



CHILTON

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

From the Principal, Dr Jillian de Araugo

Serving You Better

Last term education specialists *The Knowledge Partnership* conducted an on-line whole school research project. I am delighted to report that 375 responses were received, representing a response rate of nearly 60% and indicating a high degree of engagement with the school. Thank you so much for taking part and so helping us to understand you and your needs.

The survey was organised in five sections and I report to you below the key findings and implications in each area.

The Chilton community is very largely comprised of families in which both parents or caregivers are working in full-time employment. For most members of the Chilton community, Chilton is the family's first experience of an independent school. For busy people, we appreciate that convenience is important. We are mindful of this as we schedule events and we offer After School Care and Holiday Programmes to assist you. For the future we will continue to look for ways of supporting parents as we plan the school calendar.

The motivation for most of you to have selected Chilton is, overwhelmingly, our high academic standards of achievement at a school level. Chilton's relatively small size is a factor guiding choice, as is our being a girls' school from Year 1 upwards. These features will continue to be part of our identity.

Your expectations, what is important to you in the education of your children at Chilton, understandably relate to the personal happiness and development of your individual child. Our broad range of subject and co-curricular choices, vertical approach to timetabling to offer flexible academic pathways, small classes and commitment to knowing and caring for your child are means by which we seek to meet this expectation. Recent initiatives have been the creation of a Junior School and greater involvement of our School Chaplain working directly with students. We constantly reflect on our systems with a view to continuous improvement of our pastoral care.

Chilton's reputation is based on the extent to which we deliver on our promise to nurture and challenge your child. We do appreciate that delivery here is absolutely vital for every parent and your responses on the survey confirmed this. The Board is very conscious of the cost of a Chilton education and that families are making a significant, long term investment in their daughters' education. We appreciate that committing to paying the Chilton fees represents a real squeeze on family finances. In setting annual budgets, every effort is made to minimise our operating costs and so hold fee levels down as far as possible while still delivering a high quality educational product.

A key reminder for us has been the importance of communicating with you what we are doing and why we are doing it. We are reviewing our home-school communications and plan to redevelop our web-site to make it more interactive and to provide a portal for parents and students to access a new, upgraded intranet.

We remain committed to working closely with you and your daughter, to strengthening the sense of family across the Chilton community and to striving to exceed your expectations. Thank you again for your input. We will continue to seek your feedback on how we are doing.

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 29 October

- Young Musicians Concert Years 10 & 11
- NCEA Level 1 Music assessment
- 7.00pm School House

Friday 30 October

- Music Academy Concert
- NCEA Levels 2 & 3 Music assessment
- 7.00pm Chilton Theatre

Sunday 1 November

- Performing Arts Dinner
- 6.00pm Years 9 - 13 Hutt Golf Club

Tuesday 3 November

- Young Musicians Concert Year 9
- 7.00pm School House

Thursday 5 November

- Junior School Athletics Sports
- 9.30am - 10.30am Preschool - Year 2
- 12.00 noon - 3.00pm Years 3 - 6

Friday 6 November

- School in Action 8.45am - 11.30am

Tuesday 10 November

- Junior School Performing Arts Awards
- Chilton Theatre 11.45am Years 1 - 6
- Junior School Performing Arts Lunch
- 12.30pm School House Years 1 - 6

Wednesday 11 November

- Valedictory Church Service
- Year 13 students, parents and family
- 3.00pm at St James Church
- Year 13 Graduation Dinner
- 7.00pm at the Hutt Golf Club

Thursday 12 November

- Orientation Day for 2010 Year 7 Students
- All day
- Junior Achievers' Evening
- 7.00pm Years 7 & 8 Jubilee Centre
- (Please note change of start time)

Friday 13 November

- Junior School Bring and Buy
- 10.30am - 1.30pm

Live Life Lighter

1 November 2009
Health and Fundraising Walk
Hikoikoi Park on the Petone Foreshore
any time between 9.00am and 11.00am.
Walk as much as you like (to a maximum
of 8km).

Come and walk for Chilton Saint James

Our school will have a chance to win one of three randomly drawn prizes of \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500 for each walker. Just say you are walking for Chilton Saint James School.

Cost is a gold coin donation for each walker. Register on the day.

Live Life Lighter is a health programme led by the Freemasons and all funds collected on the day will be divided between Mary Potter and Te Omanga Hospices.

Uniform Shop

We are coming up to a busy time of the year. Please make sure all second-hand uniform items being offered for sale are dry-cleaned and in perfect condition. We will open on Monday 21 December from 12.00pm to 4.30pm **solely** to accept second-hand uniforms. Use this opportunity to come and drop off any uniform items which your family no longer requires, making sure a bank deposit slip with bank account number is provided.

The Uniform Shop will be open:

7 - 9 December: 12.00pm to 4.30pm
14 - 16 December: 12.00pm to 4.30pm
21 December: 12.00 - 4.30pm for drop off of second-hand uniform items only

January 2010

18 - 20 January: 10.00am to 4.30pm
26 - 27 January: 10.00am to 4.30pm
1 - 4 February: 10.00am to 4.30pm

JUNIOR SCHOOL

Responsibility

A focus at Chilton is to encourage our students to take responsibility for themselves. Of course this develops over time. One area of development is taking responsibility for what we eat. A 5 year old eats what is put in her lunch box and makes choices in the order to eat the items prepared for her. By Year 6 the girls are able to make more choices and decide what to buy at the tuck shop. It is important that by this stage of their lives, the girls have developed some understanding of the balance required to provide the essentials for good brain power and so make healthy decisions about their spending. Remaining hydrated is important too, so please provide a drink bottle that contains water for drinking during the day.

ICAS Results

This year the students in Years 4 - 6 elected to take the ICAS papers which were tested during Terms 2 and 3. We have received the certificates for the Mathematics and English and these will be handed out to the girls this week. Parents may access their daughter's results online.

ICAS Mathematic Results

Distinctions

Year 6: Tamara Warmerdam
Year 5: Kate Meads, Sophia Hughes
Year 4: Maya Patel, Amber Riddle

Credits

Year 6: Narmadha Lawrence
Year 5: Kathryn Hennessy, Leah Wachswender
Year 4: Azmarah Maniparathy, Amira Bajema, Manasi Ramadani

ICAS English Results

Distinctions

Year 6: Ilesha Reti
Year 5: Kathryn Hennessy, Sophia Hughes, Claudia Jones, Kate Meads, Georgia Russell
Year 4: Amira Bajema, Amber Riddle, Isabel van der Hoorn

Credits

Year 6: Elinor Hennessy, Maddie Kruger, Tamara Warmerdam
Year 5: Jamie Belsham, Laura Cannons, Petra Mills, Caitlin Piepke, Leah Wachswender
Year 4: Maddison Bruce, Amber Kruger, Azmarah Maniparathy, Maya Patel, Olivia Seymour, Georgia Tapara, Ayshani Vallabh, Janet Yue

Life Education

This week the students in the Junior School begin their learning sessions with Life Education. Each class has two sessions with the Life Education Facilitator.

There is a charge of \$3.50 for this which will be charged to your Incidentals account.

Looking Ahead

It is that time of year when we all start thinking about what is coming next! Teaching arrangements for 2010 are under consideration.

As in past years, class lists will be finalised and published during the last week of term. Girls will know who their teacher will be and where their class will be located before they go on holiday. This helps the girls make a smooth transition from 2009 into 2010.

If you have any concerns about the placement of your daughter for next year please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Anne Rightford, either by phone (extn 761) or email arightford@chilton.school.nz.

SPORT

Lower Hutt Primary Schools Tennis Tournament

Olivia McCormack, Manasi Ramadani, Tamara Warmerdam and Daisy Wilson competed in the Up to Year 6 Grade section of the Lower Hutt Primary Schools Tennis Tournament.

Olivia McCormack

3rd Up to Year 6 Grade

Tamara Warmerdam

2nd Consolation Plate Final

Manasi Ramadani

3rd Consolation Plate Final

Daisy Wilson

2nd Plate Final

Central Zone Football Tournament

The official results for the girls' section of the Central Zone Football Tournament are as follows:

1st Muritai Speeders
2nd EHS Galaxy
3rd Chilton Silver

Touch Rugby

First games are Friday 30 October at Hutt Park.

4.45pm Ground 3

Chilton Arrows vs Muritai Small Blacks

4.45pm Ground 4

Chilton Rockets vs Muritai Fairies

The draw for the next five weeks is on the primary sports notice board.

SECONDARY NEWS

Junior Achievers Evening Thursday 12 November at 7.00pm Performing Arts and Sport

This function is for students in Years 7 & 8 and their parents plus directors, coaches and managers. Coaches and Managers will receive complimentary tickets.

The 7.00pm start time is different from that given on the term card and has been changed to fit in with family meal times etc. There will be light dessert type food and drink provided. The cost of tickets is \$5.00. An information flyer will be delivered through the registers early next week. Tickets will be available from the school office from Wednesday 4 November.

We look forward to seeing all participants in our Years 7 & 8 sports and performing arts there to celebrate our students' performances.

Years 7 & 8 Wellesley Dance

Years 7 & 8 girls have been invited to a dance at Wellesley College on 6 November. Permission letters will be available from the office for any student wishing to attend. These must be returned by Wednesday 4 November by 1.30pm. The cost is \$10.00.

SECONDARY SPORT

Representative Touch Trials

The dates and times for trials for representative Touch teams are published below. Girls who are interested in trialling should register on the day. The trials will be held at Fraser Park.

Sunday 8 November 11.00am - 12.30pm
Under 13 (register from 10.30am)

Sunday 8 November 1.00pm - 2.30pm
Under 15 (register from 12.30pm)

Sunday 8 November 3.00pm - 4.30pm
Under 17 (register from 2.30pm)

Year 8 Basketball

The Year 8 Basketball team played in the final of the Hutt Valley Year 8 competition. They performed really well all season to finish second, losing the final 27 - 21.

Tennis

A team of Years 7 & 8 students competed in the Hutt Valley Primary Schools Tennis Tournament last week.

Lucy Garner (Year 8) placed 2nd in the open grade and **Laura Houston** (Year 8) placed 1st in the Intermediate Grade.

Both these girls now go through to the Central Regional Championships in Wanganui next Friday.

Years 7 & 8 Touch

The draw for the 5-week competition is on the Jubilee Centre Noticeboard and girls should check this each week. The draw is also available on the sportingpulse website www.sportingpulse.com. Go into Touch, Total Touch and then Hutt Park Junior Touch and find the appropriate draw. Please also note this site has a cancellation service too which may be helpful. For those who have played Touch for a while just a reminder that the Touch competition is being played at Hutt Park Raceway, Seaview now and **not** Petone Recreation Ground.

The draw for this week is as follows.

5.45pm Ground 4

Year 8 Gold vs HIS Kiwis

5.45pm Ground 7

Year 8 Blue vs St Orans Russell

5.45pm Ground 8

Year 8 Red vs St Orans Dobbin

5.45pm Ground 1

Year 7 Silver vs SSPP Cowboys

Years 7 - 10 Sports Exchange

Unfortunately the exchange that was planned for Wednesday 28 October had to be cancelled due to the weather in the Wairarapa and the state of the grounds at St Matthews Collegiate. We have tried to re-schedule this fixture but regrettably have not been able to.

PERFORMING ARTS

End of Year Concerts

The Music Department presents the three final concerts of the year to showcase students at every level. For some the concert is an opportunity for NCEA assessment. We welcome all family and friends to these concerts and encourage you to support our students. Please note carefully the dates and times published on page 1 of this Bulletin.

Junior Prem Debating

Chilton defeated Wellington College in the final of the above competition. Debaters **Kerry McNulty, Gabrielle Young and Jenna Thompson**, with **Darshana Patel** the fourth member of the team were coached by Ms Marisa Gale. Senior debaters Jodie O'Neill and Jasmin Moran also assisted the team in their final preparations.

DANCE CENTRE

Dance Centre students performed at the Associated Ballet Theatre Club competition held over Labour Weekend.

Results of age group and special awards are as follows:

Molly Wake runner-up 8 year olds

Ashleigh Tan runner-up 9 year olds

Megan Wright winner 13 year olds,

Highest Mark over any Pointe class, Most Promising ABTC Classical Dancer, Highest Mark any solo dance

Paige Shand winner 14 year olds, 2nd

Senior Variation, Best Choreography

(for Demi Character A.L.F. choreographed by Bronwyn Bennett)

Allegra Canton runner-up 14 year olds, winner Presentation and Acting Ability

Emma McBeth winner 15 years & over, 1st Senior Variation, Most Promising Classical Dancer over 12 and Senior Variation class

Grace Cabauatan runner-up 15 years & over.

Arts Dinner, 1 November 2009



Tickets are \$35.00 and available from the school office. A list of students receiving awards is published outside the Vogel Music Room and at the school office.



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