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WEEKLY BULLETIN

From the Principal, Dr Jillian de Araugo

Science at Chilton

From Civil Engineering to Marine Biology and Medicine, Chilton graduates translate their school science interests and achievements into professional career paths.

Seizing the opportunity to 'run with their passions' in fields that interest them, Years 7 and 8 students build on their primary units of inquiry through the Science Badge programme. Developing their collaborative skills as lifelong learners through the Science Fairs across all year levels, Chilton students gain key competencies from the new national science curriculum. Learning to be resourceful and reliable, they 'manage themselves' as they interact effectively with a diverse range of people to share ideas and 'relate to others'.

Chilton science students consistently display the extent of their excellence at national and international levels. Karen Zhang and Rachel Boswell have each achieved in the top 1% of New Zealanders in the International Competition for Australian Schools (ICAS) for the past two years. Last year, Karen received the highest grade for Year 9 in the country. She was awarded her medal at a special ceremony at Te Papa.

In structured class activity and more independently through their project work, students confidently build the scientific disciplines of researching, planning, investigating, collecting and interpreting data and writing scientific reports. Already this year, senior students have undertaken field trips to Wellington Zoo and the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary as part of their NCEA programmes.

Chilton Old Girl Dr Bridget Ingham, who has returned to New Zealand to work for Industrial Research Limited after a number of years at the Stanford Synchrotron Radiation Laboratory, Palo Alto in the United States, recalls her Chilton science lessons and teachers as having ignited her passion for her discipline of Physics and setting her on her adult pathway.

Since Scholarships began in 2004, the Science Department has been proud of our students' achievements. Last year was no exception with scholarships in Chemistry (Lucy Gloag) and Biology (Mary Furniss).

With the support and guidance of our highly trained and expert staff, Chilton science students continue to excel through to senior levels and extend their talents into their professional careers.

Forthcoming Events

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

2010 Scholarships

We are accepting applications for Academic Scholarships for students entering Years 7, 9 and 12 in 2010 and Sports and Performing Arts Scholarships for students in Years 9 and 12 in 2010.

Information and applications are available from the School Office or can be downloaded from the web under the scholarship tab in 'Getting started'.

Applications close Friday 1 May 2009.

Term 2 Invoices 2009

Statement Dates

Statements invoicing Term 2 Tuition Fees will be posted on Wednesday 8 April 2009 and fall due for payment on Thursday 23 April 2009 unless some other arrangement has been approved by Mrs Rosemary Humphrey, the Director of Finance. Please note that the due date of Thursday 23 April 2009 is the Thursday before school starts for Term 2.

Overdue accounts attract a **\$75 late payment fee**, as set out in the Business Regulations. Following up overdue accounts is a time consuming process and draws our staff away from projects focussed on enhancing the School. Prompt payment of accounts is in everyone's best interests.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

This year, the School Council has introduced a scheme known as *Chilton's Tallest Poppy* for girls in Years 7 - 10. It aims to recognise girls who are best following the Council theme for this year: E2E (Explore, Learn, Perform, Excel). This term the theme is *Explore*, and Year 13 students and teachers nominated girls who have been exploring new opportunities around the school and community, whether it is in sports, subjects, service, the arts or general school life.

Each term's nominees will go forward to the final at the end of year, to find the student who will be crowned as 'Chilton's Tallest Poppy'.

The nominees for Explorer of the Term were:

Years 7 and 8

Emelia Masari

Brigette Young

Rachael Jones – Explorer of the Term

Years 9 and 10

Natasha Makan

Emily Fitzmaurice

Brooke Henderson

Chantelle Piakura-Maoate

Maxine Scheckter – Explorer of the Term

Well done to these girls!

The *Paper Poppy*, the school newspaper, is on sale for \$2.50. Get your copy now for the chance to win a \$50.00 Skycity movie voucher and read about the A - Z of the Ball, 10 Reasons to Hate Twilight and your horoscope for the term.

Thank you to everyone who has ordered delicious Brumby's Hot Cross Buns. We are in the process of tallying House points and ordering them, ready for pick up on Wednesday 8 April.

Anna Forsyth

Deputy Head Girl / Junior Liaison

SCHOOL NEWS

Uniform Shop

We regret to report that the manufacturer has advised us of price increases which will take effect from 9 April.

- All polar fleeces will be \$88.00. Currently Junior fleeces are \$60.80 and Seniors \$80.00.
- PE shorts will be \$55.00, with the exception of Junior sizes 2 and 4 which will be \$40.00. Current prices: Junior \$35.00 and Senior \$45.00.

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 any time before 9.00am.

Parents' Association

Entertainment Books

Students have now been issued with the Entertainment Book. Please ensure you have received your copy. We urge you to buy this book as it is a win/win situation for both you and the school.

PRESCHOOL

With the holidays around the corner you might well be wondering what to do with your child during the school break. How about nurturing your child's senses?

To promote sensory awareness in children, we usually have to overcome our own tendency to *think* about the world around us, instead of experiencing it. We have to become toddlers again and discover wonder in every raindrop, leaf and passing butterfly! Life is what we experience right now through our senses.

Encourage your child to see, taste, smell, hear and feel. Avoid distracting them with questions while they are involved in sensory exploration. If they start to talk, gently turn their attention back to what they are seeing, tasting, smelling, hearing or feeling. Point out that some things are dangerous to sniff or taste.

Following the experience, encourage your child to think and talk about what he/she discovered. Use rich, descriptive vocabulary to describe what they see, taste, smell, hear and feel. Keep in mind, though, that words are poor substitutes for the experience.

Vocabulary and sensory discrimination skills help children appreciate their capacity for sensory experience. Sense-pleasure play involves letting go to become fully involved, then pulling back slightly to reflect on the experience. Children's sense of wonder needs to be nurtured. Children can become so preoccupied with naming and comparing that they stop experiencing.

The work will wait while you show the child the rainbow, but the rainbow won't wait while you do the work.

Anonymous

Reminders

Our morning children will attend the Primary Stations of the Cross Easter Celebration in School House on Thursday morning. We would like all of our *morning* and *afternoon* children to come to school wearing an Easter Bonnet in celebration of Easter on this day.

PRIMARY

Learner Profile: Caring

In the second half of the term we are focusing on the quality of caring. We are talking about what it looks like, sounds like and feels like to care about ourselves, each other and our environment. This is a big concept especially when we realise that washing our hands after we have been to the toilet is a way of caring about ourselves. Standing back at a doorway to allow someone else to pass and picking up litter as one passes are all acts of caring.

For children, caring often means just comforting someone when they are crying and it takes considerable cognitive work to move beyond to a more complex understanding. On Monday Year 3 hosted assembly and presented a play on an issue close to many children's experience: birthday parties and feeling left out when most, but not all, of the class members are invited. Of all the things that can go wrong in a child's school day, not being invited to a birthday party is one of the most hurtful. The Year 3 girls explored how sad this can make us feel and ways that we can care about each other in the context of birthday parties: invite everyone or only invite very few; post the invitations out, e-mail or phone rather than publically handing them out in class. If not everyone is invited, don't discuss the party at school before and after the event because this makes those who were not invited feel left out.

Primary Orchestra

It was wonderful to be part of the audience on Monday, watching and listening to the first public performance of the Primary Orchestra this year. It was great and a testimony to Mrs Scott's inspired musical direction and the girls' commitment. Thank you to the parents who came; it was fabulous that you could make it and your presence added an extra special 'something' to the performance.

Lost Property and Named Belongings

We are in the fortunate position of having no lost property! This is largely thanks to parents who have taken the time to name items of clothing and belongings such as lunchboxes. Thank you, parents! If you have not yet named all your daughter's belongings, please do so soon before Term 2 commences. This is the term that cardigans go astray and it is impossible to identify an unnamed cardigan.

PRIMARY SPORT

Touch Rugby Results

The Arrows played their best game this season, narrowly losing to the Hutt Central Flaming Ferns 2-1. The Rockets had a bye.

This week is finals week – the draw will be on the Sports noticeboard as soon as it is announced.

Netball Teams

Team lists have been put on the Sports noticeboard. Netballers will receive a notice advising them of their team, coach, manager and practice time once the practice times and managers have been confirmed. If you do not wish your phone details to be included on this team list, please email Anna Robertson.

The two Year 5 teams are having their first lunchtime practice on Wednesday 8 April.

A manager is needed for the Years 3 & 4 Dazzlers teams – we would love to hear from a parent who is able to assist. The Years 3 & 4 netball teams require 2 to 4 extra players, so if your daughter has not signed up to play a winter sport and would be available for a weekday lunch time practice and a Saturday game, please email or phone arobertson@chilton.school.nz.

Netball Coaches and Managers Meeting

This will be held on Tuesday 7 April, 3.25pm - 4.00pm to issue team bags and overview the netball season ahead. Please meet in the JC Foyer.

Netball Umpiring Courses

Hutt Valley Netball is offering a block of umpiring classes for school coaches, managers and parents. Umpires would only need to attend one of the three classes available. The sessions are being held at the Taita Netball Courts.

Tuesday 14 April	6.30pm-8.30pm
Wednesday 15 April	6.30pm-8.30pm
Thursday 16 April	6.30pm-8.30pm

Wellington Children's Athletics Championships

Olivia Seymour (Year 4) was a member of the winning 8-year-old 4x100m Relay Team.

Narmadha Lawrence (Year 6) made the final cut of eight competitors in the Shot Put, with her throw of 6.11m.

Netball Holiday Programme

Hutt Valley Netball is running coaching sessions during the holidays. The sessions run from Monday 20 April to Friday 24 April at the Taita Netball Courts. There are Fun Ferns sessions for Years 3 & 4 from 9.00am - 10.30am, cost \$40.00, and Mini Ferns for Years 5 & 6 from 11.00am - 1.00pm, cost \$60.00. Girls who are interested in attending can collect a registration form from Mrs Robertson.

SECONDARY NEWS

Excursions / Incursions

The University of Otago Sheliah Winn Shakespeare Festival Regional competition is to be held in Wellington this coming Monday 6, Tuesday 7 and Wednesday 8 April. Chilton has entered two groups into the student directed 15-minute section of the competition. One group will perform on Monday 6 April and one group will perform on Wednesday 8 April. The entry fee of \$5.00 will be charged to each girl's Incidentals account.

The competition is held at Wellington East Girls' College Hall. The competition starts at 7.00pm and tickets are \$8.00 adults and \$5.00 students. Door sales are available for each night. All welcome.

Library

Student Librarians

Student librarians were acknowledged in assembly on Monday. The full team consists of the following girls:

Year 13

Tania Jacob, Yukti Vyas, Lucia Waiker, Grace Wolyncewicz (Head Librarian)

Year 12

Ushana Jayasuriya, Charlotte Kerr, Gemma McIlroy, Radhika Palepu, Elisabeth Pointon, Brigitte Ravera, Leanne Soo, Emma Tuohy, Natalia Waiker

Year 11

Laura Gaudin, Soing Kim, Johanna Thomas, Melanie Ward

Year 10

Shweta Barapatre, Priyanka Bhula, Alexandra Fink, Darshana Patel, Sarah Spicer, Danella Young, Gabrielle Young, Karen Zhang

Year 9

Denise Chow, Russyl Gilling, Abbie Hening, Hana Khan, Natasha Reid, Maxine Scheckter, Rebecca Tresidder, Aneri Vyas, Laura Young

Year 8

Rebecca Carruth, Rachael Jones, Emelia Masari, Maddison Rigden, Holly Smith, Bryony Thorne, Brigitte Young
Congratulations to these students.

Kids' Lit Quiz

The following girls have been selected to represent Chilton at the regional heats of the Kids' Lit Quiz: Rhiannon Forbes (7Wh), Lauren Hansen (7Ms), Rachael Jones (8CI), Alex Riddle (7Wh).

The competition is on Wednesday 8 April at The Street City Church Auditorium, 9 Hania Street, Wellington. The students will be transported by car to and from the event by the Library Manager, Mrs Marshall. The students are to wear

formal uniform and take a packed lunch, morning tea and water bottle. They are to attend form time at the beginning of the day, then meet Mrs Marshall in the library. They will return to school at around 1.45pm. There is no cost for this excursion. Contact Mrs Marshall, 566-4089, smarshall@chilton.school.nz for further information.

SECONDARY SPORT

Achievements

Elise McIlroy (Year 11) competed in the W16 grade at the Athletics NZ Track & Field Champs in Wellington at the weekend. With personal best times, she placed 3rd in the 'B' final of the 100m, was a semi-finalist in the 200m and was a member of the Wellington 4 x 100m relay team receiving a bronze medal.

Wellington School of Cricket Holiday Programmes

13 - 17 April and 20 - 24 April
Wellington School of Cricket Indoor Facilities (Mana, Hutt Rec and Westpac Stadium)
Register online at www.cricketwellington.co.nz or email asoka@firebirds.co.nz

Enviro Tip of the Week

Using a leaf blower emits as much green house gas in an hour as a car does in five, so use a rake instead.

PERFORMING ARTS

Senior Orchestra, Chamber Music Groups and Drum Corps Workshop Monday 27 April, 9.30am - 12.00pm

All members of the Senior Orchestra, Chamber Music Groups and Drum Corps will have a special workshop on Monday morning, the day before the first school day of Term 2. This will give preparation for the Chamber Music Competition and Instrumental Music Concert scheduled for later in the term. Specialist tutors will work with the groups.

Seraphim Choir Workshop Monday 27 April, 1.00pm - 3.30pm

The Seraphim Choir will work with guest tutor Fiona McCabe at the workshop which will be an important part of our preparation for the Big Sing Wellington Regional Choral Festival.

Big Sing Wellington Regional Choral Festival, Thursday 4 June Day and Evening Sessions

I See Red, Seraphim and Contempora Choirs

These choirs will participate in this hotly contested choir competition. All choir members will perform in the competitive day sessions and again in the Evening Gala Concert for all choirs. Parents and students are reminded to mark this important date in your diaries and to make all necessary arrangements to ensure your daughter is organised to attend the Evening Gala Concert. Further details on ticketing will be given next term.

We thank parents for helping ensure the excellent attendance at rehearsals of choir members in all our choirs in Term 1 and look forward to this continuing.

Kapa Haka Group

A Chilton Kapa Haka group, co-ordinated by Ms Janie Tito, is resuming. Practices will run on Thursday or Friday lunchtimes in School House. Activities will include Te Reo, Waiata, Poi, Weaving and other activities. Specialist tutors will work with the group from time to time. New members from Years 7 - 13 are very welcome. All students should see Ms Tito, Ms Gale or Mrs Hanify to register their interest.

Barbershop Groups

This year two quartets and a Year 10 Chorus will contest the Barbershop Regional Competition to be held on Saturday 23 May. Our quartets are:

Olivia Bascand, Shannon Lindsay,
Lucy Sewell, Femke Van Schoonhoven

Claudia Culpan, Joey Haynes,
Charlotte Hoffman, Amy Johnston.

Primary House Music

Our Year 12 students have been working over the past three weeks to prepare their Primary Houses for the Primary House Music Competition – an exciting event of singing, dance and instrumental accompaniment and a long standing Chilton tradition. The event is a great opportunity to build links between the primary and secondary students, and offers Year 12 opportunities for developing leadership, initiative and creativity while having a lot of fun along the way!

Easter Service Music

The Easter Service is a special occasion which offers students an opportunity to reflect on the mystery of Holy Week, Good Friday and Easter. The Bella Voce Choir, I See Red, Seraphim Choir and the Senior Orchestra will all present music to support this liturgy which will be held on the last day of term, which is Maundy Thursday.

Concerts in Term 2 – Week 2

Young Musicians Concert - Year 9:
Tuesday 5 May, 7.00pm Chilton Theatre
Young Musicians Concert - Years 10 - 11:
Thursday 7 May, School House
Music Academy Concert Years 12 - 13:
Friday 8 May, Chilton Theatre

Students are expected to be putting in solid, regular practice to prepare for these concerts, which are also an opportunity for NCEA assessment for some students.

Drum Corps

The Senior Drum Corps is working towards performances for Artsplash and the Chamber Music Competition.

Members of the Corps are:
Madeline Sherwood King (Leader),
Brittany Hughes, Eustacia Hughes,
Amy Johnson, Katrina Lees, Rhiannon Podmore and Chenice Whearty.

A new manager, Ms Reta Snelling, has been appointed to support the Corps who are tutored by Maurice Phillips.

Achievements

Jessica Williams has successfully auditioned for the chorus of *The Yeoman of the Guard*, in the Wellington Gilbert and Sullivan Society semi-professional production.