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

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### Forthcoming dates

#### Thursday 6 August

- Parent / Teacher Interviews  
Years 7 - 11 from 4.30pm  
Jubilee Centre

#### Wednesday 12 August

- Careers Evening  
Years 7 - 13 7.30pm Jubilee Centre
- Bella Voce Choir at Artsplash  
8.00pm Michael Fowler Centre

#### Friday 14 August

- Sports and Cultural photos  
A schedule will be published soon. Girls need to check the list carefully and bring the required uniform for their code &/or their instrument. Coaches and Managers are encouraged to attend if they are able.
- Preschool photos
- Years 7 - 9 Dance at Artsplash  
8.00pm Michael Fowler Centre

#### Tuesday 18 August

- Interschool Netball Tournament  
Years 7 & 8 Taita Netball Courts
- Winter Sports Exchange with Marsden  
Years 5 & 6 10.00am - 2.30pm  
at Chilton

#### Wednesday 19 August

- 2010 Years 11 - 13 Elective Subject Meeting  
Years 10 - 12 7.30pm Jubilee Centre

#### Friday 21 August

- School in Action 8.45am-11.30am
- CHIBS afternoon Years 7 - 13
- Dance Soiree  
Years 9 - 12 6.00pm Chilton Theatre

### World Dental Day, 7 August

All adolescent students should be enrolled with a dentist and have regular dental check-ups. There is no charge for an adolescent from Year 9 until their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. For further information please contact the Public Health Nurse for the Hutt Valley District Health Board (Jessica Zanetti) on 04 384 1461. Information available from the school office.

## Library Week

Library Week is from 10 - 16 August. The New Zealand Library Week committee has organised an interactive book blog *Escape, Explore, Discover* for Years 6, 7 and 8 students. The theme and the first day's story was written by a special guest author Fleur Beale, and there are some fabulous book prizes to be won each day. At the end of the week one student will win the grand prize for their school library. There is also a Graphic Novel competition and a Make a Video competition. Go to <http://www.libraryweek.org.nz> to find out more.

The Chilton library has arranged a number of activities to celebrate this week and the students will be told about these shortly. Our guest author this year is author/illustrator Gavin Bishop who will be speaking to the primary students on Tuesday 11 August and to Year 8 on Wednesday 12 August.

### Storylines Festival

The Storylines Festival Free Family Day is on Sunday 23 August at Te Whaea National Dance and Drama Centre, 11 Hutchison Road, Newtown, from 10.00am – 3.00pm.

- See Narnia, Jane and the Dragon and The WotWots with Weta Workshop
- Meet authors and illustrators
- Listen to stories
- Enjoy performances
- Watch artists in action and create your own illustrations
- Enter competitions and win prizes
- Arts and crafts, talks and activities all day.

There is also a writing and illustration competition called 'New Beginnings'. Children can write a one page story or create a picture about what it feels like to be in a new house, in a new town, in a new country or in a new world. Prizes will be awarded for the best writing and illustration in each age group: ages 4 - 8 and 9 - 12 years and winning entries will be read aloud by a celebrity at Family Day. Children can bring their entry along to Family Day or enter on the day. All entries will need a name, age, school, phone number and email address on the back of the work as well as the signature of a parent/ guardian as proof of authorship.

## PRESCHOOL

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We are very excited about the Unit of Inquiry for this term, Art for Art's Sake. We will be developing the children's communication skills and encouraging attitudes of creativity and appreciation. The key concepts are:

- Change - understanding that change is the process of movement from one state to the other and
- perspective – understanding that knowledge is moderated by perspectives;
- different perspectives lead to different interpretations, understanding and findings.

The central idea is: people use different materials and resources to express their feelings and ideas.

The Learner Profile focus for this term will be learning to be a risk-taker. This unit of inquiry will encompass lots of different forms of art. Through art, children learn to value their own uniqueness and to appreciate the individuality of others.

Art making is a way of gaining control over a task, a way of seeing a problem and making sense of it and its parts. Art education encourages children to link their knowledge and experiences with communication in concrete and meaningful ways.

Art education also invites children to learn through their senses and to make connections by comparing, ordering, measuring and making associations. Young children observe, inquire about, and imagine the world around them. Creating art is one way children gain understanding, translating their perceptions into visual forms. For young children it is a natural way of making meaning.

Please:

We need old CDs, plastic bottle tops, any old mosaic tiles – in fact anything that you feel we can use in Art work.

### School Photographs Friday 14 August

Individual Photographs: Photographs will be taken of children who were not at preschool in term 1.

Group Photographs: There will be a Morning Group and an Afternoon Group photograph.

## PRIMARY

### Student Portfolios

The girls take great pride in producing their best work for inclusion in their Student Portfolios. At Chilton, we learn from our earliest class that doing our best is the only way worth working. This is an important life lesson. Sloppiness is not an option.

The habit of striving for precision, of not being satisfied with anything other than our best effort begins right now, in the preschool and primary years, where every day offers pleasure in doing our best. Implicit in striving for accuracy and precision is the emerging ability to measure ourselves against our own best efforts instead of against others. This is important because children whose only measure of success is a comparison with others are doomed to unhappiness. There will always be someone who is cleverer, richer, drives a better car, has a better office. Happiness is better served by fostering habits based on intrinsic rewards and motivation. Striving for accuracy and precision in all that we do, striving to better our own best efforts is a habit of mind. Our portfolios reflect our philosophy.

Please note the dates on which the portfolios go home and the date of the Primary Achievement interviews. We hope to have 100% attendance at these interviews, which are designed to discuss the progress demonstrated in the Portfolios.

Student Portfolios go home –

**Friday 28 August**

Primary Achievement Interviews –

**Thursday 3 September**

**3.15pm - 7.30pm**

### Looking Ahead

**Week 4 – Primary Speech Week**

### HELP!!!! Book Week

**31 August - 4 September**

Would any parent or caregiver who is able to spend an hour or two manning the Book Fair in the Jubilee Centre Foyer please let their class teacher know. The Book Fair is open during school hours until 4.00pm each day of Week 6 and we rely on parent help to run this. Ethne Rhodes-Robinson, the Book Fair co-ordinator, will contact all interested parents to set up a suitable time for you on the roster.

## PRIMARY SPORT

### Sports Results & Players of the Day

#### Netball

Fantails - Win vs TAWKKM 1

*Player of the Day* Lucia Kelly

Tuis - Loss vs Eastern Hutt 5

*Player of the Day* Jane McTaggart

Hearts - Loss vs Hutt Central 2

*Player of the Day* Kate Welch

Diamonds - Draw vs Korauuni 2

*Player of the Day* Whole Team

Dazzlers - Loss vs EHS Champions

*Player of the Day* Morgan Belsham

Sparklers - Win by default vs Tui Glen

#### Hockey

Redsticks - Win vs Hutt 1

Bluesticks - Draw vs Wainuiomata

*Player of the Day*

Madison Campbell-Akers

### Les Mills School of Fitness

Les Mills Fitness staff will visit during Term 3 and run Body Combat exercise classes. These classes are great for co-ordination, balance, cardiovascular fitness and self-confidence.

Every primary child has been given *Tickets to Exercise* to bring home. They are each parent's free 2-week pass to go into Les Mills Hutt City and Wellington Clubs for a healthy heart check, gym workout or exercise class.

Parents get to earn \$\$\$ for Chilton by exercising. The more parents who exercise means more money raised for sporting equipment for our school. If you are already a member, you can still fundraise by letting Les Mills know what school you support. As part of the Les Mills School of Fitness, Chilton teachers are also taking up the challenge of getting fitter and healthier.

## SECONDARY NEWS

### NCEA Internal Assessment Date Change

The Level 2 Drama assessment AS90301 will now occur on Wednesday 12 August, 11.45am - 12.40pm instead of Thursday 6 August.

### Careers Evening Wednesday 12 August

#### Jubilee Centre 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A warm invitation is extended to all secondary parents and students to attend this evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk informally with representatives from a wide variety of providers throughout our region and New Zealand. Resources will be available. The following providers will be in attendance:

Otago University  
Massey University  
Victoria University  
Lincoln University  
Auckland University  
Army  
Navy  
Air Force  
Weltec  
Natcoll Design School  
Sir George Seymour College (Travel and Tourism)  
Queenstown Resort College

In addition, representatives from *Futureintech* and the Hutt Valley District Health Board will be present. The HVDHB staff will be able to discuss careers in the health sector.

*Futureintech* is an organisation promoting Technology, Science and Mathematics. These representatives, mainly young women, will be available to talk about possible careers in these exciting areas of growth.

### Year 8 Science Fair

Year 8 students put considerable time and effort into their Science Fair projects at the end of last Term, with some fabulous results. All the projects will be displayed for parents to view during Years 7 - 11 parent/teacher interviews on 6 August.

The winning projects will now be entered in to the Wellington Regional Science Fair that takes place on 26 - 29 August. The prize-winning projects were as follows:

**Erin Collins and Amelia Morrison**

'Nut energy'

**Amy Johnson**

'Which paper is more absorbent?'

**Kate Plimmer and Kajal Sewambar**

'Curtain catastrophes'

**Milly Seymour** 'Hands off!'

**Laura Houston**

'What prevents apples browning?'

**Lucy Garner**

'What colour encourages plant growth?'

## Debating Achievement

This weekend **Jasmin Moran** and **Jodie O'Neill**, both members of the Chilton Premier A Debating team, will represent Wellington at the Russell McVeagh New Zealand Schools' Regional Debating Championships. This prestigious competition serves as a trial for the New Zealand Secondary Schools' Debating team. For those members of the Chilton community interested in seeing the girls in action, public debates will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

All debates, except the final, will be held in either Victoria University's Rutherford House or the Old Government Buildings at the Wellington Law School. The meeting point for directions to each debate will be the Mezzanine Floor of Rutherford House.

## Academic Achievements

Year 13 students **Nicky Wilcox** and **Chenice Whearty** are studying Geography extramurally at Massey University. In the recent examinations both students achieved very well with Nicky achieving a B+ and Chenice a B-.

## HIBS Dance

The Years 7 & 8 HIBS dance for Term 3 is on Saturday 15 August. Letters with permission slips will be sent home this week. Permission slips must be returned to the office by 1.30pm, Wednesday 12 August.

## School Council - CHIBS Afternoon

There is an exciting CHIBS afternoon filled with fun activities for all students in Years 7 - 13 on Friday 21 August. Girls in Years 7, 10 and 12 will be based at Chilton and students in Years 8, 9 and 11 will travel to HIBS to take part in events there. Students going to HIBS will leave Chilton at 12.15pm and will be back at Chilton in time to catch buses at the end of the day.

## SECONDARY SPORT

### Sports Exchange

Thank you very much to all the families who hosted girls from King Edward's School (UK). We have received lots of very positive comments about the experience for both the visitors and our families. The day was very successful for our teams also. Results were:

#### Netball

Chilton 1 vs St Matts 1	38-24 win
Chilton 1 vs King Edwards 1	28-19 win
Chilton 2 vs St Matts 2	24-20 win
Chilton 2 vs King Edwards 2	33-8 win
Chilton 3 vs King Edwards 2	38-16 win

#### Football

Chilton vs St Matts	2-1 win
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#### Hockey

Chilton vs King Edwards	4-0 win
Chilton vs St Matts	0-1 loss

## Netball finals

There is no Years 9 - 13 Netball this weekend due to a big junior tournament being held in Wanganui. Semi-finalists for 15 August have just been confirmed. Congratulations and good luck to the following teams who will be playing in the semis:

Senior 2	Premier 2
Years 9/10A	Collegiate 2
Senior 4	Collegiate 2
Year 11(1)	Collegiate 3
Year 9(1)	Collegiate 5
Year 9(2)	Collegiate 7
Year 9(3)	Collegiate 11

Please note that teams that win semis will be playing their finals on Saturday 22 August – all finals will be played at Sacred Heart College. If a team loses a semi they will be placed 3<sup>rd</sup> equal in their grade – they will not play a further game on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Teams placed 5<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> will have their final playoff games on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Photographs

In preparation for our annual sports dinner and junior achievers nights it would be great to receive any photographs, particularly of winter sports teams. Please send these in to Ann Fowler ([afowler@chilton.school.nz](mailto:afowler@chilton.school.nz)) or get your daughter to bring in a memory stick which can be copied.

## Sports Achievements

**Laura Robertson** (Year 12) has been selected in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Orienteering team to compete in Australia in September.

**Tyler Rollo, Kahukura Henare and Laura Houston** (Year 8) were members of the Hutt Valley U13 Basketball team which won their regional tournament last weekend, beating Porirua, New Plymouth, Wellington, Taranaki, and Palmerston North. This performance qualifies the team for the National Championships in Auckland in October.

## PERFORMING ARTS

### Chamber Groups

Two Chilton chamber groups performed at the NZ Women's Institute Annual Conference held recently. The girls were excellent ambassadors for their school performing with grace and skill. The items were well received and a gift of \$100 was presented to the school to help the purchase of orchestral music scores.

#### *The Hodge Chamber Group*

Charlotte Kerr (Year 12) – Flute  
Femke van Schoonhoven (Year 13) – Violin  
Cammy Lam (Year 12) – Piano

#### *The Magnolia Trio*

Gemma McIlroy (Year 12) – Flute  
Juliette Maurer (Year 9) – Cello  
Johanna Thomas (Year 11) – Piano

## Lunchtime Concert

Last week the Seraphim Choir gave a concert at St Andrews on the Terrace. The choir presented 11 pieces and the concert was very well received.

## More results from the Hutt Valley Performing Arts Competitions

*Vocal 12 and Under 14*

### Ellie Neal

- Lullaby – 3<sup>rd</sup>
- National – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Musical theatre – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Religious and sacred song – Commended

## Artsplash

The **Bella Voce** choir will participate in Artsplash on Wednesday 12 August at 8.00pm in the Michael Fowler Centre. The choir will travel by bus on Tuesday morning for the dress rehearsal. A charge for travel of \$5.00 will be made to Incidentals accounts.

The **Drum Corps** will perform at the Artsplash performances in the afternoon and evening of 11, 12 and 13 August. They will attend rehearsals at the Michael Fowler Centre on Monday 10 August from 8.00am until 12 noon, making their own transport arrangements to and from the rehearsal and performances. The girls involved are: Staci Hughes, Amy Johnston, Katrina Lees and Rhiannon Podmore. Madeline Sherwood King and Chenice Whearty.

A Chilton **String Quartet** will perform at Artsplash in selected evening concerts. They will attend a rehearsal on Tuesday morning at the Michael Fowler Centre. The players are: Eleanor Deacon, Hannah Kennedy, Juliette Maurer and Femke van Schoonhoven.

## Dancesplash – Friday 14 August

### 8.00 pm at the Michael Fowler Centre

Tickets cost \$4.00 each and are available from the office. Doors open at approximately 7.30pm and the girls will be required to meet Miss Boniface and Mrs Ellis in the downstairs MFC foyer dressed and ready to go at this time.

## Dance Soiree – Friday 21 August 6.00pm at the Little Theatre

The NCEA Levels 1 & 2 and Year 9 Dance classes will be putting on a display of some of their year's work. It is free to anyone who wishes to come and watch. Sweet treats included in the show! Please come and support these talented students.

## Aerobics and Hip Hop Regional Champs - Sunday 23 August St Patrick's College Town

Please come along and support our Chilton team as they enter for the first time! Keep this date free and more information regarding the time of the performances will be available next week!