



CHILTON

SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

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WEEKLY BULLETIN

From the Principal, Dr Jillian de Araugo

Chilton on the Move

Visitors to the campus and motorists on Waterloo Road will have noticed quite a deal of change at Chilton since last December. The house at 138 Waterloo Road has been demolished and the GR1 classroom has been relocated, in spectacular fashion, to the lawn opposite FitzGerald. Now ready for use, GR1 looks at though it has always been in that spot!

Test piles for the new IST1 building will be driven on Friday and work on upgrading drainage is expected to start at the weekend.

It is an exciting time at Chilton. *Building Excellence*, the Centennial Development Plan was just a concept last year. Now we can see it happening before our very eyes.

Shoppers' Club

Here is a win-win fundraiser for the School. Join Cherrytree 'The Club for Smart Shoppers' enabling you to buy over 360,000 top brand products at wholesale prices. You save money whenever you shop with Cherrytree – so a win for you. Cherrytree will contribute to the School's Centennial Development Fund for every new member – parent, old girl, staff or friend identifying Chilton as their school at the time they register – so a win for us. You can find out more about this shoppers' club, used by 16,000 New Zealanders, on www.cherrytree.co.nz. When you or your friends join please annotate on the application form that you heard about Cherrytree through Chilton Saint James School and in this way help us with the development of the School facilities.

Used Computers

We have a number of Dell Dimension 4700 desktop computers available (complete with CRT monitor, keyboard and mouse). Their specifications are: Pentium 4, CPU speed 2.8 GHz, memory 512 Mb, hard drive 80Gb. The computers are suitable for the demands of school work.

These computers sell on Trade Me for between \$200 - \$300.

A tax deductible donation to the School's Centennial Development Fund will secure one of these computer packages for your home. You will require licensed software to install.

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 busy Waterloo Road gates region a safer place for everyone because of less traffic and better visibility, this has the added benefit of a healthy walk at either end of the day.

As the activity associated with the IST1 building steps up in the coming days and weeks, there will be more traffic around the School in Waterloo Road. This makes it all the more important for you to rethink your arrangements.

Dropping off in Knights Road is a good option to consider. Alternatively, the Waterloo Road fire station forecourt offers a safe drop off spot, convenient access to a pedestrian crossing and good visibility for turning back into the traffic.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday 22 March

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

Monday 30 March

- Parents' Association AGM 7.00pm in the Library

Tuesday 31 March

- Year 7 Parent / Teacher Interviews 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Thursday 2 April

- Years 8 - 13 Parent / Teacher Interviews 5.30pm - 8.30pm

Friday 3 April

- Ugly Shakespeare Performance* Years 7 - 13 English Students 8.40am - 9.45am
- Primary Bring and Buy*

TERM 1 FINISHES

Thursday 9 April

TERM 2 BEGINS

Tuesday 28 April

Enviro Club Tip of the Week

On a per capita base, New Zealand is the 12th highest emitter of green house gas emissions.

Recycling one aluminium can saves enough energy to run a television for three hours, while recycling 40 plastic bottles will run a fridge for an hour. Start recycling!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

In 2009 the School Council has challenged us each to *explore*. There are many ways that we can do this – particularly within the communications area.

To explore new areas within our community the communications notice board, updated weekly, provides students with a range of community and school activities to explore. The variety of free community activities we have available to us each week caters to every interest, background and age group. The School Council has also launched a new initiative – *Try Day*. Over the past two weeks we have had two *Try Days*, in which students have been invited to try percussion and then aerobics during the lunch break.

Exploring is not just about trying new activities – exploring is about gaining new experiences, meeting new people and challenging ourselves. In week 10 the Communications Committee will be selling this year's first edition of the 2009 school magazine – *The Paper Poppy*. With a focus on this term's theme of exploring, the new look newspaper will be sold for \$2.50 with each numbered copy going in the draw to win a \$50.00 movie voucher. In this first edition we will highlight the endeavours of students as we have explored and challenged ourselves in Term 1.

Jodie O'Neill
Communications Captain

Hot Cross Buns

Delicious Brumby's hot cross buns are being sold once again. Order forms must be returned by 1 April. Individual buns are also being sold for \$1.30 on Thursday 2, Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 April so get in quick – these tasty treats are not to be missed.

SCHOOL NEWS

Reporting Absences

From the beginning of Term 2 we will no longer have a separate, dedicated telephone line for absences. Instead, you will be able to leave messages regarding your child's absence on the main office line 566 4089 using the voicemail service. Alternatively you are welcome to email info@chilton.school.nz with details of your child's absence anytime before 9.00am.

Helping Our Community

During 2009 students in Years 7 - 10 will be providing assistance to charitable organisations in the local community. This service work will develop a range of practical skills and also allow our students to understand situations that are often very different from their own.

Some groups will be writing letters, some will be listening to visiting speakers and others will be calling for donations of goods. Already 8Gg has held a successful staff car wash to raise funds for the families affected by the Australian bush fires and on Thursday 26 March, Year 9 will be holding a cake stall and hotdog stand to provide assistance to Barnados.

During the next two terms Year groups will be advertising their ventures in the bulletin and we ask you to support them with goods and by encouraging your daughters to buy items offered for sale.

Year 7's focus is the elderly. They will be knitting blankets to present to rest homes at the end of the year.

Year 8's focus is at present the Australian bush fire victims. Next term they will consider another initiative.

Year 9's will be helping needy families in our community by supporting Barnados.

Year 10 have a varied focus. 10Le will be collecting old blankets and newspapers to support SPCA. 10Bm will be focusing on the needs of families in Women's Refuges. 10Se will be working with Refugee and Migrant groups in the local community. 10Rf will provide service to a World Vision initiative.

Wanted

As mentioned above, the Year 9 students are working alongside Barnados to help families in the Lower Hutt community with their basic needs. The students have been collecting household items needed by these families.

We are looking for the following items and extend an invitation to the wider Chilton community to see if you can help. We are not looking for new items; they can be pre-loved but surplus to your requirements and in good order.

Duvet inners and covers, 2 single beds, waterproof jackets for 2 -14 year olds, vacuum cleaners, board games, books, toasters, blankets and towels. As winter is approaching we are making the bedding and jackets a priority.

Please bring items to the school office labelled Year 9. If you are able to help with some of the larger items please ring Ngaira Sewell on Ext 815 to arrange a drop off. We thank you in advance for your support.

Parents' Association

The next meeting, which will include the AGM, is on 30 March at 7.00pm in the Library. We welcome all families. Tea and coffee will be available.

Entertainment Books will be here next week. This is the major fundraiser for the Parents' Association each year so we would really appreciate it if every student could sell their Entertainment Book. It brought in over \$2,000.00 last year. The books are very good value and offer genuine savings at restaurants, cafes, movie passes and a number of other places. We look forward to your support.

PRESCHOOL

Dramatic and imaginative play is an important part of a child's development. Through this type of play children can relive and clarify the experiences they encounter. It allows them to understand more about the world they live in and the people around them. Dramatic and imaginative play is fun and allows children to drain anxieties and reduce stress.

It is important to understand that there is a difference between dramatic play and imaginative play.

In dramatic play children physically become characters and act out different roles that they experience – for example dressing up in a jacket or dress with a briefcase and be mum or dad going to work. Imaginative play has the same values as dramatic play, but it is different because it involves children using little props to play out situations.

Imaginative play allows children a great deal of freedom to express thoughts and ideas because it can project their feelings through the small props. Our dramatic play corner in Preschool has a variety of 'dress-ups' as we encourage and value this play for our preschoolers.

Reminders!

- Payment for school photographs is now due
- Hot cross bun orders are to be handed in at the front office or to preschool staff.

PRIMARY

Learner Profile: Caring

Caring is more than just being kind to our friends. We care about our parents when we listen to them; we care about our teachers when we match their efforts with our own and do our best work; we care about our classmates when we turn-take and acknowledge their best efforts too; we care about our environment at school and home when we not only take responsibility for our own mess but also pick up after each other because an untidy house is 'things not in their right place', just as litter is 'rubbish that isn't in a bin'. Caring requires good observation skills and the willingness to put oneself out. Caring people notice the needs of others and offer to assist.

Part of being caring is being a good listener. Caring people spend a lot of time and energy listening because it is in listening to others that we understand them. Some psychologists believe that the ability to listen to another person, to empathise with and to understand their point of view is one of the highest forms of intelligent behaviour.

Celebrating a Risk-Taker

Congratulations to Emma Gameson in Year 3Mh who completed the Big Coast over the weekend. This is a challenging 100km bike ride over two days. It begins at Tunnel Gully in Upper Hutt, goes over the Rimutaka Incline and along Lake Wairarapa and Lake Ferry before passing along the coast, past the lighthouse and finishing at Burden's Gate in Eastbourne. Emma showed many of the qualities of the Learner Profile in undertaking this ride with her family.

Making Healthy Lunchboxes Kind to the Environment

Our girls bring healthy lunchboxes to school that nurture their bodies and set them up for a good day at school. Our next step is to make lunchbox contents kind to the environment by using re-usable containers instead of plastic wrappers. Many of our units of inquiry focus on the environment and the need to look after our surroundings as a way to make a positive difference to our world. This is one way girls can take action in a meaningful way and it would be great if you could support their good intentions by minimising the disposable plastic and paper in their lunchboxes.

Looking Ahead

Friday 3 April

Primary Bring and Buy

Please send all contributions to the Primary office.

PRIMARY SPORT

Athletics Achievements 2008

Results for the Inter Zone Athletics held after the end of Term 4 last year.

Lucia Kelly	2 nd Year 5 Long Jump,
	2 nd Year 5 High Jump
Ilesha Reti	2 nd Year 5 100m Sprint
Paige Hodge	2 nd Year 6 High Jump

Year 6 Netball Skills Assessment

There will be two skills assessment sessions held during lunch time on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 March. The girls will need to bring their PE gear for both days.

Touch Rugby Results

Rockets drew 5 - all against Hutt Intermediate.
Arrows lost 4 - 1 to Our Lady of the Rosary.

SECONDARY NEWS

Change of Assessment dates

Level 1 Geography AS 90207 and US 11087

The written assessment will be now be on Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 March.

Year 10 ICT Assessment

Internal assessment US 2792 will now be due on 30 March at 8.30am.

Excursions / Incursions

Black Grace Performance

On Friday 27 March the NCEA Dance students will travel to the Wellington Opera House to view the world renowned Black Grace Dance Company. This is a great opportunity for the girls as this is the company they will be studying in preparation for the dance examination at the end of the year. Students will travel by bus, departing at 11.15am and returning at 1.25pm. A charge of \$18.00 will be incurred for the ticket and transport. This will be charged to Incidentals accounts.

Drama Trips

There are a further two drama trips for Years 11 - 13 in March/April which a number of students will attend. Costs will be charged to Incidentals accounts.

A Brief History of Helen of Troy at Bats Theatre, Kent Tce. Cost \$14.00; students to make their own transport arrangements.

Tuesday 24 March 6.30pm, finish 8.00pm and Wednesday 25 March 6.30pm, finish 8pm.

My Brilliant Divorce at Downstage Theatre, Cambridge Tce: Cost \$17.00; students to make their own transport arrangements.

Tuesday 31 March 6.30pm, finish 8.30pm.

Dances

Students in Years 9 and 10 have been invited to a dance at St Patrick's (Silverstream) on Friday 3 April 2009. Letters will be available from the school office from Wednesday 25 March.

Enviro Club

Chilton has started an Enviro Club! Open to girls from Years 9 - 13 to discuss the effects of global warming, its impact on the earth and practical local action to make a difference. Members will participate in fun activities and help to make Chilton a more environmentally friendly place. If your daughter is interested, please email Fernke and Brittany at enviroclub09@gmail.com.

SECONDARY SPORT

Regional Athletics Championships

Congratulations to the following girls who placed in the College Sport Wellington Athletics Championships:

Elise McIlroy (Year 11)
2nd Intermediate 100m
3rd Intermediate Long Jump
Mikie Milloy (Year 11)
3rd Intermediate 400m
Briar Palmer (Year 9)
2nd Intermediate 300m
Emma McBeth (Year 11)
2nd Intermediate 800m
Laura Robertson (Year 12)
3rd Intermediate 1500m
3rd Intermediate 3000m

Years 7 & 8 Interschool Athletics

Congratulations to the following girls who placed in the Hutt Region Years 7 & 8 Athletics Championships:

Year 8

Kate Plimmer 1st 60m, 1st 400m,
2nd Long Jump, 1st Relay
Tyler Rollo 1st 100m, 1st Long Jump,
2nd Shotput, 1st Relay
Lucy Garner 1st 800m, 1st High Jump,
1st Relay
Rachel Vance 2nd 100m, 2nd 400m,
2nd 800m, 1st Relay
Chelsea Kuiti 3rd Shotput

Year 7

Alana Greve 2nd Long Jump, 3rd relay
Paige Hodge 1st High Jump, 3rd relay
Anna Perrins 3rd relay
Alex Riddle 3rd relay

Dragon Boating

We have two crews at the Wellington Dragon Boating festival this weekend. All supporters are welcome.

Approximate race times are as follows:

Heats: 9.20am
Semi-finals: 11.40am
Finals: from 1.40pm.

Netball trials

Trials remaining are:

Year 9

Saturday 21 March, 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Year 10

Saturday 21 March, 3.00pm - 5.00pm

Year 7

Sunday 22 and 29 March,

10.00am - 11.30am

Final Senior 1/2 trial

Monday 23 March, 4.45pm wet or fine.

Hockey trials

Trials for Years 9 - 13 at Fraser Park Turf are as follows

Tuesday 24 March, 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Thursday 26 March, 5.00pm - 6.30pm.

Football trials

For all players Years 7 - 13 except Social players who are not required to trial:

Wednesday 25 March

3.30pm - 5.00pm on the school field.

Badminton trials

For all players (Years 9 - 13) except Social players who are not required to trial:

Juniors (Years 9 - 10)

Thursday 26 March, 3.30pm - 5.00pm

Seniors (Years 11 - 13)

Monday 23 March, 3.30pm - 5.00pm.

Equestrian Events

We have received entry information for the following Equestrian events:

Monday 27 April

St Matthews Collegiate

Sunday 26 April

Chris Perry Memorial Dressage

Entries for both events need to be to Mrs Fowler by 9 April.

Fitness Circuits

Fitness Circuits will take place in Terms 2 and 3 with Nicole Van Oosterom continuing to take the classes. Timing of the sessions will change to fit in with Nicole's university commitments and these will be advertised shortly. The last fitness circuit for this term will be next Thursday 26 March. Girls will be charged for the sessions that Nicole has taken but not the sessions that Mrs Fowler has taken. Charges will be shown on Incidentals accounts received at the beginning of Term 2.

Winter Polyprops

The school has registered with Netball Hutt Valley a navy blue polyprop top as a part of team uniform for 2009. This would be worn under the school PE top when the weather is very cold. Navy blue is an easily obtainable colour hence the choice and girls will not be permitted to wear another colour or striped versions of polyprops.

Sports Achievements

Laura Robertson (Year 12) and **Elise McIlroy** (Year 11) have been named in the Wellington Secondary Schools Athletics team to compete in the North Island Secondary Schools Championships on 4/5 April.

The following girls placed in the first weekend of the Wellington Athletics Championships:

Lucy Garner (Year 8)

3rd 80m hurdles, 1st relay – 12th grade

Kate Plimmer (Year 8)

1st 80m hurdles, 2nd 200m,

3rd High Jump, 1st relay – 12th Grade

Tyler Rollo (Year 8)

1st 200m, 1st discus, 3rd high jump,

1st relay – 11th grade

Elise McIlroy (Year 11)

1st 200m – 15th grade, 1st relay

PERFORMING ARTS

Managers for Music Groups 2009

Our managers play a vital role in ensuring the high standard of our co-curricular Music and Performing Arts groups at Chilton. They work in partnership with parents to maintain and monitor excellent standards of attendance, without which no group can even begin to succeed. As well, they support Directors with checking standards of uniform, and assisting with communication from time to time. Parents should contact managers in the first instance over matters of attendance.

Our Secondary Managers in 2009 are:

Senior Orchestra: Mrs Lauren Burr

email: lburr@chilton.school.nz

I See Red Choir: Mr Les Bergman

email: lbergman@chilton.school.nz

Seraphim Choir: Mrs Anne Olsen

email: aolsen@chilton.school.nz

Bella Voce Choir:

Ms Marian Gutierrez-Ortuno

email: mortuno@chilton.school.nz

The Seraphim Choir Assistant Manager and Creative Assistant is Mrs Talia Ellis. Mrs Ellis will work with the choir from time to time this year to develop choral choreography, an exciting new direction for the choir.