

1 April 2010

Raroa blitzes the field in Athletics again! ...

At the inter Intermediate Schools' Athletics Sports held at Newtown Park last week, Raroa athletes excelled. Not only did Raroa win again (second year in a row), but they again won by a massive 45 points from the second placed school, Maidstone Intermediate, with Tawa Intermediate 3rd.

Results:

Year 8

Sione Talaitupu – 1st High Jump, Long Jump, Vortex, 100m, 200m, 4 x 1 Relay

Noah Billingsley – 1st 800m, 1500m, 1st 4 x 1 Relay

Joseph Bowden – 1st Discus

Jack Belchambers – 1st 4 x 1 Relay

Phoebe Anderson – 1st 800m, 1500m

Lisa Gaiduch – 1st Long Jump

Zac Donaldson - 1st 4 x 1 Relay

Year 7

Karl Brownlie – 1st 800m, 1500m

Thomas Peoples – 1st Discus

Jordan Soderberg - 1st 4 x 1 Relay

Calvin Harrison – 1st 100m, 200m, Long Jump, 4 x 1 Relay

Lochie Paton – 1st High Jump

Grayson Whitman - 1st 4 x 1 Relay

Benson Wilde - 1st 4 x 1 Relay

New Wellington Records were achieved by Phoebe in the 800m and the 1500m, Noah in the 1500m, Sione in the Long Jump and High Jump, Lochie in the High Jump and the Year 8 boys relay team took more than 2 seconds off the previous record. Amazing!

Thanks to Mr Matt Tilley, Mr Craig Nelson, Ms Kelly Herbert, Ms Biss More and Mr Shane Lavery for helping to prepare the team.

MAJOR FUNDRAISER

Each term we have a different fundraiser. Because Term 1 was short, and there were camps, we didn't run a fundraiser ... BUT in Term 2 we will have 'The Huge Chocolate Sale Extravaganza'. Selling chocolate is a major fundraiser for us. Last year we made around \$20,000 from this fundraiser. This year we hope to do even better. In week 1 of the new term, students will be given Cadbury Chocolate bars to sell. Over the course of the following two weeks, we hope students will be able to sell one or two boxes of Cadbury products.

Last year we were able to purchase laptops and computer equipment with the money raised. This year we want to start fundraising for a new and expanded Astro Turf on the bottom field. During winter the bottom field is boggy and can't be used. With an Astro Turf there, we would be able to use it for soccer, hockey, basketball and netball.

This fundraiser will help us to achieve this goal, hopefully within the next two years.

Please support your young person in this major fundraising effort.

END of TERM 1

It doesn't seem like 9 weeks ago I was welcoming Year 7 students to Raroa, but it is. I congratulate them on settling in so well, showing their enthusiasm and auditioning for the numerous teams, events and groups we have operating at Raroa.

I wish all of our students a relaxing Easter break and hope to see them back refreshed and ready for more exciting learning opportunities in Term 2.

Don't eat too many Hot Cross Buns and Easter Eggs!

The school is closed tomorrow, Good Friday, and re opens for Term 2 on Monday 19 April.

CAMPING

Our EOTC programme for Term 1 has now been completed with all classes attending a four day camp. I would like to thank all parents who volunteered their time to help at one of these camps, for without them, the camps could not eventuate. I know our young people really appreciated their time at camp and would also like to thank the parents who helped. I know I enjoyed my four days with Room 13 last week.

If you have not yet completed the payment of the camp fee, your prompt payment would be appreciated. Thanks to those of you who have paid in full or have arranged automatic payments; we appreciate that.

CRICKET

The Raroa Boys Cricket 1st X1 started their defence of the Wellington Title by playing both of their pool games in the past 2 weeks. Our first game was against St Marks. Batting first we managed 181 off our 20 overs with major contributions from: Calvin Harrison 71no; Michael Gardiner 25 and Joseph Bowden 20. St Marks could only manage 66 in reply. The wickets were shared around although Dylan Wood grabbed 3 wickets off his bowling. On Monday we played our second and final pool game vs Newlands Intermediate at their school grounds. We again batted first and this time reached 198 off our 20 overs with major contributions from: Joseph Bowden 67no; Daniel Pile 31 and Max Christie 27no. In reply, Newlands were restricted to 66 – 8 off their 20 overs. So a good start to the Milo Cup and we look forward to the Wellington quarterfinals and beyond. *Calvin Harrison (Captain)*.

RAROA NETBALL TOURNAMENT 2010

We had a great turn out on Sunday and the weather fined up for us just in time. Thank you to all who participated, we hope you got to know your teams and had fun. Special thanks to Dave Molony for his help on the BBQ; Sue Bull, Michelle Molony and Jacinta Saeki for the great range of cupcakes they baked; and the parents and volunteers who diligently umpired all the games. Once again a great tournament couldn't be had without the organisation of the Netball Committee in conjunction with the School and Volunteer helpers. Heres to a good netball season to come. *Helen Appleton*

EARLY DISMISSAL – 2.00 pm, Monday 3 May

This is an early notice to inform you that students will be dismissed early on Monday 3rd May. On this day teachers belonging to the NZEI are entitled to attend a Paid Union Meeting. As most of our staff are NZEI members, the school will be closed for normal instruction from 2.00pm. Students will be dismissed at 2.00pm. We will arrange for the normal buses to be at school at this time. Some limited supervision may be available to parents who cannot arrange supervision on this afternoon. Please put this to me in writing if you wish your child to be supervised.

This is the meeting that was postponed in Term 1.

WHANAU HUI

We have a Whanau Hui planned for early Term 2 – Wednesday 28 April at 6.00pm in the staffroom. All whanau welcome.

HOME & SCHOOL

Thanks to those of you who attended our meeting in Term 1. I know it clashed with the Netball meeting. The Term 2 meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 May at 7.00pm in the staffroom. It would be good to see some new parents of Year 7 students. At this meeting, we hope to start preparatory work on this year's Galaroa.

BOARD of TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Nomination forms need to be returned by noon on Friday 23 April, with a brief resume.

The poll for elections closes on Friday 7 May. Voting forms for this will be sent out by mail as close as possible after the 23rd.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April

Mon 19 Term 2 starts
Tues 27 Year 8 Girls – Gardasil Vaccination
Wed 28 Whanau Hui – 6.00pm in the staffroom

May

Mon 3 Paid Union Meeting. Students dismissed at 2.00pm
Tues 4 Home & School meeting – 7.00pm in the staffroom
Tues 11 School Photos
Tues 18 School Cross Country
Wed 19 Rugby 7s – postponement date Friday 21

Kind regards

Kevin Ryan
Principal
principal@raroa.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Cross Country for Kids – Olympic Harriers

Does your child love cross country running or want to get fit for the winter sports season? Olympic Harriers is holding its introduction and opening day on Saturday 27 March at 1pm at Alex Moore Park in Johnsonville. Training days start at Alex Moore Park the first Tuesday of term 2 from 4pm to 5pm or 5pm to 6pm. Contact Jo Murray on jo@kellysports.co.nz or 2329409 for more info or check out our website www.olympicharriers.org.nz. We're a family club so welcome all ages from 5 years old and above. We are also holding our first Porirua City Scenic Fun Run or Walk around the spectacular Whitireia Peninsula on Sunday 18 April. Starts and finishes at Onepoto Park. There is a kids' 1km fun run which you can enter on the day. Details on our website.

Kelly Sports Holiday Indoor Soccer Tournament

We are running a year 7 and 8 indoor soccer tournament at Porirua Indoor Sports from 1.30pm to 4.30pm on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th of April during the school holidays. Enter as a team of five or six. For an enrolment form or more info contact Jo Murray on jo@kellysports.co.nz or 232 9409 or go to our website www.kellysports.co.nz.

Kiwi Kids Learn ~ A new educational magazine has been launched for parents and caregivers to support their children to be all they can be. Kiwi Kids Learn is a fantastic resource and full of useful information to use with school age or preschool children. Kiwi Kids Learn also includes two sections specifically for kids. There is a dedicated 8-page lift-out for the kids with activities and games. There is also a section within the magazine for students to 'showcase' their work to the rest of New Zealand. To find out more or to order a copy go to www.kiwikidslearn.yolasite.com

ARTSIGHT TERM TWO AND APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART CLASSES Artsight offers a range of inspiring and educational term and holiday art classes for kids and teens and adults. Classes are held in a large studio at Toi Poneke, Abel Smith St, Wellington and taught by accomplished tutors.

For more information and to book go to: www.artsight.co.nz or contact Fiona Sullivan: 021 786629, 3862908 or fiona@artsight.co.nz

HELIPRO are having an open day on the 10th April 2010. This open day is in support of the *Child Cancer Foundation* and proceeds on the day will be going to the foundation. We will be having a sausage sizzle, discounted joy flights and helicopters set up for the children to look through and have photos taken etc, Fergs Kayaks will also be involved offering discount for rock climbing .

Danielle Leonard, HELIPRO Wellington, Phone: 4721550, Fax: 472 1440, Email: wellington@helipro.co.nz
Website: www.helipro.co.nz

Laserforce has moved to 133 Tory Street at the end of the Warehouse in the Tory Street Complex. We have the same phone number and email so get in quick to book the amazing \$10 per player sessions every week day of the school holidays. Session times are 10am-12.30pm or 1pm-3.30pm. That's 2 ½ hours of entertainment for the crazy price of \$10 per player! We have a new custom built Laserforce maze and new targets to find.

Also plenty of video and arcade games to play inclusive of the \$10 price! AMAZING VALUE!

Bring in a group of friends or your family for some fun at the New and Improved

Laserforce. Look forward to hearing from you to book your session. Kristy Marment, Laserforce Wellington.

Phone 3844 622. www.laser-force.co.nz

Kids have fun at Craft House! - Don't miss out! Book now for our April Holiday Classes! Mornings, afternoons, all day or all week affordable options available for ages 4 – 15yrs. Call Craft House on 04 499 4499 for more information, email Info@CraftHouse.co.nz or visit our website at www.crafthouse.co.nz

David Roberts, Craft House Limited, 47 - 53 Hutt Road, Thorndon.

Parent Help – For Parent & Family Support – You are needed!

Our 24 hour telephone support line helping families with parenting concerns is looking for: Volunteer Telephone Support Workers. Enhance your listening skills and build your knowledge and confidence on parenting issues.

Be part of a team offering advice, support and a listening ear to parents, caregivers, family/whanau, and community agencies. Calls taken from your own home day or evening or in our office during business hours. Full training provided Starting 21st April 2010. Are you interested?

Contact us on 802-5767 or admin@parenthelp.org.nz www.parenthelp.org.nz

Wellington Circus Trust is offering some great circus courses during the April school holidays: [102IKC Kids Circus Intensive 3-5pm 12-16 April](#). This course is for beginners and kids who have been training with Capital E Kids Circus. The course helps children develop their circus skills and confidence over a 1-week intensive course. The class is ideal for kids who enjoy circus aerials and acrobatics and who want to build confidence and have heaps of fun.

Some juggling, hula hoop, rollabola and unicycle will be included but the primary development focus will be acrobatics and aerials. The cost of this course is \$125 or \$110 if paid by 6 April. Other courses are available for adults... so your entire family can run off and join the circus!

If you have any questions about courses or how to enroll please contact Alice at Wellington Circus Trust info@circus.org.nz. There are other great courses available during the April Circus Intensive week and they can all be viewed at www.circus.org.nz. Peter Campbell, B.A.(Hons), Press Officer, Wellington Circus Trust.

Khandallah Tennis & Squash Club UPCOMING SCHOOL HOLIDAY TENNIS CAMPS

10% FAMILY DISCOUNT

LEVEL	TIMES	DATES	WEEKLY COST
JACKAROOS (Beginners)	9 – 12pm	6th – 9th April 12th – 15th April (4days)	\$150
A strong focus will be on developing fundamental perceptual motor skills. We spend each day developing the technique on a different stroke and progress into fun drills and games.			

LEVEL	TIMES	DATES	WEEKLY COST
RISING STARS (Intermediate)	1 – 4pm	6th – 9th April 12th – 15th April (4days)	\$150
We focus on developing serve and rally consistency, learning these skills through dynamic drills and pressure point scenarios.			

To register or for further information on our winter coaching structure please contact Trans Tasman Tennis:
P: (04) 479 1386 E: transtasmantennis@xtra.co.nz