



From the Principal, Dr Jillian de Araugo

A packed cathedral celebrated the season of Advent last night at the beautiful service of Nine Lessons and Carols, a musical feast. And this evening we meet for the third of our three Prizegivings. Final assembly tomorrow and the 2009 academic year will be at an end.

Looking back, I would like to acknowledge and thank parents and caregivers for the role you play in enriching the Chilton programme. As helpers on field trips and EOTC, sports coaches and managers, costume designers and manufacturers, supporting the Junior School Bring and Buy or Year 10 Market Week, attending concerts, interviews – your support and active interest in working with your child's teachers is invaluable to us and greatly appreciated.

The Parents' Association has catered at evening functions, organised a successful evening on study skills and purchased a range of items for preschool, music and the new library. The Old Girls' Association supported the International Women's Day Year 13 Mentors' Breakfast again and this year is also contributing to the Valedictory Bibles presented to our graduating class. In addition, the Old Girls are providing financial backing to the 2009 Year 13 Project, to be presented this evening at Prizegiving.

Chilton is blessed with a committed, caring and professional collection of teachers who each day challenge and nurture your sons and daughters. This work is made possible by equally committed non-teaching staff who keep the administrative and business wheels turning and maintain a beautiful and safe environment for learning. Together, this diverse team has striven to achieve the goals of Chilton Saint James School. I thank each individual for their personal efforts in 2009.

Inevitably there is staff change at the end of a year. Four teachers will be on maternity leave from February: Talia Ellis, Marian Gutierrez, Sarah Simpson and Janie Tito and three are completing Long Term Relief roles: Che Hee, Rachel Morris and Sandie Simons. A number of permanent members of staff are departing. Marisa Gale is relocating to Australia and Kim Meredith, Kristine Berthiaume and Jo Matheson will pursue their careers in different settings next year. Olwen Hutchison is taking a break before seeking work in an Intermediate school. (We have been successful in our recruiting and look forward to introducing new staff in the first Bulletin next year.)

IT Administrator George Clay is leaving us, as is Homestay Co-ordinator Anita Thompson who is relocating to Nelson. Valerie Dobson will be finishing in her role as my invaluable Assistant and Sally Selwood will leave Chilton after twenty plus years to take up a role at Victoria University.

We thank all those staff members leaving us for the contributions each has made to Chilton and we wish them well for the next chapter in their lives.

Deputy Principals Rosemary Ackerley, Judy Lang and Anne Rightford have worked diligently in their respective portfolios throughout the year and many students and their parents can testify to the effective job they do every day. Anne has changed role in the last term and is climbing a steep learning curve with grace and skill.

The unstinting effort of the Executive team of Kelvin Crofskey, Rosemary Humphrey and Jude Fawcett is critical to the success of Chilton – thank you.

Members of the Board of Trustees and its Committees work tirelessly to secure the financial well being of the school and so to underpin its educational and physical development. Thank you for your time and talents which you donate and for your professional approach to best practice in corporate governance.

In the summer break may you spend many happy hours together as a family. I wish you all a blessed Christmas and a happy and safe holiday.

Forthcoming Events

Friday 4 December
SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR 2009
Years 1 - 13 Dismissal 12.30pm
No After School Care

Sunday 6 December
▪ Chilton Dance Centre Concerts
Two sessions – 11.00am and 3.00pm
Lower Hutt Town Hall
Tickets at the school office – adults \$15.00;
school students & senior citizens \$7.00

SCHOOL REOPENS FOR 2010
Thursday 4 February for Years 7 and 9
Friday 5 February for all students
First day of After School Care

Sunday 21 February 2010
Commissioning Service
7.30pm at St Paul's Cathedral, Molesworth St

SCHOOL NEWS

Accounts

Final invoices for 2009 will be posted by 4 December and fall due for payment on 21 December.

Invoices for Term 1 Tuition Fees will be posted by 13 January and fall due for payment on Thursday 28 January 2010, unless some other arrangement has been approved by Mrs Rosemary Humphrey, the Director of Finance. Please note that the due date of Thursday 28 January 2010 is the Thursday before school starts for the first term of the new year.

Prompt payment of invoices benefits everyone. It allows our resources to be focused on the projects which enhance the school.

Carol Service Collections

Thank you for your generous support of the Anglican Missions' New Guinea project. \$980 was collected at the Junior School service last week and \$1610 at the Senior service last night.

Christmas Cake Raffle

The winner of the Christmas Cake raffle was ticket number 17 - Denise Rogan. The ticket was drawn by Rosemary Humphrey, Chilton's Director of Finance. Thank you to Mrs Margaret Williams for her baking, decoration and donation of the cake.

Bus Service on 4 December

There will be NO Eastbourne bus service at the finish of school on the last day - 12.30pm on 4 December.

School Office

The school office will be closed from lunchtime 23 December until Tuesday 12 January 2010.

The school office will also be closed on Thursday and Friday 28 & 29 January 2010 as the Administration staff are moving offices. There will be no phone calls or personal visits possible during this time.

As from next year the main school office will be located on the ground floor of the FitzGerald building. The parents' and visitors' entrance will be through the main door by the Boardroom; the student entrance will be through the door opposite the Jubilee Centre.

Stationery Lists and Registration Mail Out

Stationery lists will be posted on 11 January 2010, together with the registration booklets for Sport, Performing Arts and the Chilton Dance Centre.

Uniform Shop

The shop will open on Monday 21 December from 12.00pm to 4.30pm **solely** to accept second-hand uniforms. Use this opportunity to drop off any uniform items which your family no longer requires. Make sure a bank deposit slip with bank account number is provided. Please ensure all second-hand uniform items offered for sale are dry-cleaned and in perfect condition.

The Uniform Shop will be open:
7 - 9 December: 12.00pm to 4.30pm
14 - 16 December: 12.00pm to 4.30pm
21 December: 12.00pm to 4.30pm for drop off of second-hand items only.

January 2010

18 - 20 January: 12.00pm to 4.30pm
26 - 27 January: 10.00am to 4.30pm
1 - 4 February: 10.00am to 4.30pm

Lost Property

We have a number of prescription glasses in the office. If your daughter has lost a pair this year please ask her to come to the office and look through our collection.

This is also the time to go through the lost property box and find any lost items. In the office there is a number of tracksuit jackets and pants which are unnamed. Items will be disposed of after Friday.

Tuckshop

No Tuckshop on the last day of school - Friday 4 December.

Chiltonian 2009

The 2009 *Chiltonian*, based on the School Council theme *E 2 E*, will be distributed on Friday 4 December.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

During this last week the Junior School has celebrated with a Christmas outing to Capital E, a special visit from Santa, shared food and produced colourful, creative Christmas craft work. The sounds of Christmas Carols have surrounded the Junior School as we gather each morning to hear the Advent story and light the next candle on the Advent wreath. The excitement of this special time is reflected in the faces of all the girls and boys. All of this reminds us that Christmas is just around the corner - a time to rejoice in family, friends and all the blessings that the Christ Child represents.

End of the School Year

As noted elsewhere, school finishes for the year with full School Assembly. Dismissal after this Assembly is at 12.30pm.

Preschool will be closing at 11.45am. Preschool students with a sister in another area of the school will attend the final Assembly with their teachers. Afterwards the students will return to their classes to be dismissed by their teachers. School buses, with the exception of the Eastborne service, will arrive to pick up the girls.

JUNIOR SPORT

Central Zone Athletics Results

The following girls are to be congratulated for placing in the top three at the Central Zone Athletics. These girls will be representing the Central Zone at the InterZone Athletics day on Tuesday 8 December.

Year 4 Girls

Katelyn Kennedy 1st Discus, 1st Shot put

Jenna McKenzie 1st 80m sprint, 1st High jump
2nd equal Long Jump

Olivia Seymour 2nd equal Long Jump
2nd equal 80m sprint

Isabel van der Hoorn 2nd High jump

2nd Year 4 relay team

Katelyn Kennedy, Amber Kruger,
Jenna McKenzie, Olivia Seymour and
Isabel van der Hoorn

Year 5 Girls

Leah Wachswender 1st Discus
Ruby Heath 2nd 100m sprint
Britnee Tapara 3rd Shot put

Year 6 Girls

Lucia Kelly 1st High jump

Thank you to Laura Bushby and Celine Antipas for assisting with the Vortex event and to the parents who transported and supervised the athletics team at the Central Zone Athletics.

Touch Rugby

Chilton Arrows vs Flaming Ferns
Loss 3-1

Players of the Day: Laura Cannons &
Olivia Seymour

Chilton Rockets vs Muritai
Win 7-1

Player of the Day: Iesha Reti

Finals night will be held on Friday 11 December. The draw will be on the Total Touch website next week.

<http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc>

SECONDARY NEWS

Student Success

Congratulations to **Nicola Wilcox** and **Chenice Whearty** for their Massey results. Nicky got an A- and Chenice got a B in the Physical Geography paper.

SECONDARY SPORT

School Tennis Championships

Years 9 & 10 Championship

Melanie Kinsman and Sara Massam beat Briar-Louise Rose & Kendall Melville 9-8 in the Doubles final

Senior Championship

Charlotte Kerr beat Julia McMillan 9-5 in the Senior Singles final.

2010 Sports Tour to Australia

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 8 December at 7.30pm to discuss a proposal for a sports tour to Australia in July 2010. The group would include Senior 1 Netball, 1st XI Hockey and 1st XI Football teams who would compete in the Southern Skies tournament in Brisbane. A decision on whether the tour goes ahead will be based on the level of interest expressed at this meeting. All prospective members of these teams (parents and students) are invited to attend. Parents who are unable to attend are invited to email Ann Fowler with their thoughts prior to the meeting – afowler@chilton.school.nz

Important Dates to Diary for 2010

Monday 1 February

Dragon Boat trials - 12.30pm

Thursday 4 February

Sports information night - 7.30pm

Friday 5 February

Sports registrations due

Years 7 & 8 Touch Finals Night

Finals night will be held on Friday 11 December. The draw will be on the Total Touch website next week.

<http://www.sportingpulse.com/assoc>.

Summer Athletics Training 2010

Years 7 - 13 (Track)

Mrs Sarah Gardner is offering some holiday training. Sessions will be held at the Hutt Recreation grounds from 10.00am - 11.30am on:
Wednesday 14 January
Wednesday 21 January
Wednesday 28 January

Sessions will focus on technique and speed and will cater for 100m -3000m runners. To join the email group for a reminder before these sessions email Sarah Gardner at sgardner@chilton.school.nz. Attendance will need to be confirmed 24 hours in advance via email. A minimum of three students need to have confirmed their attendance for a session to proceed.

PERFORMING ARTS

Seraphim CD for 2010

This CD will contain performances by the Seraphim, I See Red and Bella Voce choirs and will be available from Wednesday 9 December from the school office at a cost of \$20.00. There will be at least 16 tracks of popular, classical and Christmas music and the disc will make a fantastic Christmas present.

Itinerant Tutor Programme 2010

Now is a good time to enroll for learning a musical instrument or Speech and Drama from our team of tutors at Chilton for 2010.

Information and application forms are available at the school office. If you have any queries please contact the Head of Music, Mrs Ella Hanify.

Our tutors for 2010 will be:

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| Elizabeth Marrison | Piano |
| Hugh McMillan | Piano |
| Ruth Armishaw | Piano, Voice |
| Annabelle Cheetham | Voice |
| Susan Mitchell | Voice |
| Anthea Shelton | Violin |
| Lynne Scott | Violin, Recorder |
| Jane Young | Cello, Double Bass |

Kathy Fletcher
Hayden Sinclair

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| Caryl Stannard | Flute |
| Richard Ralston | Clarinet, Saxophone |
| Maurice Phillips | Trumpet, Brass Guitar, Bass Drums, Percussion |

Performing Arts

Registration Booklet 2010

This booklet will be sent out mid January. The Music and Performing Arts Booklet contains all the information regarding co-curricula Music and Performing Arts activities, and enrolment forms for these activities, including the Itinerant Tutor Programme.

New Piano Tutor - Irina Kouzminova

We are very pleased to announce our new piano tutor in the Itinerant Tutor programme at Chilton is Irina Kouzminova. Irina is already known to many students from the Chilton Dance Centre as the piano accompanist. Irina is also the piano accompanist for the New Zealand Ballet and the New Zealand School of Dance and she is an experienced teacher of piano. We are delighted to have someone of her talent and experience joining our itinerant team.

Application forms for all our itinerant tutors are available from the school office.

Important Dates for 2010

Tuesday 2 February
1.00pm - 3.00pm
Senior Orchestra Workshop

Thursday 4 February
9.30pm - 3.00pm
Seraphim Choir Workshop
and
6.30pm - 7.30pm
Music and Performing Arts Information,
Meet the Itinerant Tutor and Instrument
Demonstration Evening.

Thanks

Finally, we would like to acknowledge and commend all participants in the Performing Arts this year – our singers, dancers, choristers, instrumentalists, actors, speechmakers, artists. There have been many wonderful successes of which we can be proud – many wonderful concerts, many individual examination and competition successes, some wonderful public performances from Rugby Internationals to recognition in community performances! Well done to all.

Artsight School Holiday Art Programme Bishop Thomas Block at Chilton

Artsight will offer two days of Art workshops during the December school holidays. Artsight is run by Fiona Sullivan, an experienced teacher of visual arts.

Monday 14 December **Quick Draw! (5 - 12 years)**

Time: 9.00am - 12 noon
Learn a variety of drawing techniques to create your own series of artworks.

Picturing Text (5 - 12 years) **Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm**

You will learn about composition and painting techniques to create your own work on canvas.

Tuesday 15 December **Surrealist Intaglio (7+ years)**

Time: 9.00am - 12 noon
Make a Surrealist collage and learn about Intaglio printmaking processes to make a series of prints.

All that Glitters (5 - 12 years) **Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm**

You will learn some painting techniques and create your own work on canvas to take home and keep.

Tuesday 19 January 2010 **Something Else (5 - 12 years)**

Time: 9.00am - 12 noon
In this 3D workshop you will combine objects to create a new and interesting sculpture to keep.

Paint NZ (5 - 12 years) **Time: 1.00pm - 4.00pm**

We will teach you some basic painting techniques such as stencilling and layering that you will use to make two small paintings on canvas.

Wednesday 20 January **Monoprint (5 - 12 years)**

Time: 9.00am - 12 noon
Take part in this fun printmaking workshop and make a series of stunning one-off prints to take home.

Signs and Symbols (5 - 12 years) **Time: 1pm - 4pm**

In this workshop you will learn how to use signs and symbols to create a stunning painting on canvas.

All courses are \$30.00 and include all materials and morning or afternoon tea. Book two or more courses and receive a 10% discount. There is an additional \$6.00 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.