



From the Principal, Dr Jillian de Araugo

End of Year

While the month is still October, the end of the year will be upon us in no time.

Students in Years 11 to 13 finish classes on Wednesday 11 November and begin Study Leave. Year 13 students will be dismissed at 2.30pm in time for the Leavers' Service to be held at 3.00pm at St James Church. Parents and extended family of the Class of 2009 are warmly invited to attend this very lovely service, designed and led by members of the graduating class.

The end of the academic year is a time when we reflect on the students' learning throughout the year – their progress, development and achievements. This progress and achievement is affirmed with a range of awards made in daytime Merit Assemblies and at several evening Prizegivings.

As a school we will celebrate Christmas with Carol Services for junior and secondary students and their families. I highlight the key dates for you below. Do please mark them in your diaries now and make your family plans around them.

Wednesday 25 November

Junior Prizegiving, 6.30pm in the Jubilee Centre

Friday 27 November

Junior School Carol Service, 6.00pm at St James Church, Lower Hutt

Tuesday 1 December

Years 7 and 8 Prizegiving, 12.30pm* in the Jubilee Centre

Wednesday 2 December

Secondary Carol Service, 6.30pm* at the Wellington Cathedral of St Paul

Thursday 3 December

Years 9 - 13 Prizegiving, 7.30pm in the Jubilee Centre

* Please note the change to start times.

Attendance at the appropriate Prizegiving and Carol Service is compulsory for all students.

The order of service at the secondary carols is the traditional nine lessons and carols. There will be no sermon as together the lessons and carols tell the Christmas story. It should run just a little over one hour.

Only the most extreme family circumstances would be an acceptable reason for a student to be excused from any of these events. Parents seeking to have their daughter excused from either Carol Service or Prizegiving should write to Dr de Araugo by 13 November.

Uniform

The dress length of skirts must be at mid calf level. Quite a number of students have outgrown their school dress through the course of the year. With these formal school functions looming, now would be a good time for parents to check their daughter's uniform at home and start making any necessary alterations.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 15 October

- Years 1 - 6 Student-led conferences 3.10pm - 7.30pm

Friday 30 October

(Please note change of date)

- Music Academy Concert Years 12 - 13 7.00pm Jubilee Centre

Monday 26 October

- Labour Day

SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday 28 October

- Summer Sport Exchange with St Matthews at St Matthews

Years 7 - 10 All day

Sunday 1 November

- Performing Arts Dinner

Years 9 - 13 6.00pm Hutt Golf Club

Movie Night

Tuesday 27 October

Petone Lighthouse 7.30pm for 8.00pm start
Pauatahanui Lighthouse 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

Enjoy refreshments & see **Julie and Julia**.

Based on two true stories, *Julie & Julia* with Meryl Streep and Julie Powell, intertwines the lives of two women who, though separated by time and space, are both at loose ends...until they discover that with the right combination of passion, courage and butter, anything is possible.

Tickets are \$20 at the School Office.

Proceeds - Centennial Development Fund

Come and see the first
Years 7 - 10 production!

Roald Dahl's

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

a play adapted by Richard George

Wednesday 21 October &

Thursday 22 October

Jubilee Centre at 7.30pm

Cost: \$10 adults and \$5 school students

A familiar story with original music by
Marisa Gale and others

Chocolate Fountain and tea & coffee
provided at interval

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Celebrating Learning

There have been many chances to observe learning in the Junior School during this first week of term.

Preschool classes have been finishing the Art for Art's Sake inquiry and selecting learning to share in the student-led conferences.

On Wednesday the JC Foyer was filled with French language as the Year 4 girls shared a 'French Breakfast' with parents.

Year 1 girls were caught in the act of testing their learning by following their written instructions for washing hands. This is an example of writing being meaningfully linked to their Unit of Inquiry focusing on how knowing our bodies and how they work helps us to take care of them and use them better.

In Year 6, girls have been busy finishing their displays and preparing for our very first PYP Exhibition. This is a showcase of their learning journey through the IB Primary Years Programme. The girls in Year 6 are grateful for the support given by parents during the Inquiry into Climate Change, with trips to Parliament, the library and shops to purchase materials for the static displays.

Throughout the Junior School students have been preparing to share their personal learning development during the student-led conferences on Thursday. Parents will be able to reflect along with their child on all the wonderful progress that has been made this year.

The Year 5 classes are preparing to visit the Karori Sanctuary where they will extend their inquiry into the adaptation different species need to make to survive. Thank you to the parents who are supporting this trip by providing transport.

Two Junior School teachers, Odete do Couto and Shelly Visscher, are continuing their PYP Learning by attending a conference next week, and will use this opportunity to visit a number of IB Schools in Shanghai to further their understanding and knowledge of the PYP programmes.

SunSAFE in Term 4

Summer is just around the corner! All Junior School students should have their sun hats at school every day in Term 4. To be sunSAFE our policy is 'no hat no play'. Even on a cloudy day the sun's UV rays can affect the young tender skin of our children. As these hats come to school please make sure that they are clearly named.

JUNIOR SPORT

Tennis Coaching

Tennis coaching began on the first Monday of Term 4 and will continue for six lessons. Students will have the same coaching days as in Term 1.

Central Zone Football Tournament

The Central Zone Tournament is being held on Wednesday 21 October. A team list is on the Junior School sports board.

Touch

Competition begins on Friday 30 October and continues for six weeks. The Arrows will begin practices on Thursday 22 October from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. The Rockets team will have their practices during Friday lunch.

Correction – Sports Awards

The Most Valuable Player for the Rockets Touch team was Olivia McCormack.

Grasshoppers Tennis Tournament

The Grasshoppers Primary Tennis Tournament for novice tennis players aged 5 - 10 is being held on Sunday 8 November. Details for this tournament are on the Junior School sports board. See Mrs Robertson for an entry form.

Sports Achievements

Katelyn Kennedy took part in the Central Area Roller Sports Championships in Wanganui. Katelyn placed 1st Juvenile Figures, 2nd Juvenile Free Skating, 2nd Juvenile Solo Dance, 2nd Juvenile Creative Solo Dance and 1st Precision Team with "Kapital Kids". Katelyn has been accepted into the Upper Hutt National Team.

SECONDARY NEWS

Achievements

Kelsi Remnant and Morgan Falloon were finalists in this year's New Zealand Young Designer Awards. Kelsi was a finalist in the Evening Wear section and Morgan placed 2nd overall in the Costume section.

Leanne Soo (Year 12) achieved a Bronze Medal at the Vocabulary Olympics 2009. She was placed in the top 10% of 27,000 competitors from around the world.

Mary Quigg and Kennie Critchlow's Geography research projects have been selected as part of the four projects from the Wellington region to go on to the national Level 3 Geography research competition sponsored by the Board of Geography Teachers and the NZ Transport Agency. Kennie's project looked at the geographic impact of changes at Rimutaka Prison on Upper Hutt while Mary researched the impact of changes at Hutt Hospital on both users of the hospital and the immediate neighbourhood.

New Zealander of the Year Awards

Nominations must address each criterion for the category entered. Nomination forms give full details and can be obtained from the school office.

Young New Zealander of the Year

Nominate a young person 15 - 30 who is a leader or role model. Young people showing strong leadership ability, think creatively and act decisively. The nominee may be providing social interaction, running cultural or community activities, working with the disadvantaged, or creating stronger relationships between young people and the community. Their positive approach to life and outstanding contributions to society are a credit to themselves and their families.

The Young New Zealander of the Year Awards gives special recognition to honour and encourage youth leadership.

Criteria:

- Initiative in a leadership capacity
- Involvement in setting the direction of a group, organisation or club in which they have been involved
- Efforts in working toward goals
- Training, support and encouragement of group members
- Number of hours committed, paid or unpaid
- Commitment to their own personal development by participation in courses, forums, conventions, community activities and other training or educational opportunities
- Outline contribution to their community goals and degree of difficulty to achieve leadership status.

Local Heroes Award

Reward those ordinary people doing extra-ordinary things in their local communities. These awards recognise the contribution, sacrifice and commitment of Kiwis who selflessly work to make their local communities a better place. Honour the achievements of someone you know who is making a contribution to their region, town, suburb, community or local group.

Perhaps you have a friend, family member, community leader or colleague who you believe actively participates in and strengthens your local community. Local Heroes Awards may be presented to those involved in business, leadership, voluntary work, community and environment groups, education, sporting clubs, working with the disadvantaged or courage in overcoming a personal difficulty. We need to recognise unsung heroes and say thank you for their inspiration and contribution.

Criteria

- Initiative and leadership capacity
- Involvement in setting the direction of the group, organisation in which they have been involved
- Number of hours committed paid or unpaid
- Contribution to their community
- Commitment to their own personal development by participation in courses, forums or conventions and other training opportunities
- Length of service
- Outcomes achieved

The Local Hero's medallions and certificates will be judged and presented on a regional basis. All recipients will be considered for the National Local Heroes Award.

Nominations close 6.00pm Friday 20 November 2009. To nominate on line: www.nzawards.org.nz.

Incidental Charges

Music Levels 1 and 2 students have been issued with Music Study Revision Workbooks. The cost of the books is \$25.00 each and will be charged to Incidentals accounts.

Year 7 English classes will be participating in creative writing workshops run by New Zealand author, Fleur Beale. These will be held at school on Tuesday 20 October.

\$10.00 for students in 7MS & 7WH and \$5.00 for students in 7GL will be charged to Incidentals accounts.

Dance

St Patrick's (Silverstream)

For Years 9 & 10

Friday 30 October 2009

7.30pm - 10.00pm

Permission slips will be available from the school office from 20 October

SECONDARY SPORT

Term 4 Interschool competition starts this week or next. All team lists and draws are posted on the Jubilee Centre noticeboard. Girls are reminded to check this regularly. Regular attendance at all practices and games is expected by team members.

Term 4 Practice and Game Schedule

Mondays

3.30pm 1st XI Cricket
3.30pm Year 8 Volleyball
4.45pm Junior 2/3 Volleyball

Tuesdays

3.30pm Year 8 Volleyball
3.30pm Years 9/10 Touch
4.45pm Junior 1 Volleyball
6.00pm Prem Volleyball
4.00pm Inter-school Tennis
4.00pm Inter-school Year 9/10 Touch – comm. 30/10

Wednesdays

3.30pm Tennis Coaching (3 groups)
4.00pm Inter-school Junior Volleyball – comm. 14/10

Thursdays

Lunch Year 8 Gold & Red Touch
3.30pm Year 7 Silver Touch
3.30pm Senior 2/3 Volleyball
3.30pm Years 9/10 Touch
4.00pm Inter-school Lawn Bowls – comm. 15/10
4.00pm Inter-school Cricket – comm. 22/10

Fridays

3.30pm Chilton Blue Touch
4.00pm Inter-school Senior Volleyball – comm. 16/10
From 3.45 Inter-school Years 7&8 Touch – comm. 30/10

Sundays

3.00pm Years 9/10 Touch

Tennis Coaching

Tennis Coaching groups are underway on Wednesdays. Groups have been posted on the Jubilee Centre noticeboard.

School Tennis Championships

Entries for the Tennis Championships have been posted on the Jubilee Centre noticeboard. Entries close next Tuesday 20 October.

2010 Dragon Boating

Girls in the current Years 10, 11 & 12 have been invited to register their interest in Dragon Boat trials for 2010. The festival is a month earlier than it has been in the past which will mean that trials and practices start in the first week of February (before school starts).

Girls must be available to trial and attend all eight practices to be eligible for teams.

For your diaries the dates are:

Monday 1 February –

Trials and Safety and Technique session
Wednesday 3 February – First practice

We have applied to practise on Mondays and Wednesdays. These times will be confirmed in November.

Student Achievements

Lucy Garner (Year 8) placed 15th in the Inter-regional Primary Cross Country Championships in Nelson. Lucy was the 4th fastest of the Wellington regional team and this earned her a silver medal in the teams event. **Rachel Vance** (Year 8) placed 25th in the same event.

Lucy Garner, Phoebe Parker and Rachel Vance (Year 8) were members of the Hutt Valley Under 13 Football team that came 2nd in their regional tournament during the holidays.

Zoe Anderson (Year 13) placed 8th in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cycling Championships Points race. Zoe also placed 3rd in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Multisport race at Lake Karapiro in the school holidays.

Courtney Grenfell (Year 13) placed 14th in the New Zealand Secondary Schools Cycling Road Race Championships and 15th in the Points Race.

Laura Robertson (Year 12) competed as a member of the NZ Secondary Schools Orienteering team in the Australian Schools Championships. She placed 3rd in the Senior Girls section and 1st as a member of the relay team. The NZSS team won the Southern Cross Challenge.

Laura also competed in the Australian Orienteering Championships and placed 3rd, 6th and 12th in the Sprint, Middle and Long Distance events respectively in the W20 age group. She was also 3rd as a member of the W20 relay. Laura then competed in the Victorian Long Distance Championships and placed 4th in the W20.

Jula McMillan (Year 12) competed in the Australian Orienteering Championships and placed 2nd, 12th and 1st in the Sprint, Middle and Long Distance events respectively in the W16 age group. She was also 1st as a member of the W16 relay. Jula then competed in the Victorian Long Distance Championships and placed 3rd in the W16.

Emily McGill (Year 11) gained two gold, two silver and one bronze medal at the NZ Spring Swimming Championships held in Christchurch.

PERFORMING ARTS

Seraphim Choir

This Sunday, 18 October at 4.30pm in the Chilton Theatre, the Choir will record eight new pieces for a CD.

Seraphim Development Group 2009

The Seraphim Development Group provides an opportunity for choral singers to develop their vocal and choral singing skills. The group will have the opportunity to work with the Seraphim Choir and will rehearse on Thursday mornings from 7.50am - 8.25am.

The Development Group will prepare and perform two pieces with the Seraphim Choir for the Carol Service and a School Assembly at the end of the year.

Music Academy 2010

The Music Academy is an extension programme for Years 12 and 13 students who are learning a musical instrument or voice and who are committed to developing their skills to a high level. Music Academy students have an allotted study spell for their own practice or other musical study.

Entry is by application and interview. Places are limited. Information and application forms will be available from HOD Music, Mrs Ella Hanify, next week.

Itinerant Tutor Programme

In Term 4, parents and students are reminded to communicate in advance with tutors re any requests to reschedule lessons. Senior students are encouraged to continue with their lessons through the term. Tutors will reschedule lessons where necessary around exam time.

Term 4 may also be a good time for younger students to start learning a musical instrument or voice, as one or two vacancies may arise with tutors. Information and application forms are available from the school office or from HOD Music, Mrs Ella Hanify.

Tutor Recital

Pupils of Elizabeth Marrison performed creditably at the Recital on Monday 21 September -
Cammy Lam (Year 12)
Lavanya Palanimalai (Year 11)
Erin Ward (Year 10)
Renée Crawford-Palenapa (Year 6)
Petra Mills (Year 5)
Amira Bajema, Maya Patel, Isabel van der Hoorn (Year 4)
Ella Horrell, Luciana Gibson Hughes (Year 3)

Gemma Mclloy (Year 12) also performed on the flute accompanied by Cammy Lam.

Achievements

The following piano students of Dianne Alexander received Performance Awards at the recent Wellington Region Piano Plus Festival. These Performance Awards are awarded to the top two or three students in their age group, thus effectively putting the recipients among the best pianists in their age group in the Wellington area.

Ellen Zhou (Year 4) Solo Piano Class 9 years and under

Narmadha Lawrence (Year 6). Solo Piano Class Age 10 to12 years

Malini Sivasaththivel (Year 7) passed her Level 3 Speech exam with honours.

Lucy Grenfell (Year 11) has completed her Speech NZ Grade 7 Public Speaking exams –
Modules 1 & 2 – Honours
Module 3 - Merit +
She also gained Honours in the Speech NZ Communication and Leadership Course.

DANCE CENTRE

The Dance Centre ran a highly successful Performing Arts Holiday Programme during the first week of the school holidays. The students worked with Pagan Dorgan (dance), Bea-Lee Smith (singing) and Lyndal Sheat (costume workshops) learning songs and dances and making their own costumes for the performance on the Friday afternoon. It was a full on and very satisfying week for students and tutors alike.

The second week of the holidays saw the Dance Centre busy with daily classes for the Grade ballet students who this week will be sitting their Royal Academy of Dance ballet exams under examiner Ms Tonia Robertson from Auckland. The week of classes culminated in a mock exam on Saturday when students invited family and friends to watch classes.

Senior students were successful in recent Royal Academy of Dance Vocational exams with the Dance Centre gaining a 100% pass rate, an outstanding achievement at this level of exams.

New Zealand School of Dance Junior Associates Emma Dellabarca, Grace Cabauatan, Hayley Stevenson, Georgia Taggart and Chenice Whearty attended a week of fulltime training at the New Zealand School of Dance during the holidays. This gave the students the opportunity to work alongside the first year tertiary students in daily classes – a wonderful opportunity enjoyed by all.