

16 October 2009

Welcome back to Term 4 ...

A special welcome to Megan Martin, Dewald Meyer & Petra Panchavinin who started at Raroa this term. We welcome back our students to the start of Term 4 – the last term at Raroa for our Year 8 students. The 4th Term is normally a busy one with a number of educational experiences and activities as well as social events planned. As an example, we have our Variety Concert planned for Wednesday 21 October, the Waimea Intermediate Cultural Exchange planned for 2 – 6 November and Galaroa planned for Friday 20 November.

STAFFING

This term we are back to normal with staffing. I have returned from Sabbatical Leave and Craig Nelson will resume his role as Deputy Principal alongside Mrs Marian Williams. Ms Phillipa Dick will act as an Assistant Principal for this term.

VARIETY CONCERT – Raroa’s Got Talent & Waimea Cultural Exchange Performances

Next week on Wednesday 21st we will be holding a performance night featuring the winners and highlight acts of the “Raroa’s Got Talent” heats that were held during lunchtimes last term. The concert on Wednesday evening will provide your only chance to see the Waimea Cultural Exchange performances before we take it on tour. The evening will start at 7.00pm and finish at 9.00pm. If you haven’t already purchased tickets, they can be purchased from the school office. Tickets are \$5 each.

The evening also launches the CD sale of the school’s Choir, Orchestra and Rock band recording at Capital E. Copies of this recording, called “Aspire 09”, can be purchased for \$10.

INTER REGIONAL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

On 23rd September, Raroa had 4 of our highly talented athletes participate in the National Cross Country event in Nelson. These students have been through a rigorous programme which started with our own School Cross Country event, followed by the Inter-Intermediate event and then onto the Regional competition before being selected for the Nationals.

We are exceptionally proud of them and their achievements. Their National rankings are:

Olivia de Ronde, Year 7 girls, 23rd Aprille Mincher, Year 8 Girls, 22nd Jonathon Beresford, Year 7 Boys, 6th and we have a national champion in Noah Billingsley, Year 7 Boys 1st overall, well done, all of you!

NATIONAL SCHOOLS AEROBICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On September 18 and 19, Lucy McKinstry, Livvy Mitchell and Rachel Dunn competed at the National Schools Aerobics Championships in Christchurch. Rachel Dunn competed in the individual section and placed a very creditable 11th. Livvy Mitchell and Lucy McKinstry won the silver medal in the teams section, which incorporated both the pair and group divisions of earlier competitions. I would like to congratulate the girls on their results and to acknowledge how hard they worked to develop their routines to compete at a national level.

Ms Pedder

MORE SUCCESSES

Raroa have a national champion in Mitchell Rush, who was a member of the Wellington Indoor Cricket rep team that won the Under 12 National championship in Petone over the school holidays. Wellington finished the tournament unbeaten, beating Auckland in the final and breaking an 8 year run of Auckland dominance in this age group.

Congratulations also to Hana Bainbridge, she recently competed in the Riding for the Disabled Dressage Event where she won her class and was awarded the red ribbon.

ELECTIVES

Electives for Term 4 are during the week students travel to Waimea. Having Electives this week allows us to send our Performing Arts teachers to Waimea with the groups they have helped develop during the year, without unduly disrupting classes for the week.

Students should, by now, know which Elective they are in. If there is a cost for the Elective, you should also have received an invoice. It would be greatly appreciated if this could be paid before Thursday 29th October. This will ensure your child can continue with the Elective they have selected.

LAPS 4 LAPTOPS

This was a blustery event but it was great to see all of our students out and giving their best so that they could run/walk as many laps as possible. Sponsorship forms are still being returned but, at this stage, over \$11,000 has been raised. This is a fantastic effort. Many students are yet to return sponsorship forms so we are looking forward to watching this amount increase. Thank you for all of the support.

UNSW EXAMINATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who achieved High Distinction and Distinction in the recent UNSW Writing, Science, English & Mathematics examinations:

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| HIGH DISTINCTION | Science | Year 8: Callum Bedford, David Duggan, Tim Hodgson, Jun Lee, Connor Moody, Vincent Qi. |
| | English | Year 7: Samantha Hughes. Year 8: Callum Bedford, Rosie Graham, Isabella Lum, Fraser Turnbull-Smith, Caitlin Watters. |
| | Maths | Year 7: Nicholas Bell, Meera Patel. Year 8: Nikhil Chand, Jun Lee. |
| DISTINCTION | Science | Year 7: Jessica Barclay, Nicholas Bell, Troy Cornish, Raveen Dias, Sam Gifkins, Isobel Halliday, Samantha Hughes, Pranav Narayan, Celia Painter, Pingkan Polak, Victoria Tam, Angus Weich, Sanne White, Dylan Wood. Year 8: Joshua Blackmore, Leina Barke, Meg Baucke, Nikhil Chand, Joshua Early, Tara Elmes, Matthew Goodson, Joshua Ho, Isabella Lum, Catriona McKenzie, Lucy McKinstry, Fabian Reynolds, Alice Rose, Lexmen Selvaraj, Caleb Soderberg, Ellen Verry. |
| | Writing | Year 7: Celia Painter. Year 8: Tara Elmes, Matthew Lee, Holly Martorana, Christie Ng. |
| | English | Year 7: Nicholas Bell, Celia Painter, Rose Clarke, Honor Cordue, Allister Grange, Isobel Halliday, Elizabeth McSweeney, Lavanya Sajwan, Jori Whitfield-Topp. Year 8: Joshua Blackmore, Nikhil Chand, David Duggan, Tara Elmes, Annick Fenaughty, Catriona McKenzie, Lucy McKinstry, Christie Ng, Yasmin Prendergast, Matthew Robinson, Finn Shewell, Ailsa Valentine, Dorothy Williams. |
| | Maths | Year 7: Aidan Bartholomeusz, Troy Cornish. Raveen Dias, Lachlan Freear, Jaime Milne, Leo Sergent-Shadbolt, Julius Su, Aaron Tam, Victoria Tam. Year 8: Emile Coop, David Duggan, Tara Elmes, Joshua Ho, Chelsie Lawsen, Vincent Qi, Lexmen Selvaraj, Amy Van Bunnik, Ellen Verry. |

We are still yet to receive the certificates for the English and Maths examinations.

BOOSTRIX (Tetanus & Whooping Cough) VACCINATIONS

Year 7 students will have their Boostrix (tetanus / whooping cough) vaccinations on Monday 16 November. Before this date, they will have an information session with the health Nurses and you will be supplied with an information pack and consent form.

2010

Class placements for 2010 will begin over the next few weeks. Please notify the school as soon as possible if your Year 7 child will not be returning to Raroa next year.

TRAIN STUDENTS – Simla Crescent Railway Station

We have been advised by Tranz Metro that the station at Simla Crescent will be closed for upgrading/maintenance from Monday 19 October for 3 months. Students will need to get on & off at the neighboring stations, Awarua Street or BoxHill.

DATES to REMEMBER

October

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| Tues 20 | Inter-Intermediate Hockey & Volleyball tournament pp Thursday 22. |
| Wed 21 | Variety Concert – in the school Hall 7 – 9pm |
| Thurs 22 | Year 7 Boostrix (Tetanus & Whooping Cough) Vaccination Education Session |
| Mon 26 | Labour Day – school closed |
| Thurs 29 | Inter-Intermediate Basketball – at Te Rauparaha Arena Battle of the Bands – Maidstone Intermediate BOT Meeting – 7pm in the staffroom |

November

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| Mon 2-Fri 6 | Waimea Cultural Exchange & Electives Week |
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Kind regards

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Principal
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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Johnsonville Junior Cricket Club is still taking registrations for the 2009-10 season. The club has teams from MILO Have A Go (Nursery age 4 to 5) through to Under 14 for both boys and girls. Fees are \$40 for Nursery, \$40 for Year 8, \$60 for other grades and \$100 for a family.

The season starts Saturday 31 October, breaks for Christmas Saturday 19 December, restarts in the New Year on Saturday 30 January 2010 and ends 27 March.

Please contact Bill Taylor (021 625 148), Dave Edgecombe (021 876 749) with any questions or see the website www.jvillecricket.org to register.

ONSLow AMATEUR ATHLETIC CLUB – The Onslow Amateur Athletic Club cordially invites all children aged 6 to 14 years of age to join our track and field club. We are the largest in the northern suburbs and hold sessions on Monday evenings at Nairnville Park between 5:50 - 7:20 pm. The 2009/10 season will commence on 2 November 2009 and we look forward to another great season of junior athletics.

Registrations will be taken on 12 and 19 October 2009 from 6 to 7 pm at the Nairnville Recreation Centre. For more information, please contact Stuart Beresford (s.beresford@paradise.net.nz or 04 977 1302) or check out our website: <http://www.sportsground.co.nz/onslowaac>.

Wellington Harrier Athletic Club (WHAC) – The summer athletics season is about to start and the WHAC Children's Athletics Section is holding two Open and Registration days at 11.30am - 1pm on Saturday 10th and 17th of October at Newtown Park. The Open days provide you with an opportunity to find out more about the club, while letting you experience the various events that our typical club day would offer.

WHAC Children's Athletics Section is a large club based at the Newtown Park Stadium over the summer.

The Children's section caters for children aged 5 to 14 years who would like to receive coaching and compete in Track & Field Athletics.

The club has qualified and experienced athletics coaches who provide instruction in all events including running (hurdles, sprints and distance), jumps (high jump and long jump) and throws (discus and shot).

Children's athletics is a great social sport and provides opportunities for fun and friendly competition for all abilities and levels, and is a great way to keep fit and get ready for the winter season.

For more information please see our website: www.sportsground.co.nz/whacjuniors or contact Louise McDonald (WHAC Children's Section Manager), louise@retail.org.nz or ph 027 270 3555.

Parent Help ~ Our 24 hour telephone support line helping families with parenting concerns is looking for Volunteer Telephone Support Workers?

Enhance your listening skills and build your knowledge and confidence on parenting issues

Calls taken from your own home day or evening or in our office during business hours

Full training provided. Starting mid Oct - Nov 2009. Are you interested?

Contact us on 802-5767 or parenthelp@xtra.co.nz

Piano Tuition, Grades or just for fun! Ph: Samantha Rickard (04) 478 5944.

Colours in Creation - art, jewellery and felting exhibition 16-29 Oct at Gallery Frames, 14 Ganges Road, Khandallah. Featuring Rowena Chin, Theresa Le Roux, Louise Murray, Anne Allan, Karen Page and Joan Craig"

Wellington Airport 50th Anniversary Public Open Day – Wellington Airport are celebrating our 50th anniversary and you're invited to join us! Sunday 1 November, 10am - 2pm.

Activities for the whole family including

Wild at Heart DressUp Competition brought to you by Jetstar with travel voucher prizes for Best Family DressUp, Best Wild at Heart DressUp and Best star DressUp

International Behind the Scenes Tour including sneak peak at "The Rock" International Terminal development
Aviation Display from Airport Fire Service, RNZAF, Air New Zealand, Life Flight Trust and The Vintage Aviator
Performances all day on the Pacific Blue Entertainment Stage

Old time Cinema and memorabilia displays

Shopping discounts & hundreds of spot prizes

Limited Edition Wellington Airport passport to collect stamps on at the open day activities

Face painting from the award winning team at BodyFX

For more information including full event programme, maps and event transport & parking information and maps visit www.wellingtonairport.co.nz or email 50years@wellingtonairport.co.nz

Bigair Cheersports Cheerleading Tryouts Saturday the 28th of November Youth and Jnr age 8years-14years
3.30pm-5.30pm Sunday 29th of November Snr age 14years+ (both all-girl and Co-ed) 5.30pm-7.30pm
Location: Bigair Gymsports 1 Lincoln Ave Tawa Wellington
For more information or to register your interest please contact us on Ph 04 2323508 Email Office@bigairgym.co.nz
Or visit our website bigaircheer.co.nz

The Trams are hot and the coffee will be running all Labour Weekend

The Trams are running hot at Queen Elizabeth Park all Labour weekend Labour Weekend. Join us at Mackays Crossing for the **Kapiti Tram-Fun long weekend:** the huge model railway is back, with the sausage sizzle, bouncy castle, pony rides, ice creams and more.

"Kapiti in the Movies" is the new Museum display adding to the attractions plus Fab L'Affare Espresso Coffee for the big kids. Join us for a fun family time at the **Kapiti Tram-Fun Long weekend.**

Kapiti Tramway and Museum

Queen Elizabeth Park off-ramp, Makays Crossing, SH1, Paekakariki (just 4 km North of Paekakariki)