



# CHILTON

## SAINT JAMES SCHOOL

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### From the Principal, Dr Jillian de Araugo

#### Greenwood Opening

The rain held off long enough on Tuesday for the whole school and a large gathering of friends, neighbours and supporters to celebrate the official opening of Greenwood by The Honourable John Key, Prime Minister of New Zealand and blessing by The Right Reverend Dr Thomas Brown, Bishop of Wellington.

While guests enjoyed a Devonshire tea in the marquee on the Front Lawn the Prime Minister was grilled by members of Year 4 as part of their enquiry into Rules and Authority. Having access to an expert on this topic was a wonderful follow up to their field trip to Parliament the day before. Questions ranged from what's the difference between a Bill and legislation? through to how hard do you work in a week? and how old are you?. Roving reporters from the Chilton student newspaper The Slippery Fish managed to nab the PM for an interview so we can expect an insightful report on that later in the term.

*Building Excellence*, our master plan for the development of the Chilton campus over the next decade or so was launched in 2008, at our 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party. The result of extensive research, it identified Chilton's future in terms of: curriculum direction, teachers' development and learners' needs into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. At a purely physical level, *Building Excellence* established the facilities that would be needed to support these needs. In collaboration with those who will be creating our future, *Building Excellence* maps out a coherent vision for learning, growing and being at Chilton Saint James School.

On Tuesday we celebrated the completion of stages 1 and 2 of our fifteen-part strategic plan - on time, on budget and within 18 months of that 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party. This achievement is the culmination of a remarkable generosity of spirit and collaboration.

The support of our neighbours was instrumental in gaining Resource Consent from the Hutt City Council for our masterplan. Bruce Warden Architects interpreted their space and function briefs to create a modern learning facility which maintains our heritage through the turn of the 19<sup>th</sup> century feel and look of Chilton while, at the same time, establishing our 21<sup>st</sup> century outlook. Our architects have ensured that the new Greenwood will be a key statement for Chilton on Waterloo Road.

Contractors Armstrong Downes, mindful of our need to keep the bulk of the school operating as normal while one major part of it was a building site, worked with us collaboratively and professionally in the face of the safety and public relations issues that the project has posed.

We are grateful for the support of the school community, both financial and moral. Donors to the Centennial Development Fund, the organisers of The Big Event and members of the Fundraising Committee can all feel delighted with the fruits of their generosity. A most particular mention must be made of the Old Girls' Association. Both the Auckland and Wellington branches have been generous in their support. The gift to the school of the Helen Watt bequest by the Old Girls' Association was most welcome and in recognition of this gift The Helen Watt Laboratory will bear her name into the future.

Members of staff have endured dislocation and difficult fracturing of shared spaces in order for the plan to proceed. Their forbearance has been appreciated and we are delighted that they have been able to return on campus to more convenient, appropriate and comfortable quarters this year. One would have to go far to find a more dedicated, value-add team of staff than the ones at Chilton. The school motto is *Possumus* - 'We are able'. That is all well and good. However it is the model given by the staff and the support of the staff which brings this motto to life for the girls of the school.

#### Forthcoming Events

##### Sunday 7 March

##### Wellington Secondary Schools' Dragon Boat Festival

Postponed from last week due to the Tsunami alert. (Further details P2)

##### Monday 8 March

Year 13 Mentors' Breakfast  
Celebrating International Women's Day  
Hutt Golf Course 7.00am

##### Thursday 11 March

Junior School TRYathlon  
1.30pm-2.30pm Years 4-6

##### Friday 12 March

Artsplash CD Recording Choir  
Extra recording date

3.40pm – 5.20pm Afternoon tea provided

##### Wednesday and Thursday 17 March and 18 March

Preschool Parent/Teacher Interviews  
4.00pm-7.30pm

##### Thursday 18 March

Summer Sports Exchange  
Chilton vs St Matthew's  
Years 9-13 – All Day  
St Matthew's School

## SCHOOL NEWS

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### Uniform Shop

Due to unforeseen staff circumstances the shop will **only** be open on Tuesday's 12.00pm- 4.30pm until further notice.

### Monday 8 March

#### International Women's Day

Year 13 Mentors' Breakfast  
"Equal rights, equal opportunities: Progress for all." On 8 March we are given a chance to celebrate these ideas as it is International Woman's Day, a day for global celebration for the economic, political and social achievements of woman. It is also a day for reflection; as we think about the struggle that women had to gain these rights, and the struggle that women still continue to go through today. The fact that there are places around the world where women aren't considered equals should open our eyes to how fortunate we Chilton girls are to live in a society where we have equal rights and equal opportunities.

Rhiannon Podmore

#### Parents' Association

All parents are invited to our AGM on March 8 at 7.00pm in the library. If you are interested RSVP Elizabeth Plowman [t.eplowman@xtra.co.nz](mailto:t.eplowman@xtra.co.nz). Nominations for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer can be sent to Beth Holden [bethholden@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bethholden@xtra.co.nz). The following changes to the Parents' Association Constitution are being proposed for consideration, to be ratified at the AGM. The purpose of these changes is to ensure the language within the document is consistent, and to bring our communication into line with the technology available through the School.

Paragraph 7(b)i) **Remove:** ...provided that the individual nominated is present at the meeting.

Paragraph 18(a) **after:** ... at least two newspapers circulating in the district in which the Parents' Association operates **Add** and/or either the School newsletter or the School website.

Paragraph 22(a) **Remove:** If any vote is tied the motion will be lost.

Paragraph 23(b) **Replace with:** The quorum at any Committee meeting shall be a number equal to or greater than fifty percent of the prevailing Committee members.

Paragraph 26 **Replace:** ..Organisation **With:** ...Association.

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Junior School is quiet at the moment with Years 1 to 6 involved in Education Outside The Classroom. Every student involved will be taking a risk in some form or other, whether it is being away from home for the first time, riding a unicycle, riding on the flying fox, performing at the camp concert or just having the courage to ask lots of questions. For our preschoolers the absence of the older girls has given them the opportunity to use the whole playground at break time and play on the adventure playground.

It is the repetition of such experiences throughout their early years, taking risks and challenging themselves that creates strong and capable boys and girls. For all it has meant a growth in self-esteem and the satisfaction that they can do it!

#### LunchTime Activities

From Week 6 onwards students from Years 11 to 13 will lead lunchtime activities on the field with Year 1-6 students. The activities will begin at 1.00pm after the girls have finished eating lunch. Participating in activities on the field is optional. Ms Elligson will also introduce Ultimate Frisbee to our Years 5-6 girls beginning Wednesday 10 March. In order to give all of our students the opportunity to play on the field we have rostered play times for the girls.

Monday Years 1-2

With Charlotte Kerr, Kendall Bushby  
Hannah Dellow, Natalia Waiker

Tuesday Year 3

With Mihika De Silva, Courtney Macris

Wednesday Years 5-6

With Ms Elligson, Ashleigh Chesterfield  
Maya Wren

Thursday Year 4

With Morgan Falloon, Nicole Henderson  
Jess Williams

Friday Years 5-6

With Krishna Gandhi, Hayley Stevenson

#### Year 6 T Ball Exchange

On Wednesday 10 March Year 6 students travel by bus to Samuel Marsden Collegiate to take part in a T Ball Exchange. The students will play in a round robin of games followed by lunch. Cost of \$7.50 will be charged to Incidental Accounts.

#### Student Achievements

Jaime Belsham took part in the annual Matiu Somes Island to Petone Beach Swim on Saturday. She successfully completed the 3.4 km event in a time of 2 hours 45 mins. Morgan Belsham swam in the same event as part of a relay team.

## SECONDARY NEWS

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### Year 7 Parents

Come and join us at the Year 7 Splash! We have Naenae pool booked from 6.30pm to 8.30pm on Saturday 13 March. The inflatable will be out, the tube will be zooming and the sausages sizzling on the BBQ. This is a great opportunity for old and new Chilton parents to get together and have some fun. Cost is \$15 per family. If you fancy joining us, please email Jo Bartch at [jo.bartch@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jo.bartch@xtra.co.nz) or call on 021 965 525 as soon as possible to find out more!

### Incidental Charges

#### Economics

Level 1 and 2 students will incur an Incidental charge of \$20 for their workbooks.

## SECONDARY SPORT

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### Dragon Boating

Many thanks to everyone who came along to support the Dragon Boat Festival teams on Sunday. Whilst it was a shame the racing was abandoned it was a good decision based on the information that was to hand in regards to the tsunami. Racing has been re-scheduled for this Sunday so come down and support the girls again. First race is at 9.00am and all team members must be at Frank Kitts Park by 8.00am.

### Sports Directories

Summer Sports Directories are now available. They will be distributed to players through team managers.

### Winter Sports Registrations

Girls have been asked to confirm their winter sports registrations. This can be done by checking the Jubilee Centre Noticeboard. Girls may add their name or cross their name off at this stage. Girls' trialling for Netball and Football have been asked to write their preferred trialling positions next to their name. This must be completed no later than Monday 8 March. Trial dates for all other winter codes will be advised shortly.

### Coaches, Managers and Umpires

We are short of coaches and managers and umpires in almost all winter codes. If you are able to assist please contact Ann Fowler as soon as possible ([afowler@chilton.school.nz](mailto:afowler@chilton.school.nz)).

## Netball trials

The following are the Netball trial dates and times. Please note there have been some changes and one notable one is that the Year 8 trial this weekend has been cancelled and the trial on Saturday 13 March is now at 1.00-2.30pm.

### Premier Squad Trials:

Saturday 6 March 3.00-5.00pm

**Sunday 14 March 4.30-6.30pm**

### Year 11-13 Trials

Saturday 20 March 3.00-5.00pm

Sunday 28 March 3.00-5.00pm

### Year 10 Trials

**Sunday 7 March 9.00 - 10.30am**

**Sunday 21 March 5.00 - 6.30pm**

### Year 9 Trials

Saturday 13 March 3.00-5.00pm

Saturday 27 March 3.00-5.00pm

### Year 8 Trials

**Sunday 7 March 10.30-12.00pm**

**Saturday 13 March 1.00-2.30pm**

### Year 7

Sunday 21 March 3.00-5.00pm

Saturday 27 March 3.00-5.00pm

## Sports Achievements

### Yachting

Courtney Macris (Year 13) placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Wellington School Regatta in the Starling Class.

### Orienteering

Laura Robertson (Year 13) has been named in the New Zealand Junior team to compete in the 2010 Junior World Orienteering Championships in Aalborg, Denmark in July. Julia McMillan (Year 13) has been named in the same team as non-travelling reserve.

### Touch

The Senior Touch team made the final of the College Sport Wellington Senior Regional Tournament last week. The results were

Vs Tawa Collage 8-0 win

Vs St Oran's 8-0 win

Vs Samuel Marsden 4-2 win

Vs St Mary's 3-0 win

Vs Otaki (final) 2-4 loss

### Triathlon

Congratulations to the girls who competed in the College Sport Wellington Triathlon. Results were:  
Individuals

Freya Hawes 5<sup>th</sup> Junior Girl

Rachel Vance 6<sup>th</sup> Junior Girl

Georgia Hurley 13<sup>th</sup> Junior Girl

Lucy Grenfell 7<sup>th</sup> Senior Girl

### Teams

Emma Clarke, Lucia Kelly,  
Olivia McCormack 1<sup>st</sup> Junior team

Dina Clark, Michelle Sasse,  
Maddy Thomas-Beck,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Junior team

Olivia Bascand, Lucy Garner,  
Julia McMillan,  
2<sup>nd</sup> Senior team

## PERFORMING ARTS

### Kapa Haka 2010

We are pleased to announce that the 2010 Kapa Haka group will be led by Chilton teachers Ms Mary Winiata, Miss Hester Ruffell and Mrs Delwyn Mackenzie. To meet on Friday at lunchtimes, the group plans to access specialist tutoring from Whitireia senior Performing Arts students, as part of their graduate programme.

### Opening of Greenwood

The Seraphim Choir and members of Senior orchestra provided items and background entertainment at the opening of Greenwood Wing. Many very positive comments were received from those who attended the event, including the Prime Minister and members of his entourage. Well done to our choristers and instrumental musicians.

### Artsplash CD Recording Choir – Extra Recording Date Friday 12 March

This choir has made excellent progress learning the 12 Artsplash songs. The choir will record the songs on Friday 5 March and also on Friday 12 March from 3.40pm – 5.20pm. Afternoon tea will be provided.

### International Arts Festival

Last week twenty-two members of the Senior orchestra attended the dress rehearsal of the Mahler 8 Symphony. To experience an orchestra of approximately 100 players (the NZSO and Vector orchestras) and a massed choir of 300 singers (the combined forces of the Christchurch City Choir and the Wellington Orpheus Choir), as well as eight top international class vocal soloists, combining to perform one of the most admired orchestral works ever written was an exhilarating, moving and unforgettable experience.

## Achievements

Brittany Jenks Year 8 - High Distinction and a score of 98% in Grade 1 Piano

### New Zealand School of Music – Victoria and Massey Universities Music Academy and Young Musicians Programmes 2010

These programmes offer extension opportunities for talented, committed Secondary school level students in Music. This year Jessica Williams, Year 12, has successfully auditioned for a place in the NZSM Music Academy Voice programme.

Narmadha Lawrence, Year 7, will participate in the Young Musicians Chamber Group programme, on piano.

### Saturday 13 March St James Church Gala 11.00am – 3.00pm

St James Church invites the Chilton community to assist in this fundraiser. We are asking girls to bring 'as new' toys, games, jewellery etc that they no longer need to the box in the Year 13 Common Room. These items will be used for games and prizes. Please have a look around your house for something you may be able to contribute. Your help would be appreciated.

### Lower Hutt Police Station Open Day Sunday 7 March 2010

10am till 1.30pm

Come along and check out.....

- the Station & Cell block
- Armed Offenders Squad
- Dog Section
- Motorbikes - Cars & Prison Vans
- Fingerprints
- Police Museum
- Police Communications
- Victim Support Sausage Sizzle

Please use the Raroa Road entry for open day.

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