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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Learning to Do – Building Personal Competence

Politically incorrect parenting advisor Nigel Latta recently remarked on TV 1 that children's self esteem results not from being told how clever and talented they are but, rather, from being able to do stuff. At Chilton we agree!

The second pillar of a Chilton education is **Learning to do** and it is this which builds personal competence. Chilton students are encouraged to become personally competent through exploration, experiment and discovery – that is through taking considered risks from the earliest years. Engagement in the breadth of school life provides many avenues for experiential learning and builds personal competence and confidence.

This Bulletin reports on a host of activities: Library Week, Communication Week, Languages Week and language learning, CHIBS afternoon, sports results, performing arts concerts. It details procedures for the imminent exams and award of academic colours. It chronicles an array of learning to do.

This is the time of year when senior students submit their preferred subjects for study in 2010. At the first of two evenings last night I pointed out the importance of a broad and balanced academic programme. Chilton's extensive elective subjects offer the girls chances to explore, to develop new skills and to refine others.

A lock step progression through each NCEA level is not necessary in many subjects, since often generic skills can be transferred from one discipline to another. Chilton's vertical senior timetable allows subject acceleration, especially useful in 'interest' subjects not so central to a given student's area of passion. The vertical timetable also permits students who find they have dropped a subject in error to pick it up again a year later. This flexibility substantially relieves the pressure of making the 'right' subject choices.

It is important to remember that no learning is ever wasted in the slightly longer term. The key things for every Chilton student are to learn to think, to question, to reflect, and to learn. These habits of mind, combined with personal qualities such as being principled, caring, open minded and persistent, are the hallmarks of a person likely to succeed wherever they go.

Parent Survey

The Knowledge Partnership advises that 350 surveys were submitted on-line by the midnight deadline on 16 August. Thank you to every parent or caregiver who has participated in this way.



Raffle

In support of the
Centennial Development Fund

Well done to those
who have already sold raffle books

Books & money are now due
Drawn at The Big Event



1 week to go
Over 22 tables sold

Tickets still available

You don't need a group of 10 to come – we
can allocate you to a table

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FORTHCOMING DATES

Thursday 20 August

- Level 1 Drama assessment performance of *Changes* by Barbara Else 4.00pm School House

Friday 21 August

- School in Action 8.45am - 11.30am
- CHIBS activity afternoon Years 7 - 13
- Dance Soiree - cancelled

Tuesday 25 August

- Year 9 Parents Camp Information Evening School House 7.00pm

Thursday 27 & Friday 28 August

- Years 7 & 8 Sports vs St Andrew's College Christchurch All day

Friday 28 August

- Primary Portfolios go home

Monday 31 August - Sunday 6 September

- NZSS Winter Tournament Sports Week

Monday 31 August

- Primary Inter-House Netball Years 4 - 6 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Monday 31 August, Tuesday 1 September and Thursday 3 September

- Preschool Parent/Teacher Interviews 4.00pm - 7.30pm

Wednesday 2 September

- Preschool - Year 6 Grandparents' and Special Friends' Morning 9.00am

Thursday 3 September

- Primary Parent/Teacher Interviews Years 1 - 6 3.30pm- 7.30pm

Library Week

Last week was Library Week and what a week it was!

The theme for library week for the preschool was *My Brown Bear Barney*, which was published 25 years ago. The preschoolers brought their teddies in to school on Thursday and we had a fun morning tea celebration with them and some of the senior students.

Because it has been 40 years since the publication of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, we had this as the theme for Years 1, 2 and 3. Each class created colourful caterpillars to decorate the Picture Book section of the library and we celebrated with a Hungry Caterpillar morning tea. We had a very difficult time judging the best caterpillars in each year group, but decided on:

Year 1: Phyllis Wilton

Year 2: Elise Alexander

Year 3: Talyjah Wharepapa

Each of the classes in the Senior Syndicate had literary quizzes.

The team event winners were:

Year 4: Sacha Beaumont, Katelyn Kennedy, Jenna McKenzie, Isabel van der Hoorn

Year 5: Laura Cannons, Jaime Hartley, Kate Meads, Georgia Russell

Year 6: Jessie Boyack, Elinor Henness, Maddie Kruger, Nicole Wester

Author/illustrator Gavin Bishop talked to all the primary classes. Gavin began his career in books by illustrating other people's books, but then started writing his own stories – Maori myths and legends, re-workings of popular stories like *Three Billy-Goats Gruff*, his own stories like *Rats* and *Kiwi Moon*, and last year he published an autobiography of his childhood called *Piano Rock*.

Throughout the week we had a 'Match the Teacher with their Favourite Childhood Book' competition, which was won by Daisy Hemmingson-White in Year 6. We also ran quiz questions in the daily notices, with winners drawn at the end of each day. Tuesday lunchtime was the Amazing Race and saw groups of Years 7 - 9 students rushing about the school, from the field to the playground, solving puzzles in between. On Wednesday, we hosted the 'Guess the Weight of a Stack of Books' competition which was won by Anna Forsyth. We had a spectacular turnout for the traditional Harry Potter quiz, which was won by the Year 13 'Seekers' in a thrilling sudden-death round. Our last event on Friday was a highly entertaining round of Staff vs Student charades. The staff were in top form and snatched a victory!

Overall, Library Week was a wonderful success, the result of team work from Mrs Marshall and Mrs Perry with Lucia Waiker, Grace Wolyncewicz and the student librarians.

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
- Arts and crafts, talks and activities all day

There is a writing and illustration competition called 'New Beginnings'. 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.

INTERNATIONAL

On Saturday afternoon the International girls and their friends took part in the International Photo Scavenger Hunt around Lower Hutt. With great weather and good friends a great time was had by all. Thank you to the following businesses for providing goods in support of the event:

Café Reka, Hutt City Council, McDonalds, Muffin Break, Starbucks, Synergy Hair, Wendys and Wholly Bagels.

PRESCHOOL

Research indicates that the best time to start to learn two or more languages is right from birth. Neurologists have been known to liken a child's brain to a computer waiting to be programmed. Functions such as heartbeat and breathing are fixed in the womb, others such as motor or language skills are able to be upgraded and developed.

Brain researchers believe that by about the age of 10, a child's brain has become fairly structured, and some basic neuron connections can no longer be made. For instance, a child with auditory difficulties and unable to speak before the age of 10 will always have difficulty in speaking his native language well, even if the deafness problems are resolved.

It is during this period that it is best to be immersed in another language. This does not mean that a child older than 10 or adult cannot learn a second language – it just means that the learning process is more difficult.

Children can derive so many benefits from knowing multiple languages. Studies have shown that those who learn an extra language become more flexible in their thinking. It improves their cognitive and spatial skills, builds self-esteem and improves memory. Knowing more than one language also allows them to become involved with other cultures, thus expanding their horizons and broadening their understanding of the world which is the aim of our International Baccalaureate programme – developing internationally minded people!

From the age of three upwards we introduce our children to the Maori language through stories, songs, naming objects and using Maori phrases. At Chilton a longer day for our all day children has enabled us to incorporate Spanish into their afternoon programme as a specialist subject and there is nothing nicer than walking into the class and hearing our preschoolers commanding words and phrases in Spanish.

PRIMARY

Languages Week

Languages Week opened in assembly with greetings in many languages and a presentation by the Year 13 girls. We were entertained by the girls in Years 1 - 3 singing in French and the Year 5 girls singing in Spanish. On *Tuesday* the girls in Years 1 - 4 communicated their national identity in the international costume parade. On *Wednesday* the girls in Years 1 - 3 invited their parents to attend their French classes and then today *Thursday* it was the turn of the Years 5 - 6 parents in Spanish classes.

Year 4 parents, please don't feel that you have been left out. We have a very special treat for you in Week 1 of Term 4 so please keep your diaries free for Wednesday morning, 14 October, and we will give you more details shortly.

Throughout the week we have been greeting each other in other languages and the school has echoed to the sound of *buongiorno, dhumelo, morena* and many other multilingual greetings.

Speech Week: Every girl has presented a speech this week. The opportunity to stand in front of her peers and speak formally is an invaluable experience. The experience of preparing a speech with an audience in mind, practising delivery and then actually speaking with an audience listening and responding lays the foundation for a future as a confident and competent public speaker.

The Gardener's Storyteller: On Tuesday we had a visit from the Gardener's Storyteller, a most wonderful storyteller who enthralled the girls with stories. This visit was free thanks to the sponsorship of Palmers Garden World. He is the resident storyteller at Palmers in Plimmerton this weekend on Saturday and Sunday at 11am, 1pm and 2pm. Do take your children to listen to his stories and join in the fun.

PRIMARY SPORT

Chilton / Marsden Exchange

Honours were shared in this week's very happy exchange. The football team won their game convincingly, while the hockey team lost to Marsden's strong challenge. The netball teams shared wins and losses. The countback on goals scored allowed Chilton to claim the Netball Cup with a 62 - 58 goal count.

The girls all enjoyed the shared lunch kindly provided by the Years 5 and 6 parents. Thank you to the umpires, coaches, managers, supporters and girls who all made the day an enjoyable experience. The Marsden staff and students passed on their appreciation of a great exchange and are looking forward to our visit to their school next year.

Results & Players of the Day

Netball

Fantails - Win vs Waterloo 1

Player of the Day Narmadha Lawrence

Tuis - Draw vs Pomare 2

Player of the Day Emily Roberts

Hearts - Loss vs Boulcott 2

Player of the Day Britnee Tapara

Diamonds - Loss vs Maungaraki 2

Player of the Day Leah Wachswender

Dazzlers

- Loss vs St Peter & Paul Pearls

Player of the Day Britney Pitcher

Sparklers - Loss vs Eastern Hutt 7

Player of the Day Isabel van der Hoorn

This is the last weekend of Netball for the Years 5 and 6 teams. The Years 3 and 4 teams finish on Saturday 5 September. The Fantails and Herons will be representing the school at two tournaments on 23 August and 6 September.

Hockey

Redsticks - Draw vs Rata Street 2

Bluesticks - Loss to Hutt 4

Player of the Day Abigail Frickleton

The Hockey season has finished for the 6 and 8 a-side teams.

The **Flippa Ball** team played their final game of the season against Our Lady of the Rosary 1. Sickness meant the team had only six players. With a fine effort in the first half Chilton led before the other team were able to pull ahead in the second half. Tayla Rogers was the Player of the Day.

Skating

Katelyn Kennedy competed in the Graeme Sheppard International Challenge and placed 2nd in Juvenile Figures, 2nd in Juvenile Solo Dance and 1st in Juvenile Free Skating.

SECONDARY NEWS

NCEA Examination Timetable

Friday 11 September

8.40am

Level 1 Food and Nutrition, French

Level 2 Art History, Music

Levels 3 & 4 Biology, Geography

1.00pm

Level 2 Mathematics, Mathematics Adv

Level 2 Drama, Physics

Levels 3 & 4 Accounting, Art History

Monday 14 September

8.40am

Level 1 Economics, History

Level 2 Economics

Levels 3 & 4 Economics, Music

1.00pm

Level 1 Dance

Level 2 History

Level 3 English Senior 2

Level 4 Scholarship English

Tuesday 15 September

8.40am

Level 1 English Senior 1 (Year 11)

Level 2 English Senior 1 (Year 12)

1.00pm

Level 1 Mathematics Adv (Level 2 papers)

Level 2 Food & Nutrition, Mathematics

Levels 3 & 4 Statistics & Modelling

Wednesday 16 September

8.40am

Level 1 Drama, Geography

Level 2 Biology

Levels 3 & 4 Chemistry, French

1.00pm

Level 1 Accounting

Level 2 Chemistry

Levels 3 & 4 Design Workshop, Drama, German

Thursday 17 September

8.40am

Level 1 Science

Level 2 French, Spanish

Levels 3 & 4 Materials Tech Workshop, Physics

1.00pm

Level 1 Art workshop

Levels 3 & 4 History, Calculus, Chinese (correspondence)

Friday 18 September

8.40am

Level 1 Music, Spanish

Level 2 Accounting, Dance, Geography, German

1.00am

Level 1 Materials Tech Workshop

Level 2 Materials Tech Workshop

Levels 3 & 4 Painting and Sculpture Workshop

Note:

Students in Years 11 - 13 are required to attend school only for their examinations (in correct uniform). They are on study leave in between times.

Year 10 students who have Level 1 Dance have study leave on Monday morning 14 September before their afternoon exam. At all other times Year 10 students will be either in classes as normal or attending their examinations.

Examination Routines

Before each examination:

- Put all the equipment needed in a TRANSPARENT plastic bag.
- Leave ALL written material, cellphones, i-pods, electronic dictionaries and other electronic equipment in lockers (or other safe places but not in pockets)
- Check which room – it will be written on the whiteboard in the Greenwood quad
- Be outside examination room at least 5 minutes before the exam. Wait outside until the supervisor requests students to come into the room.

During the examination:

- Write in blue or black pen. Do not use pencil (except for diagrams), twink or other whiteout material.
- Silence from the time the room is entered until students are released from the building and are far away from ALL examination rooms.

- No communication with another student (either verbally or non-verbally).
- If there is a problem, the student should put up her hand and wait for the exam supervisor to approach.
- Examinations will be a minimum of 2 hours and a maximum of 3 hours. Check with subject teachers on the length of each of your examinations. Students may leave after 2 hours if they have finished. They may not leave in the last 15 minutes of an examination. If a student wishes to leave she must:
 - put her hand up and wait for the supervisor to come to her
 - wait while the supervisor records the time that she requested to leave on all your examination scripts and then collects her scripts
 - leave silently and remain silent until she is well away from all examination rooms.

If a student is unwell and cannot sit the examination -

- ring the school office and inform them
- be prepared to sit the examination at the catch-up time or other agreed time.

Be aware – students' grades in this examination will be used to provide a grade if they are unable to sit the external NCEA examinations due to illness or injury.

Academic Colours Criteria

With the introduction of NCEA certificate endorsement with Merit or Excellence, we have reviewed the criteria for awarding academic colours at Chilton. We have developed new criteria aligned more closely with the grades awarded in individual standards in NCEA subjects. Academic Colours are awarded in Term 1 each year and reward achievement in the previous academic year. The new criteria are as follows:

Bronze Colours

Years 9 & 10 - Top 15% placing in three core subjects, above median in the other

Years 11 & 12 - Best Chilton Grade for an NCEA subject and in which at least 80% of the credits were gained with Merit or Excellence

Silver Colours

Years 9 & 10 - Top 15% placing in four core subjects

Year 11 - A minimum of 50 credits at Excellence, with at least 16 credits having come from English, Mathematics and Science

Year 12 - A minimum of 40 credits at Excellence level at Level 2 or above

Gold Colours

Year 10 - Criteria for silver met, with an Excellence grade in an external Science or Mathematics Achievement Standard

Year 11 - Criteria for silver met, with an Excellence grade in an external Science or Mathematics Achievement Standard

Year 12 - A minimum of 50 credits at Excellence level at Level 2 or above

Year 13 - A minimum of 40 credits at Excellence level at Level 3 or above in the student's best 5 subjects

CHIBS Activity Afternoon

Friday 21 August

The CHIBS event will be held on Friday 21 August from 12.15pm onwards for all students in Years 7 - 13. Events for Years 7, 9 and 11 will be held at HIBS and events for Years 8, 10 and 12 will be held at Chilton. Classes will end for Chilton students at 11.45am on Friday morning, giving girls time to have lunch and get changed into PE gear if necessary. The buses will depart Chilton for HIBS at 12.15pm. The afternoon programme will begin at 12.30pm. After the events are finished, girls will be back at Chilton by 3.00pm, in order to catch buses etc.

To cover the costs of running the afternoon a charge of \$2.00 will be made to incidental accounts.

NCEA Change of Date

Spanish Internal 2.3 will now be on Thursday 27 August instead of Friday 28 August.

From the Chaplain

If you are interested in exploring the possibility of being baptised or confirmed this year, please speak to the Reverend Jean Malcolm, 021 294 2122; jean.malcolm@stjames.net.nz.

The Bishop of Wellington, Bishop Tom Brown, will be visiting St James Parish on 4 October and will be glad to confirm any candidates presented on that day.

Year 7 Students Vision Testing will take place on the morning of 25 August. A notice was sent home to parents giving more information.

SECONDARY SPORT

Road Race Championships

Congratulations to the girls who competed in the College Sport Wellington Road Race Championships. Results were as follows:

Year 9 girls

Lucy Garner (Year 8)	3 rd
Sara Massam (Year 9)	4 th
Rachel Vance (Year 8)	6 th
Freya Hawes (Year 9)	8 th
Kate Plimmer (Year 8)	10 th
Kelsey O'Connor (Year 9)	12 th

These six girls won both the three person and six person teams events also.

U16 girls

Emma McBeth (Year 11)	4 th
Anna Van Dissen (year 10)	9 th

U19 girls

Laura Robertson (Year 12)	7 th
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Volunteer Coach of the Year 2009

The school has received nomination forms for the SPARC Volunteer Coach of the Year. You can nominate your volunteer coach online at

<http://volunteercoach.watties.co.nz>.

Who qualifies? Anyone who coaches at a club or school level, in any sport (but not at a representative level) can be nominated. SPARC Volunteer Coach of the Year recognises coaches for their volunteer, unpaid coaching over the previous 12 months.

Netball

Years 9 & 10 Development Team

The Years 9 & 10 Development team mentioned in last week's bulletin had another very successful tournament placing 6th out of 20 teams in the College Sport Wellington Junior tournament. Results were as follows:

Vs Marsden	15-18 loss
Vs Newlands	11-11 draw
Vs Tawa	17-7 win
Vs St Mary's	14-10 win
Vs Upper Hutt	12-11 win
Vs St Oran's	13-15 loss

Years 9 - 13 Netball Semi-finals

We have three netball teams through to the finals of the Hutt Valley Secondary Schools Netball competition.

The **Senior 2** team playing in Premier 2 scored an upset win over top ranked St Oran's in their semi-final winning 35-24. This team will play as the curtain raiser to the Premier 1 final next Tuesday night at Walter Nash Stadium. Team members are Olivia Bascand, Sarah Brodie, Kendall Bushby, Kennie Critchlow, Moana Hepburn, Holly Houppapa, Lorraine Oloitoa, Jodie O'Neill and Jordan Rennie. The coach is Michelle Chalmers and manager Trish Hepburn.

Our **Year 11(1)** team won their semi in Collegiate 3 beating St Oran's 26-20. The team was Laura Adlam, Grace Brown, Caitlin Carter, Genevieve Coleman, Julie Cook, Kaitlin Hoare, Lillie

McGillivray, Lauren Norman, and Emily Rose. The coaches are Karen Coleman and Andrea Leader and the manager Lee-anne Adlam.

Our **Year 9(2)** team won the semi of Collegiate 7 beating Upper Hutt 33-14. The team was Tira-Pounamu Graham, Freya Hawes, Melanie Kinsman, Amanda Lawson, Heather McMillan, Katie Musgrove, Maggie Quigg and Jacinta Williams. The coach is Jessica White and manager Tracey Lawson.

We wish these three teams all the best for their finals on Saturday.

Congratulations also to our other semi-finalists who all played really hard in their efforts to make the finals this year.

Results from those teams were:

Senior 4 Collegiate 2

22-27 vs Upper Hutt

Years 9/10A Collegiate 2

26-27 vs Heretaunga 2

Year 9(1) Collegiate 5

17-31 vs Hutt Valley High School

Year 9(3) Collegiate 11

28-30 vs Naenae 7

Basketball

The Senior A Basketball team has made the semi-finals of the College Sport Wellington Division 1 league. This is the first time in the school's history that we have made a Division 1 semi-final. The team will play at Newlands College this Friday night at 6.00pm. The team is Laura Adlam, Maddy Guppy, Alexandra Harvey, Kendall Hawes, Holly Houppapa, Natasha Ingram, Victoria Munn, Kathryn Reid, Jordan Rennie, Jenna Scott and Bayly Templeton.

Underwater Hockey

The Underwater Hockey team has made the final of the Wellington Senior Girls Underwater Hockey Championships after a 2 - 1 win over Wellington Girls in their semi-final last week. The team will play Queen Margaret College in the final this Friday night at Huia Pool at 8.10pm. The team is Courtney Allen-Anderson, Jemma Cromie, Sammy Henderson, Chloe Hunter, Brittany Joseph, Elizabeth Lord, Hannah MacAskill, Alana Marsh, Lauren Oakes and Olivia Smith.

Badminton

The Senior 1 Badminton team has made the finals of the Senior Girls Division 1 Championship. The team beat St Oran's 5-1 in their Hutt Valley playoff. The team to play the finals is Caitlin Carter, Mihika De Silva, Lucie Gordon, Anna Forsyth and Lucy Milne,

ARTS

Artsplash 2009

The Artsplash Wellington Schools Festival of Music, Art, Dance and Wearable Arts was held last week in the Michael Fowler Centre. Artsplash offers unique opportunities for performance, participation as well as educational listening and viewing of others' performances.

Chilton had extensive participation this year. Head of Music, Mrs Ella Hanify, served as Musical Director. Our Years 7 & 8 Bella Voce Choir stood out with strong presentation skills as well as confident singing in their concert.

The Chilton Senior Drum Corps performed in all six concerts with verve and great audience appeal. The girls were: Amy Johnston, Madeline Sherwood King, Chenice Whearty (Year 13) and Eustacia Hughes, Katrina Lees and Rhiannon Podmore (Year 12).

The Chilton String Quartet performed the *Pachelbel Canon*, accompanying the massed choirs in four concerts.

Well done to Femke von Schoonhoven (Year 13), Eleanor Deacon (Year 10), Hannah Kennedy (Year 10) on violin and Juliette Maurer (Year 9 - cello).

Gemma McIlroy (Year 12 - flute) and Selina Reichert (Year 9 - oboe) performed as members of the Wellington School Symphonic Band which accompanied the massed choir items.

Art Display

A group of ten Years 7 & 8 Art students submitted works for the Art display in the Renouf foyer. Congratulations to Dina Clark and Amanda-Jane Mueller (Year 7), Jaimee Howes (Year 8), Natasha Reid, Denise Chow, Sharne Ralston and Priya Modi (Year 9) Sayyadah Penn, Ruth Benitez and Zoe Blumsky-Gibbs (Year 10).

Dancesplash

Last Friday's Dancesplash concert featured a group of talented dancers from Years 7 - 9. They were simply outstanding and left many of the other schools in awe. Mrs Ellis and Miss Boniface were two very proud teachers!

Dance Soiree

The Dance Soiree planned for Friday 21 August has been cancelled due to Basketball finals, Aerobics championship preparation and R.A.D. mock examinations.

There will be an Arts performance evening on Thursday 24 September in which Dance will be a feature. For those students going on the School trips to China and New Caledonia there will be an opportunity to perform in Term 4.

Wellington Aerobics and Hip Hop Championships

This Sunday 23 August there is an opportunity to experience one of the most competitive school age Aerobic and Dance events held in Wellington. It will be held at St Patrick's College Town. Aerobics heats begin at 9.00am, with finals at 1.30pm. Hip Hop heats begin at 3.30pm and the finals at 5.00pm (times are approximate). Cost of entry is \$5.00 students, \$10.00 adults, \$25.00 family (2 adults 2 children). Come along to support our talented students.

Senior Orchestra and Drum Corps Music Exchange Trip to Havelock North High School Music Festival Sunday 23 to Tuesday 25 August.

We wish the Senior Orchestra and Senior Drum Corps Trio well on their forthcoming trip to the Hawkes Bay. The orchestra is sounding very polished and has a large repertoire of performance pieces. The girls will present a 30 minute programme at a number of schools in the area as well as perform combined items with the orchestra of Havelock North High School in their Music Festival concert.

Communication in Leadership Programme

Laura Gaudin, Kate Fitzmaurice, Lucy Grenfell, Georgia Quirke-Luping and Lorraine Oloitoa from Year 11 have successfully applied to undertake the Communication in Leadership Programme, tutored by Mrs Cecily Archer.

The girls have a weekly lesson in a small group and will sit the Communication in Leadership Examination offered by the New Zealand Speech Board later in the year.