

18 September 2009

Welcome to Emily Jepson who recently started at Raroa.

### ***Raroa 12 year olds changing our world ...***

Over the past term students from Room 5 have been in their own way trying to change the world, by tackling the big issues – one of which being child cancer. Sophie, Guy, Patrick and Georgia have been raising money for this amazing cause. So far they have raised a whole heap by selling raffle tickets, doing a bake sale and collecting donations after school. They now only need \$7:50 to get to the 1000 dollar mark.

Millie, Hannah and Romy took part in the SPCA's cup cake day raising money to help out all the cute animals the SPCA take care of. They helped in other ways too by spending hours shredding paper and getting people to donate old blankets and pet food, joined by Alyse, Tash and Sianna. For teenage girls the cosmetic industry and our perception of beauty is a major issue. A group of girls uncovered a company at the height of it: Unilever; and have spent a lot of time raising awareness in different ways trying to change how the world sees beauty. All the people involved have spent a lot of time and dedication on their projects and have had really good results, big congratulations to everybody involved. *By Tara Elmes and Yasmin Prendergast (edited).*

### **ST. BRIGIDS KAPAHAKA FESTIVAL**

This Saturday Paparangi School is hosting the St. Brigids Kapahaka Festival at Newlands College. The Powhiri is at 10.30am, finishing around 2.30pm. Raroa will be last to perform at 1.50pm as we will be receiving the mauri for hosting the St. Brigids festival in 2010. This is an invitation to all staff, students and parents to come along and support our students Te Rangatahi o Raroa. There will be lots of Maori taonga ideas for Christmas gifts as well as raffles, hangi, kai and more kai but most importantly the Rangatahi performing on stage! *Kia Ora, Sonia Talivai & Ben Bowkett*

### **INTER-INTERMEDIATE SOCCER TOURNAMENTS**

#### **GIRLS**

On Tuesday 8th September the Raroa Girls Soccer Team went to Awakairangi Park to compete in a Regional Soccer Tournament. With 12 schools competing, we were out to do our best. To start the day off we were up against Naenae Intermediate. It was a tough fight but a great 1-0 score resulted with Olivia De Ronde scoring the winning goal. Our next game against Wainuiomata was outstanding even though it was nil all. A penalty shootout was the only way to find a winner, we were going into the quarter finals! Before long we were at another Penalty Shoot off with Evans Bay Intermediate. And in no time at all with the help from our team we were off to semi finals. After a quick break and a warm up we took to the pitch with our opposition being Avalon Intermediate, another Penalty Shoot Out. Raroa Girls soccer team were going to the finals to play against Maidstone Intermediate.

The big game had come. Maidstone attackers sprinted with the ball into our half scoring the first goal. The rest of the game was a deadly battle. Determined to win we kept our heads up until the final whistle. 5-0 to Maidstone.

We are all proud of ourselves for putting our best into the game. A huge thanks to Ms Talivai, Mr Tilley and all the parents who supported us through it. We couldn't have done it without you! *By Sophia Kalafatelis (edited).*

*"... More importantly they were just great kids to spend the day with. I came away with a big smile on my face and it was well worth a day's leave! They conducted themselves with great enthusiasm and team spirit. They were great ambassadors for Raroa on and off the pitch. ..."* Excerpt from a parents email.

### **BOYS**

On Monday the Boys Football team went out to Awakairangi Park in Upper Hutt for The Inter-Intermediate Football Tournament. The Boys blitzed through the pool games beating Naenae 4-0 and Wainuiomata 5-0. We then played our best game of the day in the Quarter Final against local rivals Newlands beating them 6-0. Jack Craughwell chipped in with 2 goals. We were on a high after that match but we still had a semi final to play against Evans Bay Intermediate School. We dominated the game but couldn't get a goal away after many attempts. E.B.I.S. took advantage of that and scored a stunner of a goal. Unfortunately we were cut short by Maidstone in the play-offs for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> losing 2-1. Well done to all the boys, we had a great day and look in good shape for 2010 as we have a young squad. Also huge thanks to the magnificent Mr. Tilley and awesome Mrs. Olliver-Bell for taking us out there and organising the whole event. Hopefully better luck next year!  
*By Jake Piper & Vincent Lim (edited).*

### **AEROBICS**

On Sunday 23 August, a group of aerobics girls went and competed in the Wellington Regional Schools' Aerobics Competition at St Patrick's College. Everyone gave it their all after practising for ages and it really showed on the day. We had some major successes as some girls qualified for the national competition in Christchurch on the 19 of September. The girls that qualified for this major event were Rachel Dunn who came 4th in individuals and Livvy Mitchell and Lucy McKinstry for also placing 4th in the group competition. Congratulations to these girls and good luck for the nationals! Thanks heaps to all the parents and Miss Pedder for being there on the day and supporting us all! Congratulations to everyone you were all fantastic! *By Anna Haselden (edited).*

### **CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to the following students who are representing Wellington at the Cross Country National competition to be held in Nelson next week 23 & 24 September; Olivia de Ronde, Noah Billingsley, Jonathan Beresford and Aprille Mincher. We wish them every success!

### **WELLINGTON U13 RUGBY REPRESENTATIVE**

Congratulations to Fletcher Harvey who has made it into the Wellington U13 representative and development programme. The team is travelling to Christchurch today. Good luck!

### **HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

This is the last Raroan before the holiday break. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a safe and relaxing break. I have enjoyed my time as Acting Principal and take a great deal of pride in the achievements of the students and staff here at Raroa. There is a lot planned for Term 4 as well as being the end of an era for the Year 8 students. Enjoy the break and I look forward to seeing you all back on Monday 12 October.

#### **DATES to REMEMBER**

##### **September**

|                 |   |
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| Sat 19          | St Brigid's Kapahaka Festival at Newlands College |
| Mon 21 – Fri 25 | Art / Technology Extension                        |
| Fri 25          | Last day of Term 3                                |

##### **October**

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| Mon 12  | Term 4 begins.                       |
| Tues 13 | Inter-Intermediate Tennis Tournament |

Kind regards

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Acting Principal  
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## COMMUNITY NOTICES

Johnsonville Junior Cricket Club registration days for the 2009-10 season are 12 and 19 September from 9:00am to 12 noon at the clubrooms Alex Moore Park, Bannister Avenue.

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](http://www.jvillecricket.org). You can also register on the website.

**Onslow Junior Cricket Club** - Registrations are being accepted for the 2009-10 season. Note that cricket is not just for boys, the club is keen to have more girls from years 6, 7 and 8 playing in the girls only competition. For more details and a registration form, see the junior section of the Onslow cricket website ([www.onslow.co.nz](http://www.onslow.co.nz)) or call the OJCC convenor David Ireland on 982 3244.

### ***'What am I going to do with the children these holidays??'***

We are in the planning stages of preparing another successful football holiday clinic - to be run at Scots College - details outlined below.

When: October 5 - 9 October

What time: Morning sessions (9.00 am to 12.00pm for juniors up to age 10) and Afternoon session (1.00pm - 4.00pm for experienced players 10 years and up).

Note: Similar to the July school holidays sessions.

Cost: \$100 for early bird registration fee (i.e. payment before 18 September) \$120 after that date!

Venue: Scots College

Full details will follow closer to holidays.

If you are interested, please email back to [yarrallg@scotscollege.school.nz](mailto:yarrallg@scotscollege.school.nz) with 'FOOTBALL' in the subject line and I'll forward on the enrolment and registration form.

**PLUS** We are preparing and planning a cricket holiday programme also at Scots College in the second week of the upcoming holidays. Numbers will be limited, so if you are keen on up skilling yourself or just wanting to get into the mode of cricket again, then this 4 day programme is for you!

When: October 5 - 8 October

What time: 2 sessions am (9.00 am to 12.00pm for junior inexperienced players up to age 12) and pm (1.00pm - 4.00pm for experienced players 12 years and up) similar to the July school holidays sessions.

Cost: \$100 early bird registration fee (before 18 September ) \$120 after that date!

Venue: Scots College

More details to follow. If you are interested, please email back to [yarrallg@scotscollege.school.nz](mailto:yarrallg@scotscollege.school.nz) with 'CRICKET' in the subject line and I'll forward you an enrolment and registration form.

Grant Yarrall, Director of Academies, Scots College

**Transforming Communication** is designed for parents and caregivers who would like to - Improve their relationship with their child(ren).

Discover new ways to influence their child's behaviour without resorting to threats and punishments.

Watch their child's self-esteem increase as they help them to solve their own problems. Create an environment where people listen and respect each other and each other's needs.

The course runs for eight weeks on Tuesday evenings from the 13th October – 1 December. For further details on the course email [ava@orbsolutions.co.nz](mailto:ava@orbsolutions.co.nz), or ph 027 4282 672. To enrol online go to [www.cecwellington.ac.nz](http://www.cecwellington.ac.nz), and quote course code 5742. Ava Gibson, Orb Solutions, Focusing on positive change for individuals and organisations Ph: 027 4282 672 / 027 4 AVAORB

### **WCC Outdoor Festival in October – Mt Victoria in October.**

Over the last two years there has been a lot of track development done in Mt Victoria, aimed at introductory / novice bikers as well as a **Kids Skills area**.

As a result a group of us were asked by the WCC to run some sessions – for families and kids’ – which we are ...

#### **Family Mountain Bike Ride at Mt. Victoria - Sat 31 October**

An opportunity for families to ‘have a go’ on some of the Average / intermediate tracks around Mt Victoria, including learning some skills on the new Kids Skills area.

Participants will be split into groups depending on age & ability.

Ability level: **Some experience needed - need to have ridden off road, know how to use gears, Minimum age 10 years**, and children aged 10 – 12 will need a parent / older sibling to accompany them.

#### **Girls MT Bike skills and trail ride - Saturday 3 October**

An opportunity for girls to ‘have a go’ on some of the Average / intermediate tracks around Mt Victoria, including learning some skills on the new Kids Skills area.

Girls will be split into groups depending on age & ability.

Ability level: **some experience needed** – must have ridden off road, need to know how to use gears, **minimum age 10 years**, girls aged 10 – 12 years will need an adult / older sibling to accompany them.

**For more detail and families / students to register for the rides;**

[http://www.kidsbikejams.co.nz/Site/Outdoor\\_Festival\\_Trail\\_Ride.aspx](http://www.kidsbikejams.co.nz/Site/Outdoor_Festival_Trail_Ride.aspx)

NB there are limited numbers we can take so its strictly first come!!

**More information about the Outdoor Festival generally and for brochures – contact Ashley Burgess at WCC - [Ashley.Burgess@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:Ashley.Burgess@wcc.govt.nz)**

### **NORTH WELLINGTON JUNIOR TOUCH**

Touch is starting up in North Wellington. This fun, non-contact sport is played on a half-sized field with a game duration being either 20 or 30 minutes (depending on the age of the children) with a half-time break of 1 minute. No special equipment or coaching needed – just turn up and play! Touch will be held at Helston Park, Johnsonville on a Wednesday afternoon between 3:45-5:45 during Term 4 2009 and Term 1 2010. The first game starts 21 October.

Teams are mixed-gender and organized according to school years: Years 3-4, Year 5-6 and Year 7-8

A team registration form that needs to be completed for each team. Let your school community know now so teams can be organised. Registration forms need to be in by the end of Term 3.

Check out the web for more information <http://nwtouch.jimdo.com> or contact Tara Fagan on 938-5977 or Rachel Whitman on 477-4434.

A Team Manager (parent) is all that is required to organize a team.

The organising committee, North Wellington Junior Touch, [nwtouch@gmail.com](mailto:nwtouch@gmail.com)

<http://nwtouch.jimdo.com> Ph: 022 628 6201

For the first time, **Wairarapa** will be holding a **Spring Festival** from 12 September to 11 October. In addition to lots of events, a fantastic Spring Festival School Holiday Programme has been developed. Activities range from ‘Be a Ranger for a Day’ at Pukaha Mt Bruce through to caving & flying fox with WOP’s and Junior Golf Coaching Lessons. To see the full details and find out more about the Spring Festival see [www.wairarapanz.com](http://www.wairarapanz.com) or email [info@wairarapanz.com](mailto:info@wairarapanz.com).

### **Scots College Holiday Football Programme – change days to Tuesday to Friday**

When: October 6 - 9 October; What time: 2 sessions am (9.00 am to 12.00pm for juniors up to age 10) and pm (1.00pm - 4.00pm for experienced players 10 years and up) similar to the July school holidays sessions.

Cost: \$100 early bird registration fee (before 18 September) \$120 after that date!

Venue: Scots College. Grant Yarrall, Director of Academies, Scots College, Miramar

DDI: +64 4 803 0595 [www.scotscollege.school.nz](http://www.scotscollege.school.nz)

ARTSIGHT TERM FOUR AND SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY KIDS AND TEENS ART CLASSES TERM FOUR CLASSES Artsight offers after school and weekend Art classes for kids and teens taught by a registered, specialist, Visual Arts teacher. Bookings are open for Term 4 classes beginning the week of the 12th of October.

All classes are held in a purpose set-up studio at Toi Poneke, Ground Floor, 65 Abel Smith St, Wellington.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME Artsight School Holiday Art classes will be held in two locations:

Toi Poneke-Ground Floor 65 Abel Smith St, Wellington: Monday 28th September to Friday 2nd October

Chilton St James School-124 Waterloo Road, Lower Hutt: Thursday 8th and Friday 9th October

For more information and to book go to: <http://www.artsight.co.nz/> or call Fiona on: 04 3862908 or 021 786629 Email:fiona@artsight.co.nz

Crofton Downs Primary School – PTA Movie Night “September Issue”

The September issue of Vogue magazine weighed nearly five pounds, and was the single largest issue of a magazine ever published. With unprecedented access, The September Issue, directed and produced by R.J Cutler, tells the story of legendary Vogue editor in chief Anna Wintour and her larger-than-life team of editors creating the issue and ruling the world of fashion.

Where: Penthouse, Brooklyn

When :Thursday 24th September 2009

Movie starts at: 8pm

Ticket \$20.00

(includes goodie bag and spot prizes)

Tickets for sale from the Crofton Downs Primary School Office ph:4792429

**“Inline Hockey Summer Programme** – like skating – why not try inline hockey – 8 weeks beginners programme starting Tuesday 13 October at 6pm at Kilbirnie Rec Centre \$40 – all equipment supplied including skates – to enroll or find out more Phone Claire 934 1344 or visit our website [www.penguinshockey.co.nz](http://www.penguinshockey.co.nz)”

Looking for tertiary students for **one-off, part-time, full-time** or **casual work** in your household or business? List your vacancy with **Student Job Search free of charge** at [www.sjs.co.nz](http://www.sjs.co.nz), and we will refer students that we think are right for you and your position - it's that easy!

Triona Reynolds, Senior Marketing Assistant – Wellington, **Student Job Search Aotearoa, Te Roopu Rapu Mahi Taura** 0800 SJS JOB (0800 757 562)

**Athletics for primary and intermediate children**

The Olympic Junior Track and Field Club is moving to Grenada North Park this summer (where the soccer fields are just off the motorway entrance to Tawa). We offer athletics for children aged from 5 upwards on Mondays from 5.50pm to 7pm. First club night is Monday 19 October. Club registration day is Sunday 11 October from 2pm to 4pm at Alex Moore Park, Johnsonville or you can download the enrolment form from our website and register by post. If you would like more info please contact Jo Murray on 232 9409 or [jo@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:jo@kellysports.co.nz) This season we are also offering running training on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for those aged 10 and older as part of a junior summer training membership. All details on our website [www.olympicharriers.org.nz](http://www.olympicharriers.org.nz)

**Trans Tasman Tennis School Holiday Camps**

*Trans Tasman Tennis offers camps for students aged between 4 and 14. This is a perfect opportunity to get off the couch and exercise to learn and improve your tennis in a fun and challenging environment!*

*Times 3pm -6pm, 28th September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> October. Weekly Cost \$180.00*

*To register or for more information on our summer coaching please contact Trans Tasman Tennis on 479 1386 or email [transtasmantennis@xtra.co.nz](mailto:transtasmantennis@xtra.co.nz)*

*Your school office has some brochures for any student interested.*

**Aspire2Achieve**

## ***YMCA Holiday Programme***

*YMCA Wellington - Phone 568 3252. 28 September – 9 October – Spaces limited.*

[www.ymca.greaterwellington.org.nz](http://www.ymca.greaterwellington.org.nz)

We are taking bookings now for the upcoming School Holidays - with four great new classes to choose from (including jewelry!) classes will fill up quickly. Book a morning, afternoon, full day or entire week – your Krafty Kids will love you for it! They learn, have fun, create a treasured keepsake and tend not to want to leave! See our brochure on [www.CraftHouse.co.nz](http://www.CraftHouse.co.nz) or call 499-4499 for more information.

The New Zealand Synchronised Swimming National Championships and the NZ Secondary Schools Synchro Swimming Champs are coming to Wellington. The best synchronised swimmers from around New Zealand will be at the Wellington Regional Aquatic Centre in Kilbirnie from 26 to 29 September for these events (just in time for the start of the school holidays!) Cost is pool spectator entry. Opening Ceremony at 12noon Saturday 26th of September, events start at 12:30pm. Further details are available at [www.feelinggreat.co.nz](http://www.feelinggreat.co.nz), search keyword “synchro”

Should you require any further information about this event, please feel free to contact me on 384 7174 or via email [gcorchard@paradise.net.nz](mailto:gcorchard@paradise.net.nz)