

23 July 2010

Welcome to Christina Arnold, Laura Dillon, Harrison Flaherty, Jack Hilton, Tyrus Karaitiana, Amber Leonard, Carla Nel and Anurag Vudutha who recently started at Raroa.

## ***Production 2010 – Rehearsals in full swing!***

The stage is up, rehearsals are continuing and anticipation is high for the success of this year's Production 'Alice in Wonderland'.

This will be a major focus for our drama, dance and music students this term.

Production performances will be the evenings of:

**Tuesday 21, Wednesday 22 and Thursday 23 September**

More information shortly – but get in early for tickets, especially for the Opening Night Special.

### **REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS**

In the last week of Term 2, our top Cross Country runners attended the Regional Cross Country champs in Waikanae.

Raroa students formed the bulk of the Wellington team.

Placings from Raroa were:

*Year 8 boys* – Noah Billingsley 1<sup>st</sup>, Jonathan Beresford 2<sup>nd</sup> and Zac Donaldson 10<sup>th</sup>

*Year 8 girls* – Phoebe Anderson 3<sup>rd</sup>, Georgia Yee 7<sup>th</sup> and Olivia de Ronde 11<sup>th</sup>

*Year 7 boys* – Karl Brownlie 4<sup>th</sup>

These people will represent Wellington at the Southern New Zealand event in Hanmer Springs later this year.

Raroa has the most qualify for this, than any other school.

Well done to you all. A special thanks to Mr Matt Tilley and Ms Biss More for helping to train the team and organising the Wellington team on the day.

### **ICAS SCIENCE SUCCESS**

Congratulations to the following students who won High Distinction or Distinction in this year's ICAS (University of New South Wales) Science Competition.

*High Distinction* – Year 8 Nicholas Bell,

Victoria Tam and Year 7 Nicholas Yang

*Distinction* – Year 7 Matthew Forgesson,

Arthur McTavish, Sam Middleton, Victor

Ong, Aimee Rapson, Jack Wu, Tim

Loretto & Thomas Peoples and Year 8

Austen Bentley, Honor Cordue, Raveen

Dias, Allister Grange, Jamie Milne, Aaron

Tam and Chun-kiet Vong.

### **STUDENT LED CONFERENCES**

Following the success of the student led 3-way (student, parent and teacher) conferences held in Term 1, we will be holding these again early this term – next week in fact.

If you haven't received a notification by now, please phone the school office.

**Conferences will be held on Tuesday 27 July and Wednesday 28 July**

At the Conferences, goals set in Term 1 will be evaluated and new goals developed for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the year.

Our GATE (Gifted and Talented Programmes) teacher, Mrs Vicky Sime will also be available on these two

evenings if you wish to speak to her. Just send her an email [simev@raroa.school.nz](mailto:simev@raroa.school.nz) to make an appointment.

### **LUNCHTIME KIDS' LIT QUIZ**

Do you know the name of Frodo's sword? Well Room 21 did and won the tie breaker to win in last term's

lunchtime Lit Quiz. 15 classes and a team of teachers battled it out, answering questions about football,

numbers, inventions, brains and the book/movie "Tomorrow When the War Began". Quiz-mistress Miss Dick,

ably assisted by students from this year's Kids' Lit Quiz teams (our "Buy-a-Brain experts"), posed the questions

made up by Mrs Jane and Ms Forrest. Room 1 came 3<sup>rd</sup> and Room 18 a very close second. The money raised

will be put towards a new set of encyclopedia for the library. A great way to spend a wet, winter lunchtime!

### **APPLE IPHONE 3GS FUNDRAISER**

We have a fantastic opportunity to raffle an Apple iPhone 3GS, kindly donated by Vodafone, and valued at

\$1400. Proceeds from this raffle will go towards the construction of a new Astro Turf area at the school. As you

are probably aware, every student in the school has been asked to sell four tickets at \$5 each. The number of

tickets will be limited to 2400 – approximately four per student. Tickets will be on sale from Wednesday 21 July to Monday 2 August.

All returned tickets will go into the draw on Wednesday 4 August, during the school's assembly. The winner will be notified by a school representative.

We thank you for your support in this fundraising event. Please return all money by Monday 2 August.

## TALENT QUEST WINNERS

In the last Raroan, we named the finalists of our Student Leader run 'Raroa's Got Talent', Talent Quest. We can now announce the winners.

1<sup>st</sup> place – Thomas Prince (violinist); 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Emily Jepson & Sarah Buswell (Hip Hop) & 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Ho Lee (Hip Hop). Congratulations to these students and to all who entered.

## DAVID HILL @ RAROA

Popular author, playwright and columnist, David Hill, will be speaking to Raroa students in the school hall on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm**. If you are interested to come and hear this inspirational wordsmith, you are more than welcome to attend.

## WAIMEA EXCHANGE

Every year Raroa has an exchange with Waimea Intermediate in Nelson. This is a cultural exchange and involves our performance Groups – Orchestra, Rock Band, Te Rangatahi, Dance groups, Choir etc. This year it is our turn to host students from Waimea (last year they hosted us).

We will require about 85 families to billet. Please consider it. Without the generosity of 85 Nelson families last year, this worthwhile exchange could not occur.

***The exchange week is 1<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November (Monday – Thursday).***

Can you take a billet (or two)? More details later. We will need to know by the end of this term.

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

One of Raroa's Charter goals is to increase our community involvement in school and the school's involvement in the community. We have worked on these goals for the past few years in the following ways:

1. Establishing a whanau support group which meets regularly
2. Inviting people from Malvina Major Retirement Village to help with a reading programme.
3. Through an Enterprise Inquiry programme, students have been involved in observing businesses in action, getting a taste of what is involved and talking to different business groups in the community. An outcome of these observations is to set up their own enterprise at school.

Each of these programmes, together with regular performances by our Choir, Orchestra, Band and Kapa Haka group gives our students a sense that they belong to a much larger community and they can help in the community and the community can help them.

## GARDASIL VACCINATION for YEAR 8 GIRLS

The next dose of the Gardasil Vaccination for Year 8 girls will be given on Tuesday 27 July.

## GALAROA COMMITTEE

The next meeting of the Galaroo committee of the Home & School is Tuesday next week, 27 July at 7.00pm in the staffroom.

## WHANAU HUI

The next Whanau Hui is Thursday of next week, 29 July at 6.00pm in the staffroom.

## CANTEEN PRICE INCREASES

Due to a price increase by our supplier, the price of the following items has increased:

Mince pies, mince & cheese pies and pizza are now \$2.20; apple pies are \$1.50; Murphies pies are \$2.00; Calci yum milk is \$1.50, caramel & coloured popcorn is \$1.40, scroggin is \$1.40; corn chips are \$1.20 and Cool Sips are \$1.10.

## BOARD of TRUSTEES

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on Thursday 12 August, 7.00pm.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### July

Tues 27 Yr 8 Girls – Gardasil Vaccination  
Student, Parent & Teacher Conferences  
Home & School meeting  
Wed 28 Student, Parent & Teacher Conferences  
Thurs 29 Inter-Intermediate Aerobics competition at Hutt Intermediate from 12 – 3pm  
Whanau Hui – 6.00pm in the staffroom

### August

Tues 3 ICAS English competition  
Wed 4 Inter Intermediate Hockey & Volleyball  
Sat 7 Regional Schools Aerobics Competition at St Patrick's College, Wellington

Kind regards

Kevin Ryan

Principal

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## COMMUNITY NOTICES:

### COLLEGE OPEN DAYS and ENROLMENTS 2011

#### **Onslow College ~ Year 9 Enrolment timeframe**

- 2 August: Closing date for applications
- 20 August: Ballot for out of zone places
- 25 August: Families informed of ballot results by this date
- 8 September: Acceptances of places offered via the ballot are to be received by this date

#### **Wellington Girls' College**

Monday 2 August Closing date for enrolments

#### **Wellington East Girls' College**

Monday 9 – Thursday 12 August Enrolment interviews held at the college

#### **Wellington College**

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.

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

#### **Guitar & Drum Tuition**

Eileen & Bill Brown – 8 Huia Street, Tawa ph 232 1921 or email [v.brown@paradise.net.nz](mailto:v.brown@paradise.net.nz)

**Shared Harmonies A Musical Extravaganza.** Queen Margaret College and Scots College present this extravaganza to raise funds for charity ~ Please join us for an afternoon of high quality musical entertainment and see the many talented musicians and performers from Scots and Queen Margaret Colleges. The concert will include performances from a range of musicians including the QMC Barbershop who will shortly defend their national title, as well as the Colleges' Jazz Bands, Orchestras, Choirs, and an amazing finale with over 70 musicians, singers and dancers on stage!  
Date: Wednesday 4 August Time: 12.45pm for 1pm start Venue: Wellington Town Hall Cost: Gold coin donation.

This concert celebrates our special character and community links. This is a charity concert and all funds raised by this event will go to Presbyterian Support Services in Wellington. Please help us support this worthy cause.

Please register your interest and the numbers attending to Catherine Reisima on [reisimac@scotscollege.school.nz](mailto:reisimac@scotscollege.school.nz) by Friday 23rd July.

**"The Ohariu Battle of the Schools" September 18<sup>th</sup>** ~ On behalf of the Hon Peter Dunne, I would like to invite your school to take part in an event where schools from the Ohariu electorate can meet and enjoy a great social evening together. This event "The Ohariu Battle of the Schools" will be hosted by the Hon. Peter Dunne and is set up as a quiz evening and run as an inter-school challenge. We hope this will be the start of an ongoing annual competition for all local schools (early childhood providers to colleges) to meet together socially while competing in a fun event. As well as receiving a trophy (and boasting rights), the winning school will receive \$1,000 and the runner-up \$500 with \$300 for the third placed school. There will also be a number of great prizes for individuals and teams and you are guaranteed an evening of challenge and entertainment. Doug Stevens of NZFishing.com will be the MC.

Board of Trustees, teachers and parents are all eligible to be part of the teams and schools may enter more than one team should they wish. The number of places we have however is quite limited and will be allocated on a first in first served basis.

Monique Watson, on behalf of the Hon Peter Dunne, MP for Ohariu.

**Artsight Kids and Teens Art classes** ~ Artsight's Term 3 Art programme offers fun and inspiring art classes for kids and teens. Classes are held in Wellington (Toi Poneke, 65 Abel Smith St) and Lower Hutt (Chilton St James School) and taught by registered Visual Arts teachers. Bookings essential! For more details and to book contact: Fiona (04)3862908, 021786629 email: [fiona@artsight.co.nz](mailto:fiona@artsight.co.nz), [www.artsight.co.nz](http://www.artsight.co.nz)

NAM WAH PAI KUNG FU – Kung Fu (Chinese Martial Arts) classes have started at the Cashmere Ave School hall. Great for families - children, teenagers and adults all welcome.

Learn self defence skills, improve your fitness and make new friends.

Training times are 6.00pm-7.30pm Tuesday & 6.00pm-7.30pm Thursday - First 2 weeks FREE trial.

For more information please contact Brian Lee on 027 432 0079 or Email: [namwahpaikungfu@gmail.com](mailto:namwahpaikungfu@gmail.com)

SUNDAY DIVING ~ Are you aged 7-11, flexible, fearless & up for a challenge? SUNDAY DIVING is just for you!

This weekly session will show you the basics of diving in a professional but fun environment.

It includes gym work, using trampolines & gym mats & time in the pool learning how to dive.

Sunday Diving is an introduction to an exciting & challenging sport. It's also about keeping fit & having some fun.

Pay as you go \$10 per session, 2pm-3.30pm every Sunday in term 3 at Ponoke Rugby Club Gym & Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie.

(And for mum and dad, this could be the perfect time to go for a walk, a bike ride or just enjoy a flat white in peace and quiet.)

If you've watched the divers at Kilbirnie pool & thought you'd like to give it a try...now's your chance!

For more information contact: Wellington High Performance Aquatics (WHPA) Ph: 021 443-984

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