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WEEKLY BULLETIN

From the Principal, Dr Jillian de Araugo

The Scholars' Society

The Scholars' Society at Chilton offers intellectual extension and enrichment for academically able students.

Students are invited to join the Scholars' Society on the basis of their previous year's academic performance.

The 2009 Scholars' programme has begun with an action-packed day for the seniors. With building a focus this year at Chilton, we began with a project management and bridge building task led by a group of professional engineers. Students were able to play with surveying equipment and tested their model bridges to the limit: each was spectacular in its collapse! The Junior extension programme will also be based around a design and construction theme.

The 2009 Scholars' Society members are:

Year 7

Rachel Benitez, Lauren Hansen, Breanna Hartley, Brittany Jenks, Kelly Johnson, Alexandra Riddle

Year 8

Laura Foy, Lucy Garner, Moana Mourie, Kate Plimmer, Kajal Sewambar, Milly Seymour

Year 9

Anastasia Clemens, Hana Khan, Juliette Maurer, Kerry McNulty, Sharne Ralston, Daniela Ravera, Selina Reichert, Natasha Reid

Year 10

Shweta Barapatre, Ruth Benitez, Kate Evans, Rose Hu, Anita Jacob, Anna Van Dissen, Gabrielle Young, Karen Zhang

Year 11

Julie Cook, Jessica Cummins, Natasha Ingram, Sarah Jolly, Aleisha Langdale, Michal Milloy, Johanna Thomas

Year 12

Mindy Hu, Charlotte Kerr, Arahia Kirikiri, Radhika Palepu, Brigitte Ravera, Leanne Soo, Hayley Stevenson, Natalia Waiker

Year 13

Veemi-Risha Bhagat, Madison Guppy, Anna Forsyth, Jessica Kusel, Jasmin Moran, Lauren Oakes, Jodie O'Neill, Madeline Sherwood King, Yukti Vyas, Amy Wilson, Grace Wolyncewicz

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 12 March & Friday 13 March

- Arts Week Years 1 - 3

Friday 13 March

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

Monday 16 March - Wednesday 18 March

- Arts Week Years 4 - 6

Sunday 22 March

- Wellington Schools Dragon Boat Festival
All day Frank Kitts Park, Wellington

Friday, Saturday, Sunday 27, 28 & 29 March

- Cancer Society *Relay for Life*
Frank Kitts Park, Wellington

Telephone Calls to Teachers

Chilton now offers the option of going straight through to a teacher if you know their extension number.

First dial the number for the Chilton switchboard, 566 4089, then enter the extension number to go straight through to the person you require.

Parking

Please do NOT park over our neighbours' driveways in Knights Road or Waterloo Road when picking up or dropping off your children.

Just like you, our neighbours need to be able to get in and out of their property at all times.

Drop Off and Collection Spots

To help ease the congestion in the vicinity of the gates on Waterloo Road, we encourage you to consider dropping your daughter off or collecting her at a greater distance from the school.

As well as making the very busy Waterloo Road gates region a safer place for everyone because of less traffic and better visibility, this will have the added benefit of a healthy walk at either end of the day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Performing Arts have always been at the heart of Chilton and there is little doubt that they are among the principal assets for the school. Now that the Arts Committee is inclusive of the Visual Arts, it will be great to see the abundance of aspiring painters, designers, sculptors and others taking a share of the artistic spotlight as they present the multi-talented Chilton community.

Arts for 2009 has got off to a roaring start – already this year Chilton has girls representing the school in the Wellington Schools' Symphonic Band and the Wellington Regional Secondary Schools' Choir. More girls are signing up for choirs and itinerant music lessons than ever before, and the range of instruments the girls are trying is inspiring. Art classes have taken trips to local galleries and the primary girls have got off to a creative start with Arts Week. I know this trend will continue throughout the year.

To help the girls put into action this term's theme of *Exploring*, there will be a number of *Try Days* throughout the term. The first one of these is at lunchtime this Friday the 13th. Anyone can come along to the music room to try their hand at playing percussion. I am sure it will be a fruitful and fun session. Perhaps it will be a lucky Friday the 13th for someone and they will be motivated to start up drum lessons – a past-time I can tell you is brilliant for de-stressing the student but, given the noise, it might turn out to be a truly black Friday for the parents.

Hot Cross Buns

The School Council is once again selling Brumby's Hot Cross Buns. This year it will be a House competition, so make sure you support your Houses! Order forms are going out soon and will be due back by 1 April. The buns will be delivered on 8 April. We will be selling packs of six and individual buns at school on Thursday 2, Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 April. So get in quick – these are not to be missed.

Madeline Sherwood King
Arts Captain

PRESCHOOL

Pre-symbolism: The Figure Emerges

During review week each term, our preschoolers draw a picture of themselves for their portfolio. Over the two preschool years a wonderful record of each child's drawing skill evolves.

At the age of three, children begin to combine the circle with one or two lines to resemble a human form. Early Childhood teachers call this the tadpole stage. These first drawings are without arms, bodies, necks, hands, fingers, feet and toes. At this stage, children may draw a number of forms to represent their family with no visible differences between them. There are a number of theories explaining this 'tadpole' stage. Some say that children omit the bodily parts through lack of knowledge of the different parts of the human body and the position of these parts on the body. Some say that children only draw the parts that make their figures recognisable as being human. By the age of five, many children are drawing detailed pictures of themselves showing all the body parts externally and sometimes even showing internal organs too. The drawings show form and good use of colour. Very often children omit certain body parts without intention and it is important that parents do not interpret these drawings as a reflection of the child's intellectual ability.

At Chilton, we give our children experiences which are designed to extend their awareness of their body parts through our perceptual motor programme, through play and creative activities indoors and outdoors. This has been evident in our present Unit of Inquiry, *Light Creates Shadows and Reflections*. The children's drawings of themselves in some cases are now showing shadows. They are also using their thinking skills to develop an understanding of how their shadows and the shadows of objects around them are formed and how they change over time. There are now children who are writing stories and making shadow puppets, another way again of strengthening their drawing skills.

Friday 13 March – Morning Session to Visit Capital E

All children are to be at school by 8.30am. The children will need a snack bar and a small box of fruit juice in a named disposable packet.

Reminder

Labelling of School Uniform

Can all articles of clothing be clearly marked with your child's name please. We are finding that many of the white shirts, shorts and fleeces are unmarked.

PRIMARY

Learner Profile: Caring

For the second half of this term, we focus on what it means to be caring. Every class is involved in discussions about what caring behaviour towards a classmate looks like and how to listen with empathy and understanding by listening to the message underneath the words and by listening without judging. It is important that school is experienced as a safe place where girls are cared about and where they are listened to by their teachers and by their classmates, too. Children feel comfortable when they are cocooned by the support of friends, who will notice when things aren't going well. It is our responsibility as parents and teachers to teach the appropriate behaviours, attitudes and characteristics of caring. Listening is possibly the hardest skill of all. At school we learn to listen for information; in life we often need to listen in different ways. Caring listeners hear what people are saying about themselves. Listening for how they feel is one of those ways.

Healthy Lunchboxes

It is really good to see the majority of primary girls sitting down at morning tea and lunch with lunchboxes that are full of healthy, tasty food. In general, their lunchboxes are exactly as recommended by the nutrition experts: sandwiches, two pieces of fruit and treats such as cheese, yoghurt or plain biscuits.

We encourage the girls to eat a snack or sandwich at morning tea, followed by a piece of fruit. At lunchtime, the girls have longer to eat and need to refuel so they sit down to eat their sandwiches, carrot sticks and yoghurt followed by fruit.

The type of lunchbox described here is similar to those we would have had as children. It is characterised by low glycemic foods that are relatively low in sugar and fat. The result of this type of morning tea and lunch is a child who is well nourished but not jangled from too much sugar. Children need to be well nourished for optimal learning but many of the handy, treat-size, pre-wrapped lunchbox treats are so loaded with sugar that learning is compromised.

What to drink? Plain water is always the best. The girls don't brush their teeth during the school day so sugary drinks, whether fruit juice or flavoured milk, leave their teeth coated in a sticky, cavity-causing residue for the rest of the day.

Years 1 & 2 Soccer and Hockey

Many of our Years 1 & 2 students belong to soccer and hockey clubs and play matches on Saturdays. This is a fantastic opportunity for skill development, particularly gross motor skills and eye-foot co-ordination. Netball begins in Year 3.

Starting girls early with soccer or hockey through clubs is a wonderful way of ensuring that they are able to develop good physical skills as they learn that all sports have rules. They learn to co-operate with their team mates to develop teamwork and learn that each player has a specific role to play. Along this learning curve, we see children make the move from 'bees round the honey pot', following the ball in a huddle, to spread-out positioning that shows they understand the rules and are beginning to read the game. We would encourage parents who are eager for their daughters to become involved in sport to consider joining a local soccer or hockey or rugby club.

Looking Ahead

Primary House Music Practices

Primary House Music practices start on Monday for all girls in Years 3 - 6. Primary House Music is an annual inter-house event where the Year 12 students from each House create and produce a fifteen minute show involving dance, music, singing and acting with the primary girls. Notices will be sent home soon from each House, listing what the girls need to bring. These are costume items that can be found at home. The practices are held on several lunchtimes a week from Monday 16 March until the day of the House Music performances on 8 April. These practices do not affect tennis and touch coaching.

The primary girls sit down to eat their lunch and then, at 12.50pm, the bell rings for them to move to the practice venues. It is a great opportunity for the girls to interact across levels and to work together in performance.

Thursday 19 March

Year 2 Trip to Moore Wilsons

Friday 20 March

Year 2 Trip to the Blueberry Farm and Lindale

Wednesday 18 March – Years 4 - 6

Trip to Capital E 9.00am - 2.15pm

The cost of \$18.50 will be charged to your Incidentals account. Please note there can be no refund if your child is away on the day as this is a pre-paid show.

PRIMARY SPORT

Year 6 T-Ball Exchange with Marsden

On Tuesday Marsden brought the sunshine with them and all the girls came with cheerful attitudes and showed great team skills. The girls played a Round Robin of four 15-minute games followed by a semi-final and final.

Thank you to the Year 6 House Captains who welcomed and thanked the Marsden visitors, our teachers and parent helpers. A special thank you to Mrs Varuhas, Mrs Rogers and Mrs Diamond-Reti who helped prepare the lunch, which was

enjoyed by all the girls. It was great to have so many Chilton parents come and support the girls as they played.

Congratulations to the Chilton Waxeyes: Jessie Boyack, Daisy Hemmingson-White, Niamey Izzett, Lucia Kelly, Maddie Kruger, Shannen McKenzie, and Jane McTaggart who are the 2009 T-Ball Exchange Champions. They played a close final game against the Marsden Shooting Stars, with a final game score of 12-10.

Central Zone Swimming Sports

The following girls have been selected to represent Chilton at the Central Zone Swimming Sports on 24 March:

Laura Bartch, Jaime Belsham, Madison Campbell-Akers, Kristy Freeman, Ruby Heath, Katelyn Kennedy, Lucia Kelly, Amber Kruger, Maddie Kruger, Grace McRobie, Ilesha Reti, Tayla Rogers

The Inter Zone Swimming is on 2 April for girls who place in the top two at the Central Zone Event.

SECONDARY NEWS

Level 1 Accounting – Change of Date

The internal assessment scheduled for Tuesday 24 March will now occur on Tuesday 31 March.

Excursions / Incursions

Level 2 Geography

The Level 2 Geography class will be away all day Wednesday 18 March to complete fieldwork for Assessment 2.5. Students will meet at Waterloo Station at 8.15am to catch the 8.32am train and return on the 2.45pm train, arriving at Waterloo Station at 3.02pm. Students will be dismissed from Waterloo Station. Written permission is required for dismissal at Wellington Station. Students need to bring money for the train fare (fare is \$2.50 each way with School ID), lunch or lunch money, a clipboard and a camera (optional).

Incidental Charges

Levels 2 & 3 Physics NCEA Study Guide

The Levels 2 & 3 Physics text, an ESA study guide, has been issued to all Levels 2 & 3 Physics students. The cost for this is \$22.00 for Level 2 and \$26.00 for Level 3 (which is less than advised in the 2009 course booklet). Students who did not buy their own text will have these amounts deducted from Incidentals accounts.

SECONDARY SPORT

Girls' Zone Athletics

The athletics team performed very well at this meet. The following girls have qualified for the College Sport Wellington Championships:

Sarah Brodie	2 nd Senior 200m
Sophie Burley	3 rd Senior 200m, 3 rd 400m
Emma McBeth	1 st Intermediate 800m
Elise McLroy	1 st Long Jump
	2 nd Intermediate 100m, 200m
Michal Milloy	2 nd Intermediate 400m
Rosie Milloy	3 rd Senior 3,000m
Briar Palmer	1 st Junior 400m
Olivia Poppe	3 rd Junior 100m
Laura Robertson	
	1 st Intermediate 3,000m, 2 nd 1,500m

Holly Houppapa, Laura Lincoln, Alana Marsh and Elise McLroy were members of the winning 4x100m Intermediate Relay team.

Karate

We have received entry information for the Karate Wellington league series on Sunday 22 March. Interested girls should see Mrs Fowler no later than Tuesday 17 March to enter.

Winter sport trials

Netball

Senior 1/2 trial 1

Sunday 8 March, 11.00am-1.00pm

Senior 1/2 trial 2

Thursday 12 March, 4.45pm-6.00pm

Year 11-13 trials

Sunday 15 March, 2.00pm-4.00pm

Year 10 trial 1

Sunday 15 March, 12 noon-2.00pm

Year 10 trial 2

Saturday 21 March, 3.00pm-5.00pm

Year 9 trial 1

Thursday 19 March, 3.45pm-5.30pm

Year 9 trial 2

Saturday 21 March, 1.00pm-3.00pm

Year 8 trial 1

Saturday 14 March, 3.00pm-5.00pm

Year 8 trial 2

Thursday 19 March, 12 noon-1.00pm

Year 7 trial 1

Sunday 22 March, 10.00am-11.30am

Year 7 trial 2

Sunday 29 March, 10.00am-11.30am

Basketball

Years 7 & 8

Thurs 19 & 26 March, 5.15pm-6.30pm

Years 9 & 10

Thurs 19 & 26 March, 5.15pm-6.30pm

Years 11-13

Thurs 19 & 26 March 4.30pm-6.30pm

Years 7 & 8

Sunday 5 April, 3.00pm-4.30pm

Years 9 & 10

Sunday 5 April, 3.00pm-4.30pm

Years 11 - 13

Sunday 5 April, 4.30pm-6.30pm

Hockey

Tuesday 24 & Thursday 26 March from 5.00pm - 7.00pm at Fraser Park Turf.

Achievements

At the National Age Group Swimming Championships **Emily McGill** (Year 11) won four gold medals in 50m, 100m, 200m Breaststroke and 200m Backstroke; two silver medals in 200m IM and 100m Backstroke; and two bronze medals in Club and Regional relay teams.

Olivia Bascand (Year 12) has been selected in the 'Hutt Heat' Waterpolo team to play in the National league.

PERFORMING ARTS

Seraphim Choir

The choir is singing this evening, Thursday 12 March, at 6.00pm at the War Memorial Hall for the launch of a Commemorative Exhibition of Passchendaele – World War One. The choir will assemble at 5.35pm at the venue in Buckle Street.

Young Musicians, 2009

The *Young Musicians* programme recognises and supports our instrumental players and singers who are receiving tuition and who are committed to developing their skills. *Young Musicians* offers extra performing opportunities and opportunities to attend concerts as a group from time to time throughout the year.

Young Musicians Concert

Thursday 7 May in the Chilton Theatre
The following students have been selected for *Young Musicians* in 2009. These students will work towards preparing a variety of solo and/or small group items for the Young Musicians Concert in Term 2 week 2. The **Contempora Choir** and the **Year 9 Music Class** will also present items in this concert.

Young Musicians Year 9

Eliza Benge – Piano, Guitar
Amy Bennett – Voice, Piano
Eddie Brunton – Drums
Samantha Cox – Drums
Emily Fitzmaurice – Flute
Melanie Kinsman – Voice
Michelle Keating – Voice, Piano
Melissa Lo – Voice
Juliette Maurer – Cello, Piano, Voice
Kerry McNulty – Saxophone, Piano
Ellie Neal – Voice, Flute
Kelsey O'Connor – Guitar
Emily O'Shea – Voice
Carly Owen – Voice
Briar Palmer – Drums
Olivia Poppe – Voice, Flute
Daniela Ravera – Voice, Piano
Selina Reichert – Oboe, Voice

Young Musicians, Years 10 & 11

These students will present their concert on **Tuesday 5 May in the Chilton Theatre**, and will also feature a variety of solo and/or small group items:

Year 10

Allegra Canton – Voice
Eleanor Deacon – Violin, Voice
Jessica Williams – Voice, Flute
Sarah Jacobson – Guitar, Voice
Erin Ward – Violin
Michaela Harvey – Piano
Jessica Hayman – Voice
Laura Bushby – Guitar
Hannah Kennedy – Violin
Rose Hu – Piano
Radhika Ravi – Voice
Abbey Sadleir-Boyd – Voice
Megan Whitelaw – Voice

Year 11

Grace Brown – Guitar, Voice, Bass
Genevieve Coleman – Piano, Voice
Kate Fitzmaurice – Piano, Trumpet, Drums
Laura Gaudin – Guitar, Voice
Alison Duncan – Voice
Johanna Thomas – Piano, Voice
Samantha Ansell – Voice
Georgia Quirke-Luping – Voice

Year 9 Music Class

Artsplash Songs CD Recording

The Year 9 Music Class has completed two very successful recording sessions of twelve songs for Artsplash 2009. The CD will be distributed to all participating schools in the greater Wellington region. The singing sounds great. All the girls have shown very pleasing development in their voices, sight-singing skills and overall performance confidence. The experience of a professional recording session helped the girls to really push themselves to higher standards of performance.

Well done to Eliza Benge, Amy Bennett, Brianna Henderson, Michelle Keating, Melissa Lo, Juliette Maurer, Kerry McNulty, Brooke Morris, Ellie Neal Briar Palmer (who also played drums on a couple of tracks), Shayana Patel, Olivia Poppe, Daniela Ravera, Selina Reichert, Bianca Roche, Phillippa Skeet and Peita Tawhara.

Communicating in Leadership Course – a special opportunity for Year 11 students

This year a new initiative has been offered by our Speech and Drama Tutor, Cecily Archer. All Year 11 students have been invited to apply for a place in a new Communicating in Leadership Course available to three students each term. This course is a tremendous opportunity to prepare students for public speaking and future leadership situations.

Tuition is offered free to successful students.

The successful applicants for Term 1 are Samantha Campbell, Genevieve Coleman and Johanna Thomas.

Application forms for Terms 2 and 3 are available from the school office, the Year 11 Dean, Ms Cornel Fuhri, or Head of Music, Mrs Hanify.

We commend this opportunity to Year 11 students, and warmly thank Mrs Archer for implementing the new initiative.

OF INTEREST

Whitby Scout Group invites parents to attend an evening with certified parent/teen coach – Stuart Fleming. This laughter filled and thought provoking evening applauds the efforts of all parents, and fills to bursting their toolbox of teen-survival tips. Strengthened relationships are guaranteed! Learn the seven secrets that successful parents habitually use when dealing with unpredictable teenagers and pre-teens.

Monday 30 March

7.30pm at the Anchor Church in Whitby
Price \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 a couple.

Call Charmaine 234-8900 or email events@whitbyscouts.org.nz to book your tickets today!