



COTSWOLD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

At Cotswold School, students are assessed in ways which reflect their development as whole people and by applying appropriate procedures to assess their progress in terms of appropriate learning goals.

Through our assessment practises we aim:

- To improve learning.
- To identify the learning needs of individuals / groups / whole class.
- To provide an individual learning profile and information on the progress of each student identifying areas of next step learning.
- To improve the quality of teaching programmes by analysing the data gathered, identifying areas of need and discussing strategies to meet these.
- To improve the quality of students' learning programmes by evaluating the methods used in teaching and their effectiveness within the programme.
- To assist in the preparation of class and school reviews and reporting on school effectiveness.
- To facilitate reporting to students, parents and other professionals.

We believe that both formal and informal reporting is important in the establishment of good relationships between parents, child, and teacher, and is essential to good learning.

Through our reporting practises we aim:

- To report to students and their parents on the achievement of individual students
- To report to the school's community on the achievement of students as a whole
- To keep parents regularly informed of what is happening in school - especially regarding their child's learning.
- To establish curriculum related common goals with parents in respect to their children that can be jointly pursued.

The government's strategy titled "Making a Bigger Difference for all Students" focuses on how everyone involved in schooling can contribute





individually and together to improving student outcomes. The strategy recognises:

- that families and whānau have a significant influence on their children 's learning throughout their schooling years
- that families and whānau are looking for ways to nurture their children 's learning
- that quality relationships between teachers//schools and families/whānau are an extremely important part of supporting student learning

Research overwhelmingly demonstrates that parent involvement in children's learning is positively related to achievement. Further, the research shows that the more intensively parents are involved in their children's learning, the more beneficial are the achievement effects. This holds true for all types of parent involvement in children's learning and for all types and ages of students.

On Thursday 3rd April, 2008 all parents will have the opportunity to attend a ten minute interview with their child's class teacher. During each interview, your child's class teacher will outline how your child has settled into their new class, results of recent assessments particularly in reading and social/behavioural positives or development needs. Teachers will also discuss a common goal that can be worked on at home and school.

I encourage all parents to take the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher.

STEPHEN HARRISON
Principal

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS - EARLY CLOSING TIME

We will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday 3rd April, 2008 from 2.00pm to 8.00pm

Please note: On days of interviews we will work a reduced morning interval and lunch period and will close school at 1.45pm.

Our teaching programme for these days is as follows:

Teaching Session 1	8.55am – 11.00am
Morning Interval	11.00am – 11.20am
Teaching Session 2	11.20am – 12.40pm
Lunch	12.40pm - 1.20pm
Teaching Session 3	1.20pm – 1.45pm

All interview request forms have been processed with interview appointment times being sent home with your child on Thursday 27th March, 2008. If you have not yet requested an interview and would like one, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time.

Children whose parents cannot pick them up at 1.45pm on Thursday will be supervised in the school library until 3.00pm.

VISUAL ARTS CELEBRATION

Staff and pupils have been planning a "Visual Arts Celebration" for some time. In many cases this will be the culmination of work from the art programme that has been happening in the classroom throughout this term. Our "Visual Arts Celebration" will take place on:

- Thursday 3rd April – From 2.00pm to 7.30pm
- Friday 4th April – From 7.30am to 10.30am

Student's art work will be displayed in our school hall.

JUNIOR SCHOOL HUFF & PUFF

Rooms 1 – 4, 13 – 16 – Thursday 8th May, 2008

Students in Rooms 1 – 4 & 13 - 16 will be involved in a Huff & Puff run as detailed below:

- Thursday 8th May, 2008
- Postponement Dates: Friday 9th May, 2008

Event Programme

Approximate Time	Race
12.00	Warm Up
12.05	Room 16
12.10	Room 15
12.15	Room 14
12.20	Room 13
12.25	Room 4
12.30	Room 3
12.34	Room 1 & 2

NB: Please note these are approximate times only. You are advised to arrive at 12.00pm to avoid disappointment.

On race day the children will assemble in their class groups on the field. There will be a short warm up session, after which the children will race in their class groups. Each child will receive a certificate for participating in the cross country.

Please ensure your child has:

- Suitable footwear
- Suitable clothing to run
- A named drink bottle

Postponement of the activity will be notified as follows:

- 92 More FM
- Newstalk ZB

Our Message Centre – telephone 3598035 (Option 2) from 9.30am. Please



do not ring the school office for this information.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

- Rooms 5 - 11, 16 – 20 – Thursday 15th May, 2008

COTSWOLD RADIO

A group of ten, Year 5 and 6 students are in the process of setting up a low frequency radio station for our school. The cost for the equipment and installation is \$5000. We have sent letters to local businesses asking for donations in order to purchase the equipment we require. If you are able to help or know of someone who can help us raise this money, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Anna Douglas - annad@cotswold.school.nz; telephone 359 8035 Extension 710.

PSIS BANKING

The PSIS offers a banking service for our students. Students who have opened an account at PSIS can bring their banking to school each **Wednesday**. If you would like your child to establish a routine of saving, please contact the PSIS branch in Papanui. A reminder that PSIS Banking Day at Cotswold School is Wednesday. **We are still looking for volunteers who can collect our students banking from the school office and drop it at the PSIS in Papanui. If you can help, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Sue or Ann at the school office.**

NGA TIA TAMARIKI AROHA KAPAHAKA

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected for the Cotswold Kapahaka group:

• Aneesa Ajam	• Jessica Webb	• Veuki Taumoefolau
• Kenneth Goode	• Alesha MacKenzie	• Georgina Bolland
• Joshua Burgess	• Anamaria Tulia	• Ashley Watson
• Ethan Sleeman	• Stephanie Patient	• Aliesha Palmer
• Amy Wilson	• Chantal Batchelor	• Jayden Johnstone
• Jayden Vaipapa	• Brittany Auckram	• Guiseppe Garza
• Aimee Buckwell	• On Yoo Yook	• Christopher Read
• Connor MacLennan	• Reva Eady	• Jesse Turton
• Lillie Stewart	• Matthew Reddock	• Abby Brook
• Sean Kiely	• Emily-Rose Oakley	• Jacob Harris
• Christian Sleeman	• Elysha Ututaonga	• Grace Vernal
• Jessica Crosbie	• Brandon Neil	• Natasha Whanau
• Kallim Guy	• Hoani Holder	• Lydia-Jane Strong
• Luke Bennett	• Tristan Jackson	• Rebecca Gallacher
• Neva Placid		• Shavaughn Tomlinson

THANK YOU

Thank you to the people who offered or brought cardboard to school for use in the junior school Creative Clubs programme.



FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our next full school assembly on:

- Friday 18th April, 2008 – starting at 11.30am

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Parents Association will be holding a **Sausage Sizzle** on **Friday 18th April, 2008**. Still only \$1.00 and selling from 8.30am from the **hall kitchen window**. Thank you to Bakers Delight for supplying the bread

B.O.T. MEETING DATES

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

- 5th May, 2008
- 26th May, 2008
- 30th June, 2008

NORTH-WEST ZONE SWIMMING SPORTS AND CPSSA TRIATHLON

Well done to all the children who participated in these two events. You can all be proud of your efforts. It was great to see all our swimming squad members making it through to the finals in their respective events.

Thanks to the parents who supported our teams and provided transport.

CPSSA YEAR 5/6 SUMMER SPORT AT HAGLEY PARK

Congratulations to all our Touch and Softballers who have been participating in the Friday Weekly Summer Sport at Hagley Park. Your dodging and touch downs and big hits have been noted. It was great to see your positive efforts on and off the field. Well done to our teams who are involved in top four playoffs. Special thanks to the parents who have coached and managed our teams. Thanks also to the parents who provided transport to the games. Please make sure all team uniforms are returned in a named bag to Mr Harper by April 14.

CCA - MILO GIRLS CRICKET LEAGUE

A big 'HOWZAT' to the girls in our Milo League Cricket team who bowled us over in making the playoffs in this competition. This is a first for Cotswold and we are very proud of the efforts of all team members. Thanks to Coach Guthrie and the parents who supported this competition. *(Results to follow in the next newsletter)*

FUTURE FERNS, UNDER 11 NETBALL AND YMCA BASKETBALL

All subs need to be paid ASAP (or by April 18 at the latest).

NETTABURY 2008

- Modified Netball Games for 'Preschoolers to Year 3'
- Time: 10am to 11am on Sundays
- Dates: 11th May to 29th June
- Venue: Christchurch Netball Centre, South Hagley Park

No registrations required just turn up on the day. For more information contact Peter Harper – peter@cotswold.school.nz; telephone 3598035 extension 709.



YEAR 5 & 6 WINTER WEEKLY SPORT

We **URGENTLY** need coaches for the Winter Weekly Sport Competition at Hagley Park on Fridays during Term 2 and Term 3.

Please note that we maybe limited in the number of teams we are able to enter in this competition. We will also rely on parent support to act as coaches and managers.

If you can assist in Rugby, Football, Netball or Hockey please contact Peter Harper – peter@cotswold.school.nz; telephone 3598035 extensions 709.

2008 TERM DATES

Term 1, 2008	Monday 4 February to Friday 18 April
Term 2, 2008	Monday 5 May to Friday 4 July
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:

- Anzac Day - Friday 25 April
- Queen's Birthday - Monday 2 June
- Labour Day - Monday 27 October
- Canterbury Anniversary Day – 14 November

END OF TERM

School will close for the term at **3.00pm on Friday 18th April, 2008**. School will commence for Term 2 at **8.55am on Monday 5th May, 2008**.

DENTAL CARE OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from:

- 8:30am until 12:30pm
- Oral Health Centre
- 16 Tuam Street, Christchurch

for the following times:

- Monday, 21st April to Thursday, 24th April 2008
- Monday, 28th April – 2nd May 2008

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance. You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 364 1860. Alternatively, your school dental clinic phone will have a message on how to access emergency care.



SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

We are aiming to publish and distribute school newsletters once each month during 2008. Please check your child's bag on the first Wednesday each month (excluding October). If you would like to receive a copy of our newsletter by email, please email principal@cotswold.school.nz with the words "Email Me Cotswold News" in the subject line.

DATES TO DIARY

3 April	Parent/Teacher Interviews
3 & 4 April	Visual Arts Celebration
18 April	Sausage Sizzle
18 April	Full School Assembly
18 April	Term 1 Ends – 3.00pm
5 May	Term 2 Starts – 8.55am
5 May	BoT Meeting – 6.00pm
8 May	Junior School Huff & Puff
15 May	School Cross Country
26 May	BoT Meeting – 6.00pm

Community News

BEFORE/AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Mum available for before and after school care. Please phone Niki on 033594574.

MASSIVE SPORTS AUCTION – BE THERE OR BID ON LINE

Heart Children Canterbury will hold its first ever 'Massive Sports Auction' on Thursday 10 April 2008 to raise money for children with heart conditions. Held at the Riccarton Park function Centre the auction offers a fantastic array of sports items and experiences, live music by the Bubblemen and refreshments and finger food, (a cash bar is also available). A great night out for friends and family. Items offered include off-road dirt biking, skiing trips, hiking tours, coaching, sports goods, fishing trips and much more. Tickets are priced at just \$15. Be there or bid on line. Visit www.heartchildren.org.nz/SportsAuction.html for details on the auction, the items and to bid online. Or call Judith 03 343 3902, email heartcanterbury@paradise.net.nz

SPELD (Specific Learning Disabilities)

SPELD (Specific Learning Disabilities) Canterbury has great pleasure in inviting parents to the 2008 National SPELD NZ Conference, "Supporting People Who Learn Differently", 18-20 July 2008, Christchurch. Our conference theme recognises the value of educators and the necessary support for parents. International and local educators, specialising in specific learning disabilities, will provide presentations and workshops covering dyslexia, dyscalculia (difficulty with Mathematics), dyspraxia and other related conditions.

For further information, please contact Joanne@conferenceteam.co.nz or phone 359 2600

HOLIDAY SEMINARS CHARITABLE TRUST

Holiday Seminars Charitable Trust has again organised school holiday workshops



for Gifted & Talented students Years 4-10 (approx. 8-15yrs) 22nd to 30th April at Selwyn College, Kohimarama, Auckland.

Workshops include:

Astronomy, Architecture, Be A Famous Artist, Cartoon Art, Classics For Beginners, Chess Coaching, Codes & Ciphers, Crime Scene Investigations, Diplomacy, Fanciful Worlds, Great Movie Makers, Heraldry, Hidden Knowledge, Maths Olympics, Mime, Masks & Melodrama, Mind Reading, Risk World Conquest, Sorcerer's Apprentice, Strategy Games Symposium, Toy Box Technology, Weird & Wacky Art.

www.holidayseminars.co.nz for full workshop descriptions

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MANAGING ASTHMA DURING CROSS COUNTRY

At Asthma Canterbury we often hear from parents who are concerned about managing their child's asthma when cross country comes around. If your child has asthma when they exercise, here are a few tips to help them manage their asthma during the cross country season and when they are physically active.

Control Of Day-To-Day Asthma

- If your child is using their blue reliever inhaler three or more times a week, their asthma is not under control. See your family doctor for an asthma review and contact Asthma Canterbury for information and advice.
- Prepare for physical activity
- Warm up for 15-20 minutes.
- Students to use their blue reliever inhaler 10 minutes before activity
- Students to take 1-2 puffs of their blue reliever inhaler through their spacer 10 minutes before activity (as prescribed by your family doctor or by your child's asthma action plan). This helps to open up the breathing tubes, ready for activity. Make sure they have access to their named blue reliever medication and spacer during the activity.
- Nose breathe
- Breathing through the nose warms, filters and moistens air entering the lungs.
- Warm Down
- Exercise induced asthma (EIA) can happen during exercise but can often occur after stopping exercise. Make sure your child warms down properly.

If your child experiences asthma during exercise then:

- STOP and take some slow deep breaths.
- TAKE another 2 puffs of the blue reliever inhaler through the spacer.
- If symptoms improve then carry on.
- STOP the activity if symptoms persist and then
- TELL a teacher about their symptoms.

For further information and advice on asthma contact:

Asthma Canterbury PH: 366 5235

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