

14 May 2010

Thanks for making our Chocolate Fundraiser a success!

Our chocolate fundraiser is nearly over but there is still quite a lot of money to come in. If we could get either the money or the chocolates back to school as soon as possible it would be really appreciated. The competition part of the Fundraiser finished last Friday and winners will be announced shortly. At this stage we are on track to making more than \$20,000, but we need all the outstanding money in. Thanks for your support, and our students enthusiasm, for making this happen.

Leading sellers so far are Oscar Punch Rm 5, Jens Jessen Rm 8, Regan Joslin Rm 19, Gena – Lee Lacoua Rm 6, Josh Keogh Rm 5 and Izzy Haliday Rm 10. Between these 6 fantastic students, they have managed to sell in excess of 150 boxes. A wonderful effort!

And the Leading classes are, in no particular order: Rooms 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 and 19.

Thanks also to all those wonderful parents who helped count money over the past three weeks, especially Sharon Haines, who was a stalwart.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

The school Cross Country will be held in the school grounds next Tuesday the 18th of May.

Start times are:

9.15 am for Year 7

and 11.00 am for Year 8.

Our expectation is that all students will participate in the Cross Country unless they are medically unfit. Students have been practising for this and increasing their fitness over the past four weeks and I wish them all the best. Points for the three teams will be up for grabs for this event.

All parents and caregivers are welcome.

KIDS LIT QUIZ

Although we did not win this event this year, I would like to thank our two teams for their enthusiasm for Literature. I would especially also like to thank our two Librarians, Mrs Sue Jane and Ms Clare Forrest, for their support, dedication and enthusiasm in preparing our teams.

RUGBY 7s

Best wishes to our Rugby 7s team who compete in the inter intermediate tournament to be held at Fraser Park on Wednesday 19 May.

CONGRATUALTIONS

Congratulations to Reece Traub, Room 13 who recently competed in the Auckland international judo competition where he won a silver medal.

GALAROA 2010

Thanks to all of you who responded to the special Newsletter I distributed on Friday. We had a well attended meeting on Tuesday and had many offers of help. Thanks for that. Galaroo this year will be on Friday evening, 19 November and will run from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. More information will be sent out shortly. We are especially interested, at this stage, in donations that we could use as prizes for the raffle or silent auction. Keep an eye out for this.

SAFETY AT THE GATE and ON THE DRIVE.

With winter approaching, a reminder to take care at the school entrance before and after school when dropping off or collecting your children, this area can become congested and visibility is low. We ask that you do not drive up the front driveway.

Instead please use the alternative access from Raroa Park at the south end of the school. This allows you safe off-road stopping to set down.

Please do not park in the bus bays at the front of the school.

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost an item of clothing or any other item please remind them that they can look in the Technology foyer amongst the lost property that has been handed in.

You are most welcome to check the lost property when you are visiting Raroa.

If you could please label all items carefully and clearly. This will make it easier to ensure clothing is returned to the rightful owner.

COLLEGE ENROLMENTS 2011 & OPEN DAYS

Onslow College

Raroa Year 8 students will be hosted at Onslow College, Friday 28 May from 9 – 10:30am.

Wellington College

There is no closing date for in-zone applications, but we would like them as early as possible for class numbers.

Saturday 24 July Open Day for Year 9 2011 from 10.30am

Monday 2 August Applications for Y9 out of zone must be received by 4.00pm at Wellington College School Office.

Wairarapa College – An Introduction for Wellington Parents includes Boarding Enquiries

Our introduction evening will be held Monday 31st May at 7pm at the Angus Inn, Lower Hutt all current & prospective parents & students are invited to meet with the Principal & Hostel Management.

BOARD of TRUSTEES

The first meeting of the new Board of Trustees will be held on Thursday 20 May at 7.00pm in the staffroom. We welcome Alistair McDonald and Vicky Sime to the Board as the new Board members. Alistair is a Parent Board member and Vicky is the staff Board member.

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

Tues 18 School Cross Country
Wed 19 Rugby 7s – at Fraser Park *pp* date Friday 21
Thurs 20 Board of Trustees meeting – 7.00 pm in the staffroom
Mon 24 Young Leaders Day

June

Wed 2 Inter Intermediate Cross Country *pp* date Friday 4
Mon 7 Queen's Birthday – school closed
Wed 9 UNSW Science Exam
Whanau Hui – 6.00 pm in the staffroom
Mon & Tues 14 & 15 Hands on Visits by Year 6 students
Tues 15 Tawa Intermediate Sports Exchange *pp* date Thursday 17
Thurs & Fri 17 & 18 Hands on Visits by Year 6 students
Tues & Wed 22 & 23 Open Days

Kind regards

Kevin Ryan
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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

CROFTON DOWNS PRIMARY SCHOOL - QUIZ NIGHT & AUCTION. Friday 28th May, 2010,

Doors open 7pm, B.Y.O Tickets \$15.00 each includes supper. Book your table of 8 – Be in Quick.

Check out these auction items: A night at Museum Hotel; Royal NZ Ballet tickets; Dinner vouchers; Health & Sport; Salon hairstyling & beauty; WOF & service; 'Green fingers'; 'For the kids'.... and more on their way!

BE IN TO WIN: \$50 Dinner voucher for the family who sells the most tickets!

TO BOOK A SEAT PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE -4792429

“Dawn till Dusk”- Netball for World Vision – The World Vision Committee of Wellington Girls’ College is holding a student run event as a major fundraising opportunity on behalf of World Vision. A “Dawn till Dusk” non-stop netball game and fair, culminating in a concert will be held on Sunday 30th of May in Civic Square. The event will run from 6am to 6pm and players from secondary schools across Wellington will be joining the Wellington Girls’ College students in what is sure to be a day of fun. The event will include a fair, sausage sizzle, face painting and spot prizes. As well as a concert featuring local acts including Meghan Glue, James Shaw, The Laundromat cats and Emerge Dance Crew from 4 pm onwards. Come down and help support the girls as they attempt to contribute their largest sum ever to World Vision charity work. If you have any questions or input, you can contact a member of the World Vision Committee on 0273748839 or bryantel@wellington-girls.school.nz .

After-School Computer Programme at Samuel Marsden Collegiate

Bubble Dome is launching an exciting new afterschool programme in 3D Animation, Games Design and Inventions at Samuel Marsden Collegiate this term on Wednesday afternoons for 8 weeks starting May 12th. This is an 8 week programme, open for all students aged 6- 11 years interested in Computers, Art, Design, and Inventions. Students will be given a software list so they can continue using the software for their own school and personal projects providing hours of learning and creative opportunities! Spaces strictly limited. For questions Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438 282) or Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Visit: www.bubbledome.co.nz.

Breathing Space Workshop – Understanding Your Anger - A workshop for Parents

7pm-10pm, Wednesday 26th May. Do you ever feel like your anger is in control of you?

This workshop will help you to understand your anger and develop strategies so you are in control of your anger more of the time. To register e-mail helen@breathingspacenz.com Or visit our website for further information www.breathingspacenz.com

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