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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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International Mindedness at Chilton

Chilton's educational programme promotes the development of the whole person, emphasising intellectual, personal, emotional and social growth. We espouse the principle of educating the whole person for active, ethical and responsible citizenship and hold the view that education is a life long process. The Chilton learner profile, what our ideal graduate will look like:

- knowledgeable across a broad range of disciplines
- empowered to make ethical, compassionate and considered choices
- a thinker who is open minded, balanced and a good communicator
- a reflective, life long learner, willing to take a risk, and
- capable of framing penetrating, constructive and meaningful questions

is a profile of the whole person as a lifelong learner. These profile attributes are of value anywhere in the world and in any time period. It is these qualities which make an internationally minded, global citizen.

At the classroom level, teachers are developing an internationally minded outlook in students by giving them the tools to compare different events and issues in the past, present and future across countries. What we hope to achieve is an understanding that there are many ways of looking at people, history and issues and that environment colours our perception.

An internationally minded school has an outward looking perspective. Groups of Chilton students are embarking on a range of journeys in the coming weeks. Students of French are about to extend their language skills in an intensive immersion programme in New Caledonia. Others are accepting the challenge of a stay at our sister school Reitaku Mizunami in Japan. Others still are completing our first exchange with another sister school, Shanghai Number 3 Girls' School.

I will be travelling to China myself for ten days from this Saturday as the guest of the Chinese government (fully sponsored through the Office of Chinese Language Council International, China or Hanban) in a tour organised jointly by the Confucius Institute and the Chinese Language Foundation. The mission of the Confucius Institute is to promote Chinese language and culture and to stimulate interaction between New Zealand and China at business and education levels.

Selected to be part of a delegation of New Zealand School Principals, I will have the opportunity to visit schools and universities in Beijing, Kunming and Shanghai, to meet with government officials and to have first hand experience of Chinese culture and contemporary Chinese society. The case for New Zealand to develop closer ties with China, as one of our largest and fastest growing trading and economic partners, is compelling.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 17 September

- Years 7 & 8 Rising Stars Concert
7.15pm School House

Friday 18 September

- School trip to China departs

Sunday 20 September

- Sports Dinner Years 9 -13
6.00pm Trentham Gardens

Monday 21 - Friday 25 September

- Arts Week Preschool - Year 13

Monday 21 September

- School trip to Japan departs

Tuesday 22 September

- Celebration Concert (note change of date)
7.30pm Jubilee Centre
- Primary Sports Lunch
11.00am - 1.00pm
- Prem A Debating Grand Final
Chilton vs Scots College
7.00pm Wellington City Council Chambers

Thursday 24 September

- School trip to New Caledonia departs

Friday 25 September

- **LAST DAY OF TERM 3**

Holiday programmes – see page 4

Tuesday 6 October

- Second school trip to Japan departs

Saturday 10 October

- Working Bee - Primary Adventure
Playground See detail page 2

Monday 12 October

- **FIRST DAY OF TERM 4**

Thursday 15 October

- Preschool Student-led conferences
9.00am - noon and 1.00pm - 3.00pm.

Thursday 15 October

- **Year 6 Exhibition**

Term 4 Accounts

Invoices for Term 4 Tuition Fees will be posted on Wednesday 23 September and fall due for payment on Thursday 8 October 2009, unless some other arrangement has been approved by Mrs Rosemary Humphrey, the Director of Finance. Please note that the due date of Thursday 8 October 2009 is the Thursday before school starts for Term 4. Prompt payment of invoices benefits everyone. It allows our resources to be focused on the projects which enhance the school.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Playground Working Bee

The IST1 building project is on track towards completion and with it the Primary Adventure Playground will be reinstated during the term break.

Volunteers are sought to help spread new wood chips in the playground in preparing this popular play space for Term 4. The working bee will be held on Saturday 10 October. Volunteers are encouraged to bring wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, gloves and water bottles. Your time will be gratefully received even if you do not have any equipment!

There will be three sessions –
9.00am to 11.00am,
11.00am to 1.00pm and
1.00pm until finished.

Please contact Elizabeth Plowman at t.eplowman@xtra.co.nz to advise your preferred start time and your contact telephone number. The working bee is weather dependent; all volunteers will be contacted by the school on Thursday 8 October.

SCHOOL NEWS

Sports and Cultural Photos 2009

These photos are now on display until Friday 25 September.

Primary photos can be viewed in T1.
Secondary photos are on display in the JC Foyer.

Order forms are available from the school office and must be returned to the office by 1.30pm on Friday 25 September.

Please note: Cheques should be made out to L C Scott Limited.

PRESCHOOL

Student-led Conferences

The conferences will take place on Thursday 15 October. Conferences will run for 15 minutes with children spending about 5 minutes at each work station.

The morning preschool children will lead conferences from 9.00am - noon, and the afternoon preschoolers from 1.00pm - 3.00pm. Conference times can be arranged with preschool staff.

The students are responsible for leading the conference and take responsibility for their learning by sharing the process with their parents. It may involve students demonstrating their understanding through a variety of different learning situations.

The conference will involve the students discussing and reflecting upon samples of work they have chosen to share with parents. Samples have been selected with the guidance and support of the teacher and could be from the student's portfolio. The student identifies strengths and areas for improvement. It enables parents to gain a clear insight into the work their child is doing and offers an opportunity for you to discuss it with your child.

PRIMARY

Learner Profile: Open-Minded

Being open-minded allows our students to develop as inquirers and also to create, innovate and imagine. As we approach the end of the term, the girls are starting to complete projects and wrap up all sorts of activities that have encouraged them to create, imagine and innovate. These have included the production of newspapers, investigations into earth worms, being creative with black and white photography, constructing masks and thinking of ways to respond effectively to the needs of refugees. Creating, innovating and imagining are higher level thinking skills that learners and workers need increasingly; but for our girls they are fun and interactive ways of learning – not hard work at all! Hopefully, they will use the holidays as a time to create and imagine in their own activities and it is always a useful reminder that watching television, even Discovery channel, does not encourage higher order thinking!

In all units of inquiry, the girls are encouraged to construct meaning through inquiry. It is much harder to learn as an inquirer than through rote learning of facts because inquiry demands active engagement. Even the youngest New Entrant is actively involved in asking questions, finding out the answers, evaluating information and deciding what is relevant and what conclusions to draw. It is much easier just to fill in worksheets and learn a list of facts for a test. However, our girls enjoy the process of inquiring and the control that goes with it because inquiry learning really does mean that students learn how to control and manage their own learning from a very young age. They start to understand the learning process.

Correction

Last week we had the news that Freya Parker will be the Hutt Repertory Theatre production of *Charlotte's Web*. However, the time given was incorrect. Freya will be in the 2.00pm performance each day and not the 11.00am show.

Looking Ahead:

Primary Sports Lunch

On Tuesday 22 September, we have the Primary Sports Awards and Lunch. The Awards Ceremony will be held in the Theatre at 11.45am and lunch will follow in School House. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have coached and managed teams this year. Without your involvement, there would be no teams and the girls would be poorer from not having had the experience. So thank you very much for giving up your time, despite busy schedules, to coach, manage and support.

PRIMARY SPORT

Gymnastics Festival

A team of thirty students was selected to take part in the Hutt Valley Inter School Gymnastics Festival. Abby Frickleton, Lucia Kelly, Olivia Jordan, Jenna McKenzie, Shannen McKenzie, Iesha Reti, Ashleigh Tan and Isabel van der Hoorn all received four gold stars for their beam, floor, vault and tumbling routine. Thank you to the parents who provided transport and to Mrs Isberg for preparing the gymnasts for the Festival.

Tennis

The Hutt Valley Tennis Association is running a Primary and Intermediate Schools Tennis Tournament on 20 October. The tournament is open to tennis players who play at interclub level. Interclub tennis club players – please register your interest to play in this tournament with Mrs Robertson by Friday 18 September.

Touch Teams

The girls who registered for Touch in 2009 have received a note asking them to confirm their availability for Term 4. Please return this note by Friday 18 September.

SECONDARY NEWS

Wearable Arts in Hutt Valley Schools

In Terms 1 and 2, the Year 9 Materials Technology class designed and made a creative piece of wearable art using recycled products. These projects were entered into the *Wearable Arts in Hutt Valley Schools Competition* which was held on Monday 14 September at the Lower Hutt Little Theatre. The categories for our young designers to choose from were “Hot Off the Press”, “Absolutely Aotearoa New Zealand”, “Trash to Treasure” and “Masked Mayhem”. Chilton submitted 19 entries this year and the entries were of a very high standard.

Philippa Skeet won first place in the “Hot Off the Press” category.

Thank you to Mrs Skeet and Mrs Best for their help on the night.

Excursions / Incursions

Level 1, 2 & 3 Drama students have been invited to attend the following productions:

Good Night – The End

Downstage Theatre

Tuesday 15 September at 6.30pm or

Thursday 24 September at 8.00pm

Biography of My Skin

Downstage Theatre

Tuesday 13 October at 6.30pm or

Thursday 15 October at 8.00pm

The cost of \$26.00 will be charged to Incidentals accounts.

Incidental Charges

Year 11 Science

All students in Year 11 Science will be charged \$6.00 for the Carbon Chemistry workbook which will be issued next week.

SECONDARY SPORT

Term 4 Summer Sport

All girls will be asked to confirm their availability for sports teams for Term 4. It would be expected that girls who played in Term 1 will play again in Term 4 and any additional registrations will be catered for if possible. There will be no social sports teams in Term 4.

Sport available in Term 4 is as follows:
Bowls commences Thursday 15 October.
Tennis – No senior tennis. However there will be our own school championships in Term 4.
Tennis – Junior commences Tuesday 13 October for Junior regional division 1 team. All other teams commence 20 October.

Tennis Coaching – We are awaiting confirmation of coaches’ availability for this programme and will advise details once we know.

Touch – No senior Touch.

Touch – Years 9 & 10

3 November (tournament runs for 3 weeks – 2 games per night).

Touch – Years 7 & 8

Friday 30 October – note change of venue to Hutt Park. (Girls have been asked to confirm their availability by Friday this week by placing a tick beside their names on the JC Noticeboard.

Cricket commences 22 October.

Volleyball – Junior commences 14 October.

Volleyball – Senior commences 16 October.

Winter Codes in Summer

Please note that the school does not organise winter summer leagues for the likes of summer netball, hockey and football. If girls want to put teams together to play in these leagues socially this is fine, but it will not be a school organised team and nor will the team carry the School’s name. We would obviously encourage all girls to continue playing a summer sport in the summer and staying active all year round is very much supported and encouraged.

Sports Dinner

A reminder that doors open for the Sports Dinner on Sunday night at 5.30pm. A cash bar is available for adults.

Achievements

Lauren Beere (Year 7) has been selected as part of the Wellington Regional Girls Under 12 tennis team to play in the Spring Series in Auckland in October.

Courtney Grenfell (Year 13) placed 1st in the College Sport Wellington U19 Cycling Championships last weekend and **Zoe Anderson** (Year 13) placed 2nd. **Lucy Grenfell** (Year 11) placed 1st in the College Sport Wellington U17 Cycling.

MUSIC

Narmadha Lawrence (Year 6) has passed Royal School of Music Grade 2 Violin with Merit.

Malini Sivasaththivel (Year 7) passed Trinity Grade 2 Violin.

Years 7 & 8 Rising Stars Recital Thursday 17 September 7.15pm in School House

The Rising Stars recital will showcase our 'rising star' musicians at this level. The Chilton Intermediate Orchestra will open the concert, which features mainly solo performances on flute, clarinet, violin, piano, guitar and voice. We warmly welcome all family and friends. Refreshments will be available at 7.00pm and the concert will commence at 7.15pm.

Seraphim Choir – International Rugby Test Match Performance 19 September

The Seraphim Choir will sing the National Anthem of Australia at Saturday's rugby test match. They will also sing a combined item with the Con Anima Choir from St Patrick's College Wellington. Look out for the mystery Chilton harp player at the rugby!

Celebration Concert Tuesday 22 September 7.30pm NOTE change of date

To accommodate a number of students departing for school based cultural trips in the last week of Term 3, the date of the Celebration Concert has been changed.

The following groups will perform:

- Bella Voce choir
- Vivace choir Years 4 - 6
- Senior orchestra
- Drum corps
- Chilton band
- Selected instrumental music groups
- Chilton Dance Centre items
- Chilton day school dance items
- I See Red choir
- Seraphim choir

Piano Tutor Recitals

The following students of Dianne Alexander performed admirably at the concert held on 10 September:

Year 4 - Amber Riddle, Maddison Bruce, Anna Wong, Ellen Zhou
Year 5 - Maya Christie, Jaime Hartley
Year 6 - Narmadha Lawrence
Year 7 - Victoria Liu
Year 8 - Rebecca Adam, Aida Marner
Year 10 - Elizabeth Liu

DANCE

Rachael Jones (Year 8) achieved the following at her recent dance Medal examinations:

Ballet: Intermediate Silver, Honours
Tap: Intermediate Silver, Distinction
Jazz: Intermediate Silver, Distinction

Dance Centre students again performed to an exceptionally high standard at the Dance Art Competitions held at the Lower Hutt Little Theatre during the weekend.

Results of Scholarships and Special Awards are:

Senior Ballet Variation:

1st Katie Burley, 2nd Grace Cabauatan

Junior Variation:

1st Megan Wright, 2nd Mikaela Berney

Junior Championship:

3rd Molly Wake

Intermediate Championship:

1st Megan Wright, 2nd Mikaela Berney

Intermediate Scholarship winner:

Paige Shand

Senior Scholarship winner:

Grace Cabauatan

Highest Mark awarded in any class:

Katie Burley for 'Fragmented'

Most entertaining item:

Ashleigh Tan for 'Fan of Joy'

Most Promising Dancer over 12:

Eddie Brunton

Most Outstanding Dancer:

Grace Cabauatan.

Dance Centre students will be part of the pre-match entertainment at the All Blacks v Wallabies Rugby Test at the Wellington Stadium on Saturday night.

Hip Hop and Lyrical/Contemporary tutor Pagan Dorgan is currently performing with actor Mel Dodge at BATS Theatre in *Steel Ballerina*. This piece is inspired by the life of Margot Fonteyn and explores the idea of a creative expiry date and the private versus public face of a dancer.

Enviro Tip of the Week

Every ton of recycled paper saves 13 trees and if we recycled every water bottle we would save two billion tons of plastic.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Chilton Performing Arts Holiday Programme

Monday 28 September - Friday 2 October

The Holiday Programme is for 9 - 12 year olds and offers daily classes in Dance, Singing, and Scenery/Costume workshops with qualified, professional tutors. Children will work towards a performance on the final afternoon of the Holiday Programme.

The cost is \$250.00. Application forms are available from Dance Centre teachers and the school office. Places are strictly limited.

Artsight School Holiday Art Programme at Chilton

Artsight will offer two days of Art workshops during the September School Holidays.

Thursday 8 October

Mono Print (5 - 12 years)

Time: 9am-12pm

Printmaking workshop

Me, Myself, I (5 - 12 years)

Time: 1pm-4pm

Mixed media self portraits

Friday 9 October

Readymade (5 - 12 years)

Time: 9am-12pm

Using 'found' materials to make artworks

Dotty about Art (5 - 12 years)

Time: 1pm-4pm

Learn about the art of New Zealand painter Sara Hughes and use a limited palette to create two abstract paintings on canvas

Courses are \$30.00 each and include materials and morning or afternoon tea. Book two or more courses and receive a 10% discount. There is an additional \$6 charge for children staying over the lunch hour.

For more information and to book go to: <http://www.artsight.co.nz/> or contact Fiona on 04 386 2908 or 021 786 629 or email fiona@artsight.co.nz

Karori Sanctuary Trust at Zealandia

School holiday activities include –

- Beginners guide to bird spotting
- The wonderful world of weta!
- The birds, the bees and the blossoms
- Kaka feeding
- Spotting tuatara

For full information go to www.visitzealandia.com/events

SportZone Summer Football

Little Dribblers Football Club School Holiday Football Programmes for players aged 4 - 7 years. For more information and to register visit www.Sportzone.org.nz or contact Tony 04 586 6006 / 027 577 6781.