



CHILTON

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

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New Zealand Scholarship Success

Results of the New Zealand Scholarship examinations were released last week. Scholarship examinations are designed to be very testing and a successful student must be able to think outside the square and interweave concepts from across a broad curriculum base within each subject. We are delighted that fifteen students across ten different subjects gained a total of 21 Scholarship passes for 2008. Collectively these have a value of \$15,000 for the students concerned.

New Zealand Scholarship Award

Grace Liang, our 2008 Head Girl, was one of 201 students nationwide to gain this award. Grace was successful in Economics, English and History. For this achievement she will receive \$2000 per year for three years. In 2008 Grace also studied University Economics gaining an A and an A+ pass in her two papers. She was also the recipient of a prestigious Russell McVeagh Scholarship and a Victoria University Excellence Scholarship.

Scholarship Passes with Outstanding Performance

Passes of this quality place a student in the top 0.5% of her peers in the subject in which they are awarded. Megan Nelson and Elizabeth Prasad gained Scholarship Passes with Outstanding Performance in Music Studies and English respectively.

Subject Scholarship Passes

Congratulations are also extended to all the students who gained Subject Scholarship passes in one or two subjects. Special mention must be made of Grace Wolyncewicz who, as a Year 12 student in 2008, gained a Scholarship pass in Economics.

The scholarship list is:

Madeleine Appelros	Visual Arts - Design
Jessie Baxter	English
Vanessa Ellingham	Art History, English
Mary Furniss	Biology
Lucy Gloag	Chemistry, Economics
Grace Liang	Economics, English, History
Sarah Munn	Physical Education
Bridget Murrell	Statistics & Modelling
Megan Nelson	Music Studies (Outstanding Performance)
Elizabeth Prasad	English (Outstanding Performance), Art History
Madhumitha Ramasubramanian	Art History
Ellen Thackray	English
Grace Wolyncewicz	Economics
Stephanie Woodrow	Statistics & Modelling
Tian-ran Xu	Economics, Statistics & Modelling

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 26 February

- Preschool Picnic 5.30pm Vogel Lawn

Friday 27 February

- School Open Morning 8.45am - 11.30am

Monday 2 March, Tuesday 3 March, Wednesday 4 March

- Preschool Parent / Teacher Interviews 4.00pm - 8.00pm

Tuesday 3 March

- Swimming Sports for Years 3 - 6 10.30am - 1.00pm. Please note earlier time.
- NCEA for Beginners – Information Evening 7.30pm in School House – parents and students at any year level invited to attend. Contact Valerie Dobson to register on 570-4020 or email vdobson@chilton.school.nz

Friday 6 March

- Reitaku Mizunami School arrives from Japan

Wednesday 11 March - Friday 13 March

- Arts Week Years 1 - 3

Friday 13 March

- School Dance Years 7 and 8 7.15pm - 9.00pm Jubilee Centre

SCHOOL NEWS

International Student Exchanges

Thank you to all the Chilton families who have generously offered to host a Reitaku Mizunami High School student. The girls arrive Friday 6 March and will be with us for two weeks. They are sure to have a fantastic New Zealand experience in your homes.

We have another Japanese exchange groups this year at the beginning of Term 3 from Nakamura High School. A weekly homestay fee is paid. If you would be interested in hosting one of these students please contact Mrs Thompson, Homestay Manager at anthompson@chilton.school.nz

Parents' Association

The next meeting is on 2 March at 7.00pm in the Library. We welcome all families; tea and coffee will be available as usual.

Library

Quality encyclopaedias like *World Book online* and *Encyclopaedia Britannica online* are easy to use, authoritative, objective and accurate. Both present information in three levels starting from information able to be understood by primary age students, to information suitable for the middle school and more detailed information suitable for senior students. The Chilton library offers both of these and by using the Chilton library's user name and password, they can be accessed from home. Ask your daughter to get the 'home' password for *World Book online* from the Librarian. Students can access *Encyclopaedia Britannica* by going to EPIC (via www.tki.org.nz) and using the school library's user name and password.

PRESCHOOL

Review Week

Every fifth and tenth week is a review week. During this week the teachers assess each preschooler's progress to date, working one on one with each child to look at their literacy, numeracy and perceptual motor skills. Teachers set goals for the children in readiness for the parent/teacher interviews, held once a term. Records of the assessments are kept in each child's portfolio.

Perceptual Motor Programme

While each child is unique, their physical developmental journey is similar. A 3 to 4 year old child becomes co-ordinated in running, jumping, hopping and catching objects and loves to jump off steps. They begin to dress themselves but need help with buttons and zips. They learn to ride a tricycle, use scissors, draw a picture of a person and can tell the difference between writing and non-writing.

A 4 to 5 year old is able to walk down stairs with alternating feet and has a good sense of balance. They run smoothly, begin to skip, can throw and catch a ball easily and are able to kick a ball. They can thread beads in a pattern too. They begin to hold a pencil in an adult way and begin to draw detailed pictures making good use of colour. They love to write their name and surname.

At Chilton we use a comprehensive Perceptual Motor Programme. This aims to develop the child's perception and understanding of themselves and their world through movement and motor experiences. It helps to develop automaticity of motor tasks through practice and doing, so that thinking tasks like reading, writing and mathematics can be overlaid.

It is very important that children get the opportunity to make perceptual judgements about the things they see, hear and feel. This programme gives the child opportunities to develop and improve their perceptual judgements, helping them in their learning.

The Perceptual Motor Programme consists of:

Skills Outcomes: problem solving, language, memory, confidence and physical education skills

Perceptual Outcomes: body image, body control, laterality, directionality, space awareness and body rhythm

Motor Outcomes: fitness, balance, eye-hand, foot co-ordination and locomotion.

Our Perceptual Motor Programme begins with free play which serves as a warm-up. The warm-up enables muscles, tendons and joints to be stretched and leads to increased body temperature and blood flow. The children complete circuits of climbing over, under and through equipment. They balance, hop, skip and jump as well as dance and throw objects over, through and into containers. Equipment used for these activities includes: hoops, bean bags, ropes, balls, boxes, mats and musical instruments, balance beams, etc. We encourage our children to explore and discover, developing self-esteem without any pressure.

Reminders!

Preschool Picnic

Thursday 26 February at 5.30pm

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Monday 2 March, Tuesday 3 March,

Wednesday 4 March at 4.00pm - 7.45pm

PRIMARY

Learner Profile: Risk-Taker

Risk taking was clearly evident at the Years 4 - 6 camp where girls ventured out of their comfort zone in abseiling and kayaking. They all returned feeling so good about themselves. This will be true at the swimming sports on Tuesday 3 March also, when the girls will take risks entering new events and attempting to achieve their personal best in every event that they enter.

Shrove Tuesday

This week we enjoyed a pancake morning tea on the Vogel Lawn to celebrate Shrove Tuesday. Shrove comes from the word *to shrive* which means to forgive. Traditionally, not only did people eat up their eggs and milk on this day as pancakes, but they also fixed up any wrongs, made up if they'd quarrelled and said sorry if they needed to so that they could start Lent with a clean slate. This is a tradition we could adopt today! Thank you to our teachers for taking on the mammoth task of making pancakes for all the children and teachers in the primary.

Cage Wanted

We would like to borrow a bird or rat cage. If you are able to help, please could you contact your class teacher or Tracy Nel. It will be well looked after.

Sun-Smart Policy

To be sun-safe we have a 'no hat, no play' policy in Terms 1 and 4. We also encourage the girls to wear sunscreen and to eat in the shade. Please support this by reminding your daughters to wear their sunhats and to apply sunscreen before school. As well as sending sunscreen to school please remind your daughters to re-apply it during the day, especially before venturing out into the sun! Looking ahead, this will be the case in the coming weeks with class trips and swimming sports.

Formal Uniform

Please remember that formal uniform is always worn on the following occasions: Mondays, the first and last day of each term and on all trips out of the school unless notified otherwise. Tomorrow the Year 6 girls will be having class and individual photos taken; this requires formal uniform. The forthcoming trips to Te Papa for Year 5, Parliament for Year 4 and Capital E for all the primary also require formal uniform. Your daughter may not always remember to write formal uniform into her diary but, if you both remember *'Mondays, trips and first and last days of term'*, she should always be wearing the correct uniform and this will be a great comfort to her because children don't like to get it wrong.

**Looking Ahead:
Invitation to View our Memories of
EOTC on Friday 27 February**

You are invited to visit your daughter's classroom between 9.00am - 10.30am on Friday 27 February to share the memories and experiences of EOTC through viewing the girls' art, photographs and written work. This is an informal time so please feel free to pop in whenever you have a moment during this time slot before morning tea. We look forward to seeing you.

27 February: Year 5 trip to Te Papa
3 March 10.30am - 1.00pm:
Years 3 - 6 Swimming Sports
6 March: Year 3 trip to Battle Hill
12 March: Years 1 - 3 trip to Capital E
18 March: Years 4 - 6 trip to Capital E

PRIMARY SPORT

Swimming Sports

The Years 3 - 6 Swimming Sports will be held at an earlier time of 10.30am - 1.00pm on Tuesday 3 March. The programme is on the sports notice board. Please send your daughter with her togs, swim cap, two towels, hat, sunscreen and a warm top to wear between events. We are looking forward to a sunny day at the Chilton pool.

Touch

The Arrows practice time is Friday at lunchtime. However, it will be held pre-game this week as Year 5 are away on a trip. The Rockets have their practice at Thursday lunch times. This week's draw is on the Sports notice board. There will be no touch game on 6 March due to the Touch Nationals being held at the Petone Recreation Ground. Draws and results can be found on www.totaltouch.org.nz.

Year 6 T-Ball Exchange

The Year 6 T-Ball Exchange with Marsden has been brought forward to Tuesday 10 March. Marsden will visit our school from 10.00am and 1.00pm. The girls will play a round robin of four 20 minute games followed by a semi-final and final.

Year 6 Netball Skills & Drills

Mrs Diamond-Reti and Mrs McCormack have kindly offered to take a Netball Skills & Drills session for Year 6 girls. These optional sessions will begin on Monday 9 March and run for five weeks. Sessions will be held on the Chilton tennis courts from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. Interested girls can write their names on the list on the sports notice board.

Winter Sports Registrations

A note will be sent home to all girls in Years 3 - 6 with the registrations to date for netball, hockey and flipperball and the names of parents who have offered to coach. If there are any corrections, deletions or additions to be made please email arobertson@chilton.school.nz

Friday 6 March. Team selections will be made from the registrations received by this date.

Interested in Football?

A Girls-only Football League (Under 6, U8, U10, and U12) will be held every Sunday morning from 26 April until the end of August. The venue is the new pitch at Nairnville Park in Ngaio (or other areas if enough demand). Any parent who puts a whole new team together will win a pink match ball provided by Capital Football and go into a draw to have Capital Football refund the whole team's registration fees. To register contact a local football club or see details at www.capitalfootball.org.nz.

SECONDARY NEWS

Level 1 Geography

Change of assessment hand-in

The report for US11081 *Geography in the workplace* is now due at the school office – student foyer on Monday 2 March no later than 8.30am.

Careers Information

The first episode of *Just the Job*, Series 3, will be screening on Saturday 7 March on TV2 at 9.30am. The series continues every Saturday until 9 May. This series profiles another 30 careers, including an episode on promoting careers within the Air Force, and an episode profiling three different health related careers. More information about the series and all the backup information for all *Just the Job* programmes can be accessed on the website- www.davemason.co.nz

School Council

At this year's secondary athletics sports many girls embraced the theme of EXPLORE and stepped outside their comfort zone; running in races they might not finish or trying high jump even though they are afraid of the bar.

House chants officially opened the sports, getting all the girls amped up for the day ahead. Stowe took first place in the chant competition followed by Benbow, Lewis then Hansel.

It's amazing to look down from the grandstand and see crowds of colour all over the Hutt Rec: seeing green bushes running around the 200m track, blue eclipse packets at the shot put, red coke bottles at the long jump and yellow lion mascots at the high jump. Not forgetting the teachers who got involved with the House spirit – special mention to the blue cookie monsters.

After lunch, two House members from each year group Years 2 - 13 participated in the Chilton Chase, sprinting 100m. A big thank you to the brave primary girls who came and raced.

We also saw a visit from the four HIBS house captains, school captain, sports

captain and their deputies for the tug of war and a CHIBS race.

The overall results turned out with Lewis winning, followed by Benbow, Hansel and then Stowe. Well done to all the girls who participated in both individual events and house novelties.

Excursions / Incursions

Level 3 Design

Date: Friday 6 March
Students will spend spells 3 and 4 at the New Dowse gallery in Lower Hutt, viewing and discussing works at an exhibition of contemporary Graphic Design which features a collaboration between German collective 'Via Graffik', and New Zealand's 'Cut Collective'.
Cost: nil.

Incidental Charges

English

Year 10 students will be involved in a two-lesson creative writing workshop with NZ author Brigid Lowry on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 March. Further details are in the Term 1 card. A cost of \$5.00 per student will be charged to Incidentals accounts.

All students of English will be watching the Ugly Shakespeare Company's performance of Shakespeare's *Othello* in spell 1, Friday 3 April. A charge of \$5.00 per student will be made to Incidentals accounts.

Year 10 Martinborough Field Trip

On March 4 all Year 10 will travel to Martinborough for a day collecting information for Achievement Standard 90206 *Collect and present geographic research*. This practical work is a requirement for the standard, worth 5 credits. The cost of \$22.00 will be made to your daughter's Incidentals account. Students have received a gear list and instructions as to an appropriate standard of dress for meeting with business and community leaders in Martinborough.

SECONDARY SPORT

Touch

The senior Touch team placed 3rd in the College Sport Wellington Touch tournament, a best result for Chilton.

The scores were:

vs Mana	5-2 win
vs HVHS	3-2 win
vs St Mary's	4-1 win
vs Otaki	0-8 loss (semi-final)
vs Taita	1-1 win (on 1 st try scored) - 3 rd /4 th playoff

The team was Katie Fraser, Holly Houppapa, Natasha Ingram, Amberlene Jessup, Alexis Leader, Mikie Milloy, Victoria Munn, Jenna Scott, (Year 11) Lara Custance (Year 12), Stephanie Jonassen and Chenice Whearty (Year 13).

Touch – Years 7 & 8

The draw for Friday is on the noticeboard in the Jubilee Centre. There is no touch on Friday 6 March as there are Touch Nationals on at Petone Recreation Ground.

Swimming Trials – Years 7 & 8

As our inter-House swimming sports are not being held until Term 2 this year we will need to select our Inter-school team for the Hutt Region meet from trials held at school. The Hutt Region meet is on Monday 6 April. Trials will be this Friday lunch time in the school pool.

Winter Sport

All girls in Years 7 - 13 have been asked to confirm their winter sport registrations this week. This is the time to consider the commitment necessary to participate in a school team. All sports teams (except senior social teams) are required to attend one practice (more in the case of a top school team going to NZ Secondary Schools Tournament) and one game per week. It is not acceptable for girls to withdraw once trials have been held, teams selected and entries into local competitions made. Please help us in this regard by carefully considering other school and out of school commitments. Girls playing netball, football and hockey will be asked to write two trial positions up on the Jubilee Centre Noticeboard next week.

Netball – Senior Trials

Trials for the Years 9 - 13 Senior 1 & 2 teams will be held as follows:
Sunday 8 March 12 noon - 2.00pm
Thursday 12 March 4.00pm - 6.00pm

There will be a netball meeting after assembly on Monday for all Years 9 - 13 players.

Times for all other age group trials will be advertised in the Bulletin in upcoming weeks.

Dates for the trials are as follows:

Senior trials (teams other than
Senior 1 & 2) 15 March
Year 10 15 March, 21 March
Year 9 19 March, 26 March
Year 8 14 March, 22 March
Year 7 22 March, 29 March

Netball Working Party (Years 7 - 13)

This was advertised last week. The closing date has been extended to Friday 4 March.

Wellington Hockey Trials

Girls interested in trialling for the Wellington U16 and U18 hockey teams need to submit nomination forms by 2 March (U18) and 9 March (U16). Please see Mrs Fowler to get the relevant forms.

Winter Coaches and Managers

We have received a very small response to expressions of interest for coaches and managers for winter teams. This may be because the Coaches forms were not posted out with our original sport registration packages and were instead emailed. Please email afowler@chilton.school.nz if you are able to help in coaching or managing a team for us this coming winter.

Sports Achievements

Courtney Allen-Anderson and Lauren Oakes (Year 13) have been selected in the New Zealand U19 Underwater Hockey team to go to the Southern Hemisphere Championships in April.

Zoe Anderson and Courtney Grenfell (Year 13) competed in the Bev May Women's Cycle Tour and placed 5th and 16th respectively.

Swimming

At the New Zealand Junior Nationals held last weekend three Chilton students performed with distinction as follows: **Dina Clark** (Year 7) was in nine events and achieved five top-10 placings in New Zealand, swimming seven personal best times. **Lauren Beere** (Year 7) was in two events, swimming both in personal best times. **Bryony Thorne** (Year 8) was in three events swimming two personal best times.

PERFORMING ARTS

Seraphim Choir Performance Sunday 1 March at 2.30pm

The Seraphim Choir will perform on Sunday 1 March at 2.30pm at the Hutt Hospital at a Civic ceremony to mark the relocation of the Labyrinth from Frederic Wallis House to the Hutt Hospital Grounds. Choir members will meet at 2.00pm outside the main entrance to the Lower Hutt Hospital.

Itinerant Tutor Programme

Over 280 students are enrolled in the programme. Students are reminded to move promptly to and from their lessons, and to check ahead to see if any special events may make it necessary to contact their tutor to reschedule their lesson time.

Achievements

Femke van Schoonhoven has successfully auditioned for the Wellington Youth Orchestra. This Orchestra represents the cream of young instrumentalists under 25 and comprises mostly tertiary level students. To gain selection as a secondary student is a considerable achievement.

OF INTEREST

Pikihuia Awards for Maori Writers 2009

This bi-annual writing competition is open for Maori secondary school students for the Best Short Story written in Maori or English.

Prizes

1st Prize: Cash prize of \$500, school receives \$250 worth of Huia books
Highly commended: Cash prizes of \$250, school receives \$100 worth of Huia books

Closing date: 15 May 2009

For more information please see Mrs Parish or Ms Tito.

Federated Farmers Farm Day Sunday 1 March 2009

A Farm Day will be held at the Taratahi Agricultural Training Centre's dairy unit at 529 Cornwall Road, Masterton. This will be an opportunity for students and parents to talk with real farmers and discover why agriculture is so important to New Zealand.

Visitors will be offered a guided tour and numerous fun, interactive farming activities for people of all ages to enjoy. Visit www.farmday.org.nz.