

19 March 2010

Athletics and Literature Teams chosen ...

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Raroa at the Inter Intermediate Schools' Athletics Tournament to be held at Newtown Park on Tuesday 23 March. Raroa is the current Wellington Intermediate Schools Athletics Champion. Best wishes to these students as they uphold the Raroa tradition:

Year 7 – Bianca Sisarich, Maya Buchman, Kim Ward, Jayda Ormsby-Northcott, Jess Holland, Charlotte Chivers, Moesha Masoe-James, Grace Masterton, Courtney Grant, Elle Dunne, Madison Antipas; Karl Brownlie, Calvin Harrison, Lochie Paton, Jordan Soderberg, Grayson Whitman, Benson Wilde, George Leach, Thomas Peoples.

Year 8 – Brittany Watson, Ghem Cecilio, Alycia Lowe, Georgia Yee, Phoebe Anderson, Tash Crichton, Olivia De Ronde, Caitlin Grice, Julia Domanski, Lisa Gaiduch, Natalia Afendoulis, Tegan Graham; Sione Talaitupu, Noah Billingsley, Zac Donaldson, Jack Belchambers, Jonathan Beresford, Joseph Bowden, Tane Wahitapu, Sam Gifkins and Hugo Schwarz.

And to ...

The following students who have been chosen to represent Raroa at the Wellington Kids Lit Quiz to be held on Friday 30 April at Seatoun School. Best wishes to these students as Raroa is also the current Wellington Kids Lit Quiz Champion – Rose Clarke, Honor Cordue, Matthew Randle, Megan Martin, Dylan Kumar, Jaime Milne, Eleanor West and Benjamin Rhodes.

CAMPING

Fifteen down, just five to go. Next week will be the final week of camps. So far the weather has remained very kind for us – except for a fluke southerly blast last Friday causing delays on the Hutt Valley line just as one of our classes was returning from the Wairarapa.

Thanks to those of you who have paid in full for the camps and to those who have made arrangements to pay it off over time. I realise that a camp at this time of year may be a financial burden for some of you.

Thanks to some generous donations from Johnsonville Rotary Club, Johnsonville Uniting Church and The Rock Church we have been able to subsidise some of our student's camps this year.

Best wishes to Rooms 9 and 10 who head to Mawley Park and Holdsworth next week; to rooms 11 and 14 who leave for Tauherenikau and Waikuku on Monday and Room 13 who depart for Lake Ferry and Waikuku on Tuesday.

NEW CLASSROOMS

Our two new classrooms are now ready to be occupied. Rooms 20 and 21 have been housed in temporary accommodation for most of the term but now that they have seen the new rooms, they are anxious to move in. The rooms were blessed by David Ormsby and opened by Judith Dunlop (our longest serving staff member) on Friday 12 March.

RARO A TURNS GREEN

On Wednesday 17 March, Raroa turned green as the student leaders organised a fun St Patrick's Day event. It was great to see such a variety of green costumes and the creative way some students developed the green theme. Well done to the group of student leaders, especially Rebecca Neil, Tash Crichton, Georgia Sampson and Olivia De Ronde who organised the day.

YEAR 7 VISION SCREENING

Regional Public Health provides a vision screening programme during Year 7 at Raroa Normal Intermediate. This year the testing will be held on 29 and 30 March. Vision and Colour Vision will be tested during these sessions. Children who wear glasses and/or are under professional care will not require checking. Please notify the school office if you do not agree to your child being screened. This screening test is not a full assessment of your child's vision. If you have any concerns, please consult an optometrist.

BASKETBALL TRIALS

Trials will be held in Week 9, last week of term, for teams to represent Raroa in the Friday evening Nairnville Recreation Centre Basketball competition. Trials have been held off until this week as all classes will be back from camp.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

The 2010 Raroa Netball Tournament will be held Sunday 28 March from 1.30 – 4.30pm at Raroa netball courts. Meet your team, play some games and have fun. There will be a sausage sizzle and cupcakes for sale. Any questions contact Jacinta Saeki, 478 2227

CONGRATULATIONS

To Isobel Halliday who came 5th in the Year 8 Wellington Schools Girl's triathlon.

HOME & SCHOOL

The first meeting of the Home & School Committee will be held on Tuesday 23 March at 7.00pm in the staffroom. As half our school leaves us each year, it would be great to see some new faces join our committee this year.

WHANAU HUI

The first Whanau Hui for the year was held on Wednesday 17 February. The next is to be held on Wednesday 31 March at 6.00pm in the staffroom. Please bring some kai to share. All whanau welcome.

It has been great to see so many of our students participating in our Te Rangatahi (Kapa Haka) group this year. It looks like it will be a very successful year, especially as Raroa is hosting the St Brigid's Kapa Haka Festival this year.

BOARD of TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

Have you received a nomination form yet? Have you considered nominating somebody? If not – please consider it. We need good people for our Board of Trustees. If you have been nominated, nomination forms need to be returned by Friday 23 April with a brief resume.

The poll for the elections closes on 7 May.

END OF TERM

Thursday 1st April is the last day of term. School will close on this date for the Easter break. Term 2 starts on Monday 19 April.

DATES TO REMEMBER

March

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| Mon 22 – Fri 26 | Rooms 9, 10, 11, 13 & 14 at Camp |
| Tues 23 | Wellington Regional Intermediate Athletics at Newtown Park <i>pp Thurs 25</i> Home & School meeting in the staffroom 7pm Netball meeting in the staffroom 7pm |
| Mon 29 – Tue 30 | Year 7 & 8 Vision testing catch-up |
| Wed 31 | Whanau Hui in the staffroom 6pm Disco – from 7 to 9pm |

April

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| Thurs 1 | End of Term |
| Fri 2 | Easter Friday – school closed |
| Mon 19 | Term 2 begins |
| Wed 21 | Winter Sports & Enrichment Programmes begin |

Kind regards

Kevin Ryan
Principal
principal@raroa.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

CASHMERE AVENUE SCHOOL FAIR ~ Sunday March 28 11am to 3pm. 110 Cashmere Ave Khandallah Wet or Fine. Big jumble, lots of food and fun and this year an animal zoo. School Fair fun for everyone. See you there

School Holiday Croatian Dancing – Children of Croatian descent are warmly encouraged to join in a school holiday activity for 2 hours a day: Monday 5 – Friday 9 April, with a performance in front of family and friends on Saturday 10 April. Fees \$30 per student. Contact Jude Urlich 9701154 or 021 0497455 by Sunday 21 March.

Encore! School of Music (Johnsonville/Churton Park area) – Our excellent teachers would love to teach you piano/keyboard, singing, guitar, drums, clarinet, saxophone or flute. More instruments coming soon! Call 0497 MUSIC (04 976 8742) today or check out: www.encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz Email: info@encoreschoolofmusic.co.nz
Fern, Co-Director, Encore! School of Music

“I’m listening! Are you?” – Help your children develop into successful, responsible adults as you apply proven communication skills that create happier, more satisfying relationships within your family. This practical one-day course will provide skills to, as one parenting expert said, “talk so your children will listen, and listen so your children will talk.”
Date: Saturday 27th March, 9.30 am -4.00 pm; Venue: Wellington High School, Community Education;
Tutor: Ava Gibson; Investment: \$75; To enrol: Go to Wellington High School’s Community Education programme, www.cecwellington.ac.nz/course/parent <<http://www.cecwellington.ac.nz/course/parent>> , or phone on 04 385 8919

All Star Cheerleaders is running Free American Style Cheerleading Classes in your area. Everyone is welcome no experience necessary. For more information call 0800 CHEERLEADER or www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz.

Skungpoomery – Saturday 27th of March, 3pm we invite you to enjoy a ‘one off’, family friendly, matinee show of one of Ken Campbell’s finest plays - ‘Skungpoomery’ directed by Phoebe Smith.

Take this opportunity to enjoy spectacular live theatre with friends and family. Skungpoomery is a hilarious and vibrant day in the lives of Faz and his feeble-minded assistant Twoo. The pair discover their lives have become staid and listless and set about creating a wonderful, all consuming, and contagious device-of-life to reinject the jizz and zoom back into their daily routine. Expect a physically challenging, knee-slapping and word-boggling theatrical experience!

Call or email Bats Theatre on 04 802 4176 or bats@bats.co.nz now to secure tickets. Can't make the matinee? 9pm shows will also be held Tuesday - Saturday from March 18 – March 27.

The Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie Plaza – Author Visit

Derek Landy, the British author of the hugely popular Skulduggery Pleasant books, will be at The Children's Bookshop in Kilbirnie Plaza on **March 30th from 4pm until 4.30pm** to meet his readers and sign copies of his books. All are welcome, there is no charge, and readers may bring their books with them for signing.

Newtown Movie School – Holiday Programme – April 12 to 16

(The best holiday programme in the world)

Be part of making a short film and create your own stop motion movies A full-on week of creativity and movies, 12 places only. You can view previous movies and get contact and registration details from www.acumen.net.nz/pages/MovieSchool.html

Craig Lauridsen and Jamin Vollebregt, Newtown Movie School craig@acumen.net.nz (phone 389 1000) jamin@roomtwo.co.nz (phone 021 855 154)

Junior Badminton club and coaching will commence at the Wellington North Badminton Association hall at Taylor Park, Tawa from this Friday 12 March. 6.00 pm -7.30pm. Our 6 court badminton hall is immediately South of the Kapi-Mana tennis courts, adjacent to Redwood rail station. This session is open to all primary & intermediate aged students. Cost is \$3 per session. We can provide racquets for loan, but players must have suitable non-marking footwear. Please feel free to pass on this information to any parents & young players who may be keen. Beginner players welcome. Sessions will be managed by experienced coaches Maggie Lee & Ian Brown throughout the year. For any further information please phone Ian Brown 2360323.

Celebrate **World Day of Immunology 2010** with a free public lecture by immunology superhero and creator of the HPV vaccine: Professor Ian Frazer, (University of Queensland, Australia). Public Lecture numbers are limited and registrations are essential. The website is http://www.malaghan.org.nz/newsevents/Dol_2010/ and the link to the registration page.

April 29, 6:30pm, Maclaurin Lecture Theatre MCLT103, Kelburn Campus, Kelburn Parade, Entrance 5 Victoria University of Wellington, 1 hour lecture followed by posters/refreshments. Registration essential.

Netball Wellington Centre – April 2010 Holiday Programme.

The season's about to start so come brush up on your skills and play some netball! Come to our Holiday Programme! A fantastic programme designed to develop and upskill prior to the season commencing! A fun way to be involved in the game you love in a neat and exciting learning environment. The last day of the programme is a super netball tournament to put in place all the new skills the players have learnt throughout the programme.

For more information and registration form please go to http://www.sportingpulse.com:80/assoc_page.cgi?c=1-7022-0-0-0&sID=125174

Week One – Tuesday 6th April - Friday 9th April

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| Yr 3 & 4 (10.00am – 12.00 noon) | \$70.00 |
| Yr 5 & 6 Option 1 - (9.00am - 12.00 noon) | \$75.00 |
| Yr 5 & 6 Option 2 - (1.00pm – 4.00pm) | \$75.00 |
| Yr 7 & 8 (1.00pm – 4.00pm) | \$75.00 |
| T-Shirts | \$20.00 |
| Day One – Day Three as above | Day Four - all Groups 10.00am - 1.00pm |

Bubble Dome School Holiday Workshop

Have you ever dreamed of designing your own movies? Learn the latest in Movie Making and Claymation on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this April. On offer at a venue near you. For students aged 6 to 17 years. Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438-282) OR Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or visit: www.bubbledome.co.nz

Skylight - Counseling Support in the next school holidays a support group for children aged 6 - 12 yrs who have a parent with a mental illness. Skylight - supporting children, young people and their families through change, loss and grief - whatever its cause.

If you have any enquiries please call or email **Tracey Clode**, Ph 0800 299 100 or 939 6767 Direct Line: 920 9967 Cell: 027 209 5702; Email: css@skylight-trust.org.nz or visit www.skylight-trust.org.nz

Churton Park Tennis Club - Registrations are now open for term 2 junior coaching.

Peewee Tennis (for ages 5-7 years) – 6 x 40 minute coaching lessons on a half size court. \$60 per term or \$115 with racquet & cap included. Lessons held weekly on Mon- Fri afternoons.

Junior Tennis (for ages 8 -17 years) – Pro-rata season membership fee (for remainder of season through to 30 September 2010) - Primary/intermediate student \$37; Secondary student \$45. Membership includes:

- 7 x 50 minute coaching lessons during term 2 2010 (lessons held weekly Mon-Fri afternoons)
(One free term of coaching per season is covered under the season membership fee).
- Access to tennis courts until 30 September 2010
- Optional Junior Interclub available
- Optional Junior Club Evenings (Fridays 6-8pm)

For a registration form or more information, please contact Karen on email: aklee@clear.net.nz or ph. 478 7846.

Registrations close Thursday 1 April 2010.

Churton Park Tennis Club also hire out their clubrooms for meetings or small social events. Please contact Russell for more details ph. 478 2260.

Breathing Space Workshop ~ Understanding Your Anger - A workshop for Parents - 7pm-10pm, Tuesday 27th April. You will come away from this workshop more aware of what your 'triggers' for anger are. You will develop strategies on how to manage your anger more effectively. To register e-mail helen@breathingspacenz.com Or visit our website for further information www.breathingspacenz.com Liz Riversdale, Breathing Space - Professional development for parents