

28 May 2010

Welcome to Atticus Foulcher-Jones and Nicole Brinsdon who recently started at Raroa.

## ***Practice pays off in school Cross Country ...***

It was great to see so many students giving it their best in the school Cross Country held on Tuesday of last week. Classes had been training and fitness levels were certainly increasing in the build up to the day. We know many students are not keen on running, but it was great to see so many attempting to ... **aspire2achieve**.

### **Results:**

#### **Class Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Room 8 (1065 points)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Room 6 (965 points)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Room 5 (855 points)

#### **Syndicate Results**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Blue
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Red
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Blellow

#### **Year 7 Boys**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Karl Brownlie
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jordan Soderberg
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Elroy Lederman

#### **Year 7 Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Holly Milton
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Bianca Sisarich
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jess Holland

#### **Year 8 Boys**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Noah Billingsley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Jonathan Beresford
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Zac Donaldson

#### **Year 8 Girls**

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Phoebe Anderson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Olivia de Ronde
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Georgia Yee

### **INTER INTERMEDIATE CROSS COUNTRY**

The Inter Intermediate Schools Cross Country will be held next week, 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The following have been chosen for the event: Karl Brownlie, Jordan Soderberg, Elroy Lederman, George Leach, Cameron Edwards, William Doherty, Patrick Mitchell, Alex Hannagan, Wingyeung Szeto, Taine Forster, Holly Milton, Bianca Sisarich, Jess Holland, Alicia Gilchrist, Emma Stephen, Phoebe McDonald, Elle Dunne, Abby Julian, Gena-Lee Lacoua, Charlotte Chivers, Noah Billingsley, Jonathan Beresford, Zac Donaldson, Jack Belchambers, Daniel Mulholland, Jeremy Gould, Shay Graham, Conall Pettitt, Joseph Bowden, James Mansell, Phoebe Anderson, Olivia de Ronde, Georgia Yee, Alice Parle, Rosie Nelson, Jessie Goggin, Tiana Oakes, Caitlin Grice, Rachel Horrell and Sophie Brocklesby. We wish them all the best!

### **CHOCOLATE SALES**

A huge thank you to all families for the part you played in our most recent fundraising venture. At last count we had raised around \$20,000 – there is still a bit of money to collect from some people. So, thanks for your support in making this a success. There were some outstanding individual efforts with a number of students selling in excess of 20 boxes.

Prizes were distributed during assembly on 19 May, with the following recipients receiving prizes:

**Best Seller Prize** – Jens Jessen (41 Boxes) – \$100 Voucher and I-Pod Nano

**Second Seller Prizes** (30 Boxes each) – Oscar Punch and Regan Joslin both receive \$50 voucher for their efforts

**Class Prizes** – 1<sup>st</sup> - Room 6 with 103 boxes; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Room 8, 98 Boxes and 3<sup>rd</sup> - Room 5, 77 boxes

**Lucky Draw** (in no particular order) – Katy Marris Rm 13 – Phone, Julia Zhang Rm 18 – PSP, Ben Campbell Rm 3 – I-Pod Nano, Amy Nixey-Ho Rm 11 - PSP, Oscar Punch Rm 5 – Bike, Sam Parrott Rm 2 –Playstation 2, Elroy Lederman Rm 10 – Phone.

Thank you once again for all your support. We are well on the way to getting that Astro Turf!!!

### **YOUNG LEADERS DAY**

On Monday of this week, 15 of our school Leaders joined many hundreds of other budding school leaders at the Halogen Young Leaders Day held at the St James Theatre. The day is an acknowledgement of the work of leaders in schools, a chance to reflect on the skills of leadership and an opportunity to hear some inspirational words from current young leaders. Some of the speakers included Melissa Clark-Reynolds (inspirational Speaker and Entrepreneur), Dayna Vawdrey (Studio 2 – TV Presenter), Rob Harley (TV Documentary Maker), Nick Tuitasi (Inspirational Speaker & Former Police Constable) and Pero Cameron (Former Tall Black and Wellington Saints coach).

### **RUGBY 7s CANCELLED**

It was a pity that after training so hard over a period of time, the Inter Intermediate 7s Rugby Tournament had to be cancelled due to the inclement weather and the ground closures last week.

I would like to thank Mr Shane Lavery and Mr Ben Bowkett for putting in the time and effort to train the teams.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students from Raroa who made the Northern Suburbs Rep Netball teams:

**Year 7:** Jade Fox, Marina Niko, Georgia Limacher, Christine Mulitalo, Lydia Slocombe and Alisha Gilchrist

**Year 8:** Tegan Graham, Tiare Ngata, Tessa Hindle-Daniels and Caitlin Grice.

Congratulations also go to Reece Traub, who won a gold medal in the senior boys under 36 kg divisions at the Wellington open area judo competition held on Sunday 16 May.

## WHANAU HUI

Nga Mihi nui kia koutou katoa! Te Roopu Whanau o Raroa will be having our next hui on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of June at 6pm in the staffroom. If you would like an agenda please contact the office and they will forward one onto you. We will also be having a special performance by Te Rangatahi o Raroa our Kapahaka group. Everyone is welcome to be part of the Whanau. Bring a plate of kai to share during the evening.

## LUNCH TIME REC COMPETITION

Our Lunch Time Rec Competition began recently. This programme involves competition between classes at lunchtime where the referees are some of our young sports leaders. These students have been taught to control games through the Referees module which is part of our Enrichment Programme. I would like to thank Ms Kelly Herbert and Mr Shane Lavery for nurturing these sports leaders. In a later Raroan, I will publish the final results.

## RUGBY MATCH v WELLESLEY

On Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June Raroa's 1<sup>st</sup> XV will play Wellesley College. This game will be played at Wellesley College, Eastbourne, 1pm kick-off. This game has become an annual fixture, with Raroa winning at Raroa last year. All spectators welcome.

## NATIONAL STANDARDS

There has been a lot of media coverage about the expectation that schools should be reporting on your child's progress against the recently established National Standards. At Raroa, we feel we are not yet in a position to do this with any great accuracy. Only three staff members have attended a workshop on the Literacy Standards and the Numeracy Workshop has yet to be held. We feel we need further time to carefully evaluate such fundamental changes to our assessment practices – time to consider the standard fully – time to moderate across the school so that there is some consistency.

The standards are not written in plain language. They are not expressed in terms of scores. They are open to interpretation and require considerable teacher judgement. Hence our wish for time, so that there is some validity to the data we finally give you.

In the meantime, we will continue with our next set of 3 way, student led conferences early in Term 3. In these conferences, the goals set in Term 1 will be evaluated and new goals will be set. More details about this will be sent home closer to the time.

If you have any questions about National Standards, please don't hesitate to contact me at school.

## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY

Queen's birthday weekend is next weekend. The school will be closed on Monday 7 June and reopen on Tuesday 8 June.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### June

Wed 2	Inter Intermediate Cross Country pp date Friday 4
Thurs 3	Wellesley Rugby – 1pm start at Wellesley
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
Tues 22	Home & School – 7.00pm in the staffroom
Wed 23	Parent Information Evening
28 – 2 July	Electives week

Kind regards

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Principal  
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## COMMUNITY NOTICES:

### COLLEGE OPEN DAYS and ENROLMENTS for 2011

#### **Onslow College**

Prospective Year 9 students for 2011 and their families are warmly invited to attend the Onslow College Open Evening – Wednesday 16 June, 5:00pm - 7:30pm, commencing with classroom visits at 5:00pm followed by a welcome and Principal's presentation at 6:30pm.

#### **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**

- Wednesday 16 June School in Action morning: 3 groups 9am, 10.30am and 11.30am (the College would prefer that students from our school come at 10.30am but parents can choose the most suitable time for their child)
- Monday 2 August Closing date for enrolments

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

- Thursday 17 June Open Evening 7pm in the school hall – all prospective students and their parents and caregivers are welcome
- Monday 19 July Applications for enrolment interviews close
- 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.

#### **ZEALANDIA: The Karori Sanctuary Experience** – Karori Sanctuary Trust, Waiapu Road, Karori.

With ZEALANDIA's Winter Warmers, the wet and windy Wellington weather we all know and love need no longer get in the way of enjoying a visit. Until 31 August 2010, you can visit ZEALANDIA: The Exhibition for just \$20 adults, \$10 children, 5-14 years and \$50 for 2 adults and up to 3 kids. And if you come Monday to Friday, we'll shout each adult a free tea or coffee at Rata, our cosy cafe!

*Please note:* Winter Warmer discounts are not valid with any other offer. Discount applies to ZEALANDIA: The Exhibition only. Visit [www.visitzealandia.com](http://www.visitzealandia.com) for full ZEALANDIA admission charges. If you sign up as a member on the day your admission will be refunded. [Membership of Karori Sanctuary Trust](#) costs as little as \$53 a year (or \$99 for a family). 10am-5pm daily, last entry at 4pm.