

19 February 2010

Welcome to Hugo Villano who recently started at Raroa.

Students settle well ...

What a smooth start it has been ... in spite of the weather! We have had a wet lunch time already.

Auditions have started ...

Many students have been keen to be involved in this year's production, 'Alice in Wonderland'. It's great to see the enthusiasm. I'm sure it will be a great show judging by the talented students I have seen.

Auditions are also currently being held for places in the Rock Band and Dance Groups. Best wishes to all who are willing to audition.

ATHLETICS

Our school Athletics Day will be held next week – Tuesday 23 February, at Nairnville Park. Start time 8.45 am. All parents welcome.

Students are expected to make their own way to Nairnville Park on this day. **They should not turn up at school**, as there will be no transport provided from school to Nairnville Park. Teachers will mark attendance at the park in the morning.

The postponement date is Friday 26 February. Cancellations will be on Newstalk ZB.

HOME & SCHOOL

Thanks to those of you who filled out one of our Home & School supporter forms at the Meet the Teacher evening. For those of you who did not attend or get the chance to fill one out, we would be delighted to know how you can help. We enclose a form with this Raroan. If you can help in any way e.g. with counting money, help with the Production or Galaroa, please fill out the form and return it to the school office.

We do need a small committee to get things going so I hope some of you have said you could help on the Home & School Committee.

The first meeting of the Home & School Committee is Tuesday 23 March at 7pm in the staffroom.

THREE WAY CHILD, PARENT, TEACHER CONFERENCES

Instead of the usual Teacher – Parent interviews we normally have at this time of year, this year we are trialling student led conferences. At these conferences students should be able to tell you what they have done so far, where their gaps are and what learning goals they want to set with you and the teacher, for this part of the year. Part way through the year these goals will be evaluated with you. Details about your child's 3 way conference should be distributed shortly. At this conference, you will also have the results of your child's beginning of year tests. Some of these tests are Nationally Norm referenced. This gives us, and you, a very good idea of how your child compares with Year 7 & 8 students nationally.

Dates: Team 2 – Rooms 3, 4, 5, 6, 17, 18, 19 and Team 3 – Rooms 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14
will hold these conferences on 2 & 3 March

Team 1 – Rooms 1, 2, 7, 8, 15, 20 & 21 will hold their conferences on 16 & 17 March.

EARLY DISMISSAL – 12.10pm, Monday 22 March

This is an early notice to inform you that students will be dismissed early on Monday 22 March.

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 on this afternoon.

Students will be dismissed at 12.10pm (with train students dismissed slightly earlier to catch the train from Raroa). 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. (Rooms 9, 10, 11 & 14) will be at camp on this date.

CAMPING 2010

Thanks to those of you who have paid for camp already. (Some of you have not yet received notices). Paying electronically is by far the easiest way for the school, for payments to be made. If you would like to discuss payment options, please ring Lynne at the school office.

(A big thanks you too, to those of you who have paid the school donation. Decile 10 schools rely on funding from parents, as the government grant for schools like ours is much less than low decile schools receive).

BOARD of TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

This year is a Board Election year. As we also have midterm elections for the Board at Raroa, we have three eligible spaces on the board to be filled. Please give this some thought.

Raroa is a very effective school because it has enjoyed visionary governance working as a team with the school leadership to create a cutting edge environment for students in the Middle Years.

Often people don't put themselves forward because they think there will be many nominations if they are too busy. There is perhaps nothing more important than being involved in your child's education. So, give it some thought. Nomination forms will be sent to every parent / caregiver in early Term 2.

LOST PROPERTY

While it is inevitable that items of clothing may be lost at Raroa, the task of ensuring that they are returned is made easier if the items are clearly named. With 580+ students in the school a first name or initials only on an item is inadequate. Please be aware that the use of vivid and /or biro are not good labelling as these wash out with constant washing. Local shops do have a labelling device or pens for the clear labelling of clothing and items. Also, as an alternative option, there is a very good Laundry marking pen available from the School office. As this is a camp year it is important all camping items are named, especially sleeping bags and towels.

Should your child lose an item please remind them that they can look in the Technology foyer for them. You are most welcome to check the lost property when you are visiting Raroa.

Please remember that space does not allow for the storage of items term to term. That means that at the end of each term all items are sent to a local Op Shop.

Please label all items carefully and clearly.

This will make it easier to ensure clothing is returned to the rightful owner. Mrs Brown.

LIBRARY PARENT HELP

If you have an hour or two to spare and want to volunteer your time to the school – the library needs YOU! On the job training given. Parent help duties include helping to process new books, Resource Room shelving, photocopying...real "Person Friday" stuff! If this sounds like you, please contact either Sue Jane or Clare Forrest on 477 5330 Ext 724 or email: janes@raroa.school.nz

GARDASIL VACCINATION

(for Year 8 girls - against Human Papilloma virus)

A reminder the Immunisation team will be vaccinating at the school on the following dates:

Dose 1 Thursday 25 February; Dose 2 Tuesday 27 April and

Dose 3 Tuesday 27 July

Girls can receive the vaccination through their GP or through the school-based programme.

DENTAL SERVICE

Raroa's dental clinic will not open until later in the year. If your child needs dental relief or you have any enquiries, you can still phone the Community Dental Service on 477 4367.

DATES TO REMEMBER

February

Sun 21 Netball trials – Y7 9.45am-12pm and Y8 12.45-3pm
Tues 23 Raroa Athletics Day at Nairnville Park (pp Fri 26 February)
Wed 24 Raroa After School Club – AGM in the RASC room – 7.00 pm
Thurs 25 Year 8 girls Boostrix Gardasil Vaccinations

March

Mon 1 – Fri 5 Rooms 1, 2, 8, 15 & 21 at Camp
Mon 8 – Fri 12 Rooms 3, 7, 17, 19 & 20 at Camp
Mon 15 – Fri 19 Rooms 4, 5, 6, 12 & 18 at Camp
Thurs 18 BOT Meeting in the Staffroom – 7.00 pm
Mon 22 Early dismissal – 12.10pm
Mon 22 – Fri 26 Rooms 9, 10, 11, 13 & 14 at Camp

Kind regards

Kevin Ryan
Principal
principal@raroa.school.nz



Home & School Association

Supporter Registration 2010

Parent / Caregiver Names	
Student Name(s) & Room(s)	
Day-time phone contact	
Evening phone contact	
Email address	
I can assist with:	Tick any choices you can assist with: During the day In the evening On the Home & School Committee With Galaroa Other (please specify)

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Northern United Junior Hockey Club ~ CHILDRENS HOCKEY 2010 – Registrations are being taken for all junior grades upstairs at McDonalds Johnsonville. Saturday 6 March 3 pm to 5 pm & Sunday 7 March 1pm to 3 pm. Experienced or beginner players from 4yrs and up. Competitive Saturday grades or beginner /development squad on Sunday afternoons.

No experience necessary. Coaching is provided. Sticks and Balls available. Contact Gavin on 972-3609 or gn@paradise.net.nz Come play for us , we have our own practice Turf. HOCKEY IS FUN!

“Penguins Inline Hockey” – Open Day (ice hockey on roller blades)– Sunday February 14 from 2 – 5pm Kilbirnie Rec Centre to find out more Phone Claire 934 1344 or visit our website www.penguinshockey.co.nz” Claire Bruin, Ph 934 1344 or 021 849 633

Onslow Junior Football Club

Grade 12 Trials will be held this Sunday 21 Feb 1-3 at Cashmere Avenue School. If you are interested in playing Football this season and were born in 1998 (or 1997 for girls) please contact karen@onslow.org.nz as soon as possible.

Under 15 Wellington Girls Rep basketball

- Training and trials for the Under 15 Wellington Girls Rep Basketball teams for 2010 will start soon.
- WBA have allocated a weekly training time slot 3.00pm - 4.30pm every Saturday afternoon, at the South West Stadium in Newtown, - start date to be advised on the WBA(<http://www.wellingtonbasketball.co.nz/cgi-bin/home.pl>) website shortly.
- All basketball playing girls, 13 & 14 years of age, whose 15th birthday falls next year (2011), are invited to attend.

The Johnsonville Junior Rugby Club are seeking players (non-tackle and tackle) for the 2010 season. Grades are U6 - U13. 2010 Registration Dates :

- Saturday 20th February 1-3pm
- Thursday 25th February 5-7pm (Hurricanes will be in attendance)
- Friday 5th March 5.30-7.30pm
- **Venue:** Johnsonville Rugby Clubrooms, Helston Park, Helston Road
- **Fees:** Individual \$50, 2 or more from the same family \$80
Includes team photo levy
- **New Players - please bring birth cert. or passport to verify age.**
 - Payment MUST BE PAID on registration days, Cash or cheque only please!
- **ALL GIRLS WELCOME !!!!**
- **Enquiries: Rachel Whitman, Junior Convener, Cell: 477-4434, Email: whitman.whanau@xtra.co.nz**

Western Suburbs Junior Rugby Club

Come and join Wests Junior Rugby Club – the best junior club in Wellington.

Registration days are:

Thursday 25th February 5-7pm

Saturday 27th February 1-3pm

At clubrooms at Ian Galloway Park, Wilton

For further registration, see www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz/