

# COTSWOLD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

A special welcome to new students and families who have started school at Cotswold during the last few weeks.

Thank you:

- To all parents who are taking the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's progress.
- To all parents and friends of the school who have attended the middle and senior school LETS Explore Celebrations. A reminder to parents of students in our junior school that your child's LETS Explore Celebration will be held in our school hall on Thursday 3rd July, 2008 starting at 2.00pm.
- To the large number of parents who have helped us in any way during Term 2. Your help is appreciated and many of the activities students have been involved in this term would not be possible without your support.

Congratulations to:

- Braden Alsford on being accepted as a member of the Christchurch Music Festival Junior Special Choir.
- Paige Waddington who has been selected by the Canterbury Primary Schools Sports Association to race against cross country runners from Wellington, Nelson, Marlborough and Otago.
- Adam Garthwaite who passed the grade of 9th kyu – Orange belt at a recent grading for Aikido.
- Mackenzie Logan, Ryan Jeffs and Hannah McGregor who all achieved top three placings in the Canterbury Primary Schools Artistic and Rhythmic Gym Competition
- Taylor Waddington, Paige Waddington, Abby Brook, Kerri Everest, Jayden Britt, Brodie Bishop, Jayden Watson and Jack Wilson who were selected to represent the Bishopdale YMCA at the inter-stadium All Star basketball tournament.

Our school theme for 2008 is LETS – Learning and Exploring Together to Succeed. Each term students will be involved in a unit with a school-wide common theme. Our theme for Term 3 is LETS Compete.

The junior school will be studying ways we compete for water. During the term the children will be coming up with ideas on how we can conserve and preserve our water supply. The children will be using a variety of thinking tools to come up with creative and innovative ideas.





C O T S W O L D S C H O O L ... B U I L D I N G B R I G H T E R F U T U R E S

Middle School students (Years 3 & 4) will use the Cotswold School Inquiry Process to investigate the attributes of successful people in a variety of contexts. Students will look at why these people are successful, how they achieved success, the people that contributed to their success and when it was important for them to either be a competitive or a co-operative participant. The students in Years 3 and 4, will then investigate a New Zealand Olympian who demonstrates the skills of a successful competitor and follow their progress prior to and throughout the 2008 Olympics. To celebrate our learning on what it is to be a successful competitor, Year 3 and 4 students will then each be issued with their own pedometer, set goals, train daily and participate in a community walk – counting steps and reaching their pre-determined goals.

Senior school students (Year 5 & 6) will use the Cotswold Inquiry Process to investigate competition in its many forms. These will include:

- How species compete to survive
- How humans have come into competition with the animal kingdom for the same resources
- How humans compete amongst themselves in many areas such as sport and employment.

Students will examine what qualities are required to successfully compete as a human. From this solid platform the students will branch out into their own inquiries focusing on competition.

Thank you.

**STEPHEN HARRISON**  
Principal

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

A reminder that we will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2008** from 2.00pm to 8.00pm.

**Please note: All students will be catered for in our school hall from 1.45pm to 3.00pm on our interview day**

Our teaching programme on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2008 is as follows:

Teaching Session 1	8.55am – 10.20am
Morning Interval	10.20am – 10.35am
Teaching Session 2	10.35am – 12.00
Lunch	12.00 - 12.40pm
Teaching Session 3	12.40pm – 1.45pm
Teaching Session 4 – School Hall	1.45pm – 3.00pm

Interview times were included with student portfolios. If you have not yet requested an interview time and would like one, please contact your child's class teacher.

**STUDENT PORTFOLIOS**

Could all student portfolios please be returned to school by Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2008. These are required by students and teachers for interviews.

**END OF TERM**

School will close for the term at 3.00pm on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2008. School will commence for Term 3 at 8.55am on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2008.

**2008 TERM DATES**

Term 3, 2008	Monday 21 July to Friday 26 September
Term 4, 2008	Monday 13 October to Thursday 18 December

Schools will be closed in **2008** on Saturdays and Sundays and on the following holidays:

- Labour Day - Monday 27 October
- Canterbury Anniversary Day – 14 November

**2009 TERM DATES**

Term 1, 2009	Monday 2 February to Thursday 9 April
Term 2, 2009	Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July
Term 3, 2009	Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
Term 4, 2009	Monday 12 October to Wednesday 16 December

Schools will be closed in **2009** on Saturdays and Sundays and on the following holidays:

- Waitangi Day - Wednesday 6 February
- Good Friday – 10 April
- Easter Monday – 13 April
- Easter Tuesday – 14 April
- Queen's Birthday - Monday 1 June
- Labour Day - Monday 26 October
- Canterbury Anniversary Day – 13 November

**STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded Student Excellence Awards at our assembly on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2008.

Damiano Agnew	Jack Fraser	Casey Penn
Holly Anderson	Mariah Gemmell	Georgia Perriam
Taylor Asher	Kenneth Goode	Jack Phillips
Alyssa Bartosh	Mikayla Goodman	Matthew Reddock
Nathan Briggs	Jacob Harris	Jackson Rushworth
Myah Burgess	Jacob Hasler	Christian Sleeman
Liam Carson	Sophie Hooper	Cameron Talbot
Alisa Chen	Katie Jeffs	Veuki Taumoefolau
Yoonki Cho	Brooke Joyce	Brittany Terrey
Jamie Coey	Abby Keats	Ashley Thomson
Michaela Collett	Kwanho Kim	Jesse Turton



William Drury	Kerryn O'Keefe	Abbi Williams
Asmma El Senusi	Katie Pattenden	Brock Wilson-Gaudin
Benjamin Fisher-Robertson	Bethany Pattenden	Jack Phillips

### JUNIOR SCHOOL CELEBRATION – THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JULY, 2008

The junior school will be holding their celebration on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2008 - 2.00pm to 3.00pm. There will be a celebration assembly in our school hall starting at 2.00pm.

### CHANGE OF DETAILS

Please advise the office if there are any changes in family circumstances, change of addresses, phone numbers etc.

### SCHOOL DONATIONS

Thank you to the families who have paid school donations to date, these amounts will no longer appear on school invoices going home, but will be accepted at the office at any time throughout the year.

### CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to Paige Waddington, Josh Primmer and Cameron Russell who represented our school and the North-West Zone at the CPSSA Cross Country held at the Halswell Quarry. These three runners also gained 2<sup>nd</sup> place in their respective 9 year old teams race. Special congratulations to Paige who finished 6<sup>th</sup> and has been selected to represent Canterbury. Paige will run against runners from Wellington, Nelson, Marlborough and Otago. Go for it Paige. Thanks to the parents and Mr Mouat who supported our runners.

**CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARTISTIC & RHYTHMIC GYM COMPETITION**  
 Congratulations to the gymnasts that represented our school at the CPSSA Artistic and Rhythmic Gym Competition this term. You can all be proud of your efforts during these two competitions.

#### Artistic

- Mackenzie Logan – Intermediate boys, 2nd vault, 3rd high bar, 3rd parallel bar, 3rd floor, 3rd overall.
- Ryan Jeffs – Junior boys, 2nd vault, 2nd parallel bar, 2nd floor, 2nd overall.
- Hannah McGregor – Junior A girls, 2nd vault, 2nd floor, 3rd overall.

#### Rhythmic

- Dominique Heath – 3<sup>rd</sup> Hoop
- Alesha Mackenzie

Thanks to the parents that managed our team.

### CANTERBURY BASKETBALL 'ALL STAR' TOURNAMENT

Well to the following students who were selected to represent the Bishopdale YMCA at the inter-stadium All Star Basketball Tournament.

- Taylor Waddington
- Paige Waddington
- Abby Brook
- Kerri Everest
- Jayden Britt
- Brodie Bishop
- Jayden Watson
- Jack Wilson

It was great to see present and past pupils displaying their skills during this busy



tournament.

### YEAR 5 & 6 WEEKLY WINTER SPORT ON FRIDAY

Well done to all the children involved in this competition. You can all be proud of your efforts throughout the term. This competition will continue in Term 3 and will conclude with some playoffs. Some children from this competition will be selected to represent the school at the Zone Winter Tournament during Term 3.

### TUESDAY TOUCH AT NUNWEEK PARK

This is a popular mixed gender competition (6-aside). Games are always on Tuesdays and children can compete in the following age groups:

- Y0-2
- Y3-4
- Y5-6

Registration forms will be issued for this competition during **Week 3** of Term 3. Once teams are established the school will issue invoices for payment of subs (approx \$25). This competition runs during Term 4 this year and Term 1, 2009. Children must be prepared to play for the whole season.

The school has up to 12 teams competing in this competition. This year, if possible, we would like to have smaller teams, this means more game time for the children involved. To do this we need PARENTS who are prepared to coach and GIRLS. Interested parents please see Mr Harper.

### SUMMER HOCKEY AT NUNWEEK PARK

Mondays or Tuesdays according to coach preference. Registration forms will be issued for this competition during **Week 3** of Term 3. Once teams are established the school will issue invoices for payment of subs (approx \$25). Children from Year 4 - 6 only. This competition runs during Term 4 this year (Years 4 - 6) and Term 1, 2009 (except Year 6s). Children must be prepared to play for the whole season. Parents are needed to coach. Please see Mr Harper for details.

### FUTURE FERNS AND UNDER 11 NETBALL – YMCA BASKETBALL

Well done to all our children involved in these competitions. Positive progress has been noted and all teams can look forward to a rewarding second half of the season. Thanks to our coaches and managers of these teams.

### SPECIAL CHOIR

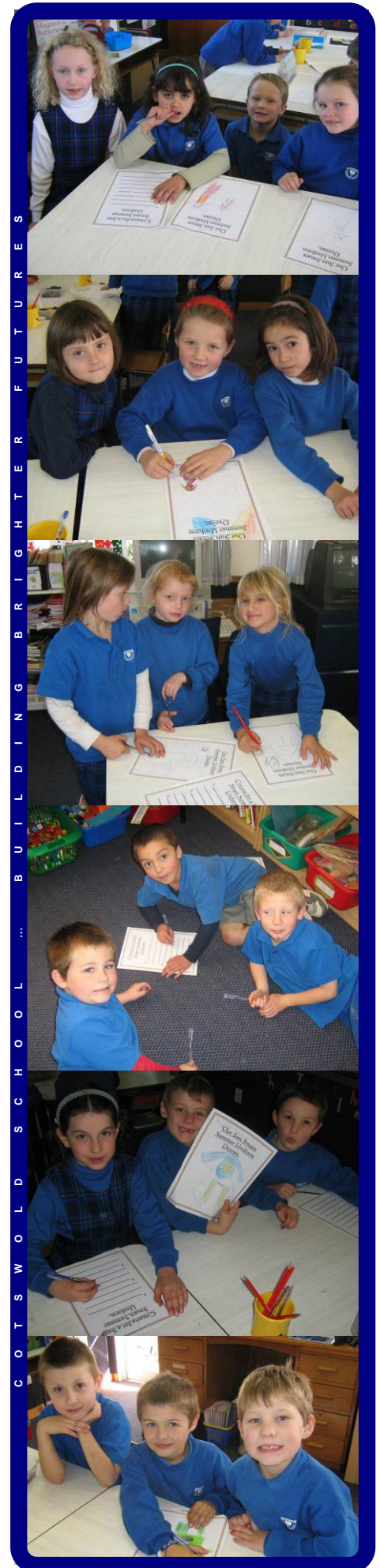
Congratulations to Braden Alsford on being accepted as a member of the Christchurch Music Festival Junior Special Choir. It is a great achievement and we know he'll wear the Cotswold Uniform with pride. Well done.

### CREATIVE CLUBS

The Junior syndicate is collecting materials to use for creative clubs. Could you and your extended family please save any of the following unwanted/unneeded items and forward to Heather Benns – Room 15:

- Magazines
- Newspapers
- Pantyhose
- Cardboard tubes (i.e. glad wrap tubes)
- Wool
- Socks
- Small boxes or cartons for box modelling
- Clean bottle tops
- Egg Cartons

Thanks for your assistance.



**SOUTHLAND VISITORS**

A group of Southland based principals and teachers will visit our school on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August, 2008 to discuss and view Cotswold's implementation of the new curriculum including:

- Vision and values
- Teaching and learning beliefs
- Linking of our values to the key competencies and Education for Enterprise (E4E) outcomes
- Inquiry learning model
- LETs Units
- Assessment and reporting practices including student portfolios

**NZ CURRICULUM ONLINE**

Recently we were approached by the Ministry of Education to provide a "school snapshot" detailing the development of The Cotswold Way – including our vision, values and teaching and learning beliefs. Our "school snapshot" includes examples, strategies and ideas we found useful in introducing curriculum change and can be used by other schools to assist them in introducing curriculum changes in their own schools. Our school snapshot can be viewed at

[http://centre4.interact.ac.nz/modules/kb/kb.php?space\\_key=468&module\\_key=59782&link\\_key=45241&group\\_key=0](http://centre4.interact.ac.nz/modules/kb/kb.php?space_key=468&module_key=59782&link_key=45241&group_key=0)

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR PRINCIPALS**

The Ministry of Education recently released The Kiwi Leadership Model which provides a framework that can be used to support professional learning for principals. The more principals focus their learning and their relationships with teachers on the core business of teaching and learning, the more effective they will be in leading their schools towards improved student outcomes. Cotswold School has been selected as one of four schools in New Zealand to provide a video resource to assist other schools in leading, implementing, guiding and surviving whole school change leading to improved student outcomes. We were selected because we had demonstrated innovation and facility in leading and developing whole school change.

**FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

We will be holding our next full school assembly on the following date:

- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2008 – starting at 9.10am

**B.O.T. MEETING DATES**

The Board of Trustees will meet in the school staffroom at 6.00pm on the following date:-

- 28<sup>th</sup> July, 2008

**SPACE MUFTI DAY**

We will be holding a space mufti day on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2008. Students can pay \$1.00 and dress up as their favourite "space character". The money raised will be used to purchase more "shade" trees for our environment.

**DATES TO DIARY**

2 July	Parent/Teacher Interviews
3 July	Junior School Celebration
4 July	Term 2 Ends – 3.00pm
21 July	Term 3 Begins – 8.55am
28 July	BoT Meeting
22 August	Full School Assembly – 9.10am



# Community News

## FAMILY HOME TO RENT – COTSWOLD ZONE

3 bedroom family home in the Cotswold zone available to rent immediately. Sunny, private, rear section. For more information please call Trevor on 354 4054.

## eTIME – 2008 CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES.

eTime is an education centre in Christchurch that works alongside schools, providing children with the opportunity to develop 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills. eTime has spaces available in the following 2008 programmes.

### Digital Kids

This programme is designed for children in Years 3 – 8. Classes operate each for 8 Fridays each term, 9 – 3pm.

- Term 3 dates: Fridays, 1 August – 18 September.
- Term 4 dates: Fridays, 17 October – 12 December.

Over Term 3 children will learn about digital photography and will use the latest software to create music videos and comic illustrations. They will solve mathematical problems with roamer robots and create a presentation for someone special in their life. Finally, a digital portfolio will be produced and presented to friends and family on a special celebration day.

\$495.00 incl. GST per term

### Gate

This programme is designed for gifted and talented children in Years 5 – 8. Children attend each Monday for 16 weeks over two terms, from 9am-3pm.

- Term 3 dates: 28 July – 15 September.
- Term 4 dates: 13 October – 8 December.

Classes are taken by specialist teacher Marjory Woodfield in a creative, stimulating environment. Throughout Term 3, students will explore the moon through literature, music, social studies and science. They will also explore the possibility of future lunar exploration and the initiatives they could take to support it. Multiple intelligences will be the theme for Term 4 as children map their own intelligences through outdoor experiences and digital photography.

Visual and creative thinking, problem-solving, group interaction, technological and communicational skills will all be developed.

\$1100 incl. GST for two terms

### Holiday Programme

This three-day programme is for children aged 9 – 12. Children will attend 14 – 16 July, from 9am – 3pm.

Fantasy Worlds is the theme of this workshop. Children will use SCAMPER learning techniques to re-tell the stories of several well-known myths, fairytales and stories. They will look at the illustrations, writing style, characters and structures that bring these stories to life. This will result in the creation of fantastic writing and artwork.

\$180 incl. GST

### Gate 2 Day

These two-day programmes are designed for gifted and talented children in Years 5-8. Children will attend one or both workshops from 9 – 3pm.

- 10 & 11 September: In this workshop children will explore some of the ways in which mathematics relates to real life, including the golden ratio, the Fibonacci number sequence and more.
- 3 & 4 December: Celebration is the theme for this workshop. The Wooden Horse of Troy, the Mad Hatter's Tea Party and Oberammergau will allow for a study of celebration across different historical and literary contexts.

\$120 incl. GST per programme

To register for these programmes, or for more information go to: [www.etime.co.nz](http://www.etime.co.nz) or call Charlotte at eTime on 366 9876.

Spaces are limited and registration is on a 'first in' basis.



**"SLEEPOVERS AT THE ANTARCTIC CENTRE"**

During the July school holidays the Antarctic Centre is holding 'Sleepovers' for children aged 8 to 12 years old, on three different nights:

- Monday 14th July, 2008
- Wednesday 16th July, 2008
- Friday 18th July, 2008

The Programme includes supper and breakfast, games, entertainment, as well as lots of fun! Arrive at 7pm on the evening of the Sleepover and leave after having a Hagglund ride at 8.30 am the next morning. The cost is at \$65.00 per person. Please contact the Education staff at The Antarctic Centre for further details and to book a place in the most popular 'Sleepover' in town, at either 353-7083 or 353-7791.

**SPYGAMES @ WIGRAM**

Psst.... Hey YOU.... Yeah YOU.... Want to be a Spy for a day?

Come along to the Air Force Museum's July School Holiday Programme Spygames@Wigram and you will get to.... attend a Secret Code Workshop, learn about Observation and Deduction in the 'Pacific', make a Secret Service Badge, learn Tracking Skills and carry out real-life Surveillance. But that's not all! In the Super Spy Museum Challenge you will complete challenges to collect parts to construct a machine to send a coded communication!

- TIME: 8.30am – 12.30pm (4 hours),
- DATES: 7-11 and 14-18 July,
- AGES: 7-12 years,
- COST: \$25 per child with no added costs.

Limited to 15 children per day and spaces will fill fast, so book today on (03) 343 9583 or [programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz](mailto:programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz) and be a Spy for a day!

**C3 OSCAR HOLIDAY PROGRAMME (CYFS APPROVED)**

Christchurch Chinese Church, 286 Greers Road, Bryndwr. 14-18 July 2008. Flyers on this programme available from the school office.

**IMAGINATION MOUNTAIN**

- St Christopher's Church presents "Imagination Mountain"
- Thursday 10 July and Friday 11 July
- 10.00am to 12.30 pm.
- 244 Avonhead Road.
- Stories, singing, arts and crafts, woodworking, dance, food and much more!
- \$3/day or \$5/both days
- Free café for parents/caregivers
- Pre-registration is recommended! Pick up your form at the church office 9-3 Tues-Fri or download a registration form from [www.stchristophers.org.nz](http://www.stchristophers.org.nz) and post it in.
- Or come along at 9.20am on the first day to register.
- For more information please phone 358 8780 or email [children@stchristophers.org.nz](mailto:children@stchristophers.org.nz)

**WISE UP**

Wise Up is an 8-week course for children aged 6 – 12 years, teaching skills for everyday life. Wise Up aims to teach children to maintain self-care, self-confidence, self-respect and self-control through recognising and exploring feelings and emotions.

**Programme Details:**

There are currently places available for Term 3 in the Addington, Hornby, Linwood and Shirley groups. Sessions are once a week and run from 3:30 to 5:00pm.

For information & enrolments contact:

- Sarah Rawson @ Methodist Mission.
- Phone 366 88 39 ext. 845
- Email [sarahR@mmsi.org.nz](mailto:sarahR@mmsi.org.nz)

**LEARN TO PLAY THE DRUMS WITH TIM KING!!**

Learn to play the drums using the nationally acclaimed Drumsense teaching programme. Beginners can get started with no experience necessary. Tried and tested programme - rock, jazz, rudiments. A comprehensive and enjoyable playalong programme!! Please phone Tim - 942 0892, mobile-021 213 6001 or [e-mail-tim.king@drumsense.com](mailto:tim.king@drumsense.com)

**COTSWOLD KINDY NEEDS DRESS-UPS**

Cotswold Kindy is in need of some more dress-ups, particularly for boys. If you have any dress-ups you no longer need please consider donating them to Cotswold Kindy. Many thanks, Cotswold Kindy Committee.

