

30 April 2010

Welcome to Romain Le Garrec, Jeremiah Karore and Lucian Lau Young who recently started at Raroa and a welcome back to all of our students for term 2.

The Great Raroa Chocolate Sale ... last days!

Our Cadbury Chocolate Sale fundraiser has been going really well. It only requires now for all outstanding boxes to be sold and the money brought to school. This will be the last weekend of sales. Let's see if we can break last year's record. I'm sure we can. Thanks to those of you who have turned up to school in the mornings to count the money. Your support has been appreciated. As of Wednesday Room 6 leads the class competition, Room 8 is second and Room 4 third. The leading individual seller is Jens Jessen of Room 8 having sold 12 boxes. He is closely followed by Oscar Punch Rm 5, Josh Keogh Rm 5, Gena-Lee Lacoua Rm 6, Izzy Haliday Rm 10 and Jordan Soderberg Rm 12. Maybe these results will change over this weekend.

EARLY DISMISSAL – 1.50 pm, Monday 3 May

As indicated in earlier Raroans, students will be dismissed early this coming 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 for part of this afternoon. Students will be dismissed at 1.50pm to enable train students to catch the 2.03pm train. 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.

HOME & SCHOOL

Thanks to those parents who have agreed to help during our fundraiser. Without your support, the fundraiser would be much more difficult.

The next meeting of the Home & School will be held on **Tuesday 4 May at 7.00pm in the staffroom**. At this meeting we will start preliminary discussions about Galaroa, to be held in Term 4.

EXTENSION PROGRAMME

This term saw the start of many of our Extension Programmes. This term, we are offering Extension in Mathematics, Future Problem Solving, GATE (students identified with Gifted characteristics) and Music, especially Orchestral talents. Students showing aptitude in the Performing Arts have already been identified for parts in this year's Production. Students with sporting abilities will, be or have already been, identified and chosen for various sports teams.

WINTER SPORT

Our Winter Sports Programme also began this term. It operates each Wednesday with half the school involved on alternate Wednesdays. If the sport your young person has chosen involves a cost, please ensure this is paid as soon as possible, as students who have not paid will not be able to continue with their chosen sport. We can't carry the cost.

ENRICHMENT

Our Enrichment programme also began this term. Enrichment is a program operating on Wednesdays where students can choose options such as Languages, Dance, Drama, Rock Band, Sports Journalism, Computer Madness, Costume Design and many other programmes designed to extend, enhance and enrich the curriculum.

NETBALL and BASKETBALL

Best wishes to students involved in our Netball or Basketball Teams. The Basketball competition takes place on Fridays after school and the Netball competition takes place on a Saturday. Both of these competitions started last week.

2009 ANNUAL REPORT and FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2009 Financial statements have now been audited. Full copies of the Annual Report (42 Pages) will be made available by request at the school office. A shorter version will be placed on the school's website

SCHOOL RECORDS

This term you will receive a printout of the contact details we currently have for your child. Please note any changes and return so we can keep our database up to date. If these details change during the year, please remember to advise the school office. We need to maintain up to date records for Ministry of Education returns as well as for your young person's safety and communication purposes.

ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIPS

Information regarding the Government's Aspire Scholarships for Year 9 to Private Schools for next year is available on request from the school office.

COLLEGE ENROLMENTS 2011 & OPEN DAYS

St Mary's College

Open Morning – Tuesday 11 May from 8 to 10am.

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.

BOARD of TRUSTEES

Board of Trustees Election

Declaration of Parent Election Results

At the close of nominations, as the number of valid nominations was equal to the number of vacancies required to be filled, I hereby declare the following duly elected:

Green, Janet

Lyall, Sandra

McDonald, Alistair

Mitchell, Greg

Lynne Colenso

Returning Officer

DATES TO REMEMBER

May

Tues 4 Home & School meeting – 7pm in the staffroom

Tues 11 School Photos

Tues 18 School Cross Country

Wed 19 Rugby 7s – at Trentham *pp* date Friday 21

Tues 25 Home & School meeting – 7pm in the staffroom.

Kind regards

Kevin Ryan

Principal

principal@raroa.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

TimeShop - hiring people with time to sell – TimeShop is a unique online job service for people wanting temporary work and flexible hours around other commitments they have. Workers create and manage their own online diary of skills, qualifications and a schedule of their availability and then sell their time or advertise for quotes on an interactive booking calendar. Customers use the website free of charge to search and book Workers to hire. Free registration. www.timeshop.co.nz Stephanie Clark, Director, TimeShop 2010 Ltd

A Touch of Spain - A concert by Trio Con Brio presented by the Caprice Arts Trust (CAT)

A colourful journey on guitar, violin and viola through Italy, Germany, Spain and Argentina including classical and popular music from Beethoven, Carulli, Albeniz, Granados and Piazzolla.

Performers: Martin Jaenecke (Violin), Victoria Jaenecke (Viola), Cheryl Grice-Watterson (Guitar).

When: 30 April Friday: St Andrew's on the Terrace, 6.30 p.m. 4 May Tuesday: St Mark's Church, 58 Woburn Rd, LOWER HUTT, 7.30 p.m. \$25 / \$15 Students with ID / \$60 Family / \$7 school students

E-tickets and further information, including venue maps, available from our website www.capricearts.org.nz.

CASH only doorsales are available, however, audience numbers at our intimate venues are limited so please e-book early to avoid disappointment.

Family Change Group - A six week programme for children ages 6- 11 years, and their Parent/Caregiver who have had a family Separation or Divorce

Date: Every Tuesday from 18th May – 22nd June Time: 2.30 – 4pm

Venue: Skylight, Newtown, Wellington

Cost: \$120.00 per child

For further information please ph (04) 920 9967 or 0800 299 100 or visit our website www.skylight.org.nz for further details

Onslow Kindergarten is again organising a Tour of 10 Khandallah Kitchens, after the success of their 2008 Kitchen Tour. Ten new Khandallah Kitchens (not previously seen on the 2008 Kitchen Tour) will be open to the paying public on Sunday 2 May from 11am-3pm. Tickets \$25.00 available from: Mischief shoes, Lambton Quay; Rosa Café, Khandallah; Boxhill Fashions, Ngaio; Trends, Johnsonville Mall; Inky Pinky, Marsden Village Karori and via the sponsor, Kitchen Elements, Porirua. More information available at <http://www.kitchenelements.co.nz> <<http://www.kitchenelements.co.nz/>> Jean Hendry

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SAINTS BASKETBALL

Onslow College have access to 40 tickets to each of the following games

Thur 29 April vs Harbour Heat 7pm tip off

Thur 13 May vs LPG Hawks 7pm tip off

Sat 29 May vs Waikato Pistons 7pm tip off

Tickets are \$5 each with the proceeds going to assist the Senior A and Junior A Boys teams to tournament this year.

Door prices are \$7 student and \$12 adults

Email brenda.ng@onslow.school.nz or 0274755528 for tickets