

COTSWOLD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Ongoing research clearly shows that regular attendance at school is fundamental to student learning. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to achieve educational success, and increase their career and life options. When students are not at school they are probably not learning the skills, values and knowledge society deems to be important. Children who are regularly absent from school can be damaged as a result: they are more easily drawn into crime and anti-social behaviour; much more likely to leave school with few or no qualifications; more likely to be out of work after leaving school; and more likely to become homeless. High rates of absence from school can also disrupt the education of other children because teachers have to find time to help poor attendees catch up with missed work.

It is not only students who benefit from regular attendance. Teachers, parents and caregivers, and the wider community all benefit when students are attending school and achieving. These benefits include greater student safety, community well-being, and a sense of connectedness for all.

At Cotswold School our first teaching session for the school day starts at 8.55am. Students need to be at school ready to start the school day no later than 8.55am. All classes at Cotswold start their school day focusing on the development of literacy skills. When a student is late arriving at school they not only miss out on learning new knowledge, skills and values, they also disrupt the learning of other students.

Cotswold School has the following procedures in place for student absences:

- Each day a child is absent, the parent is asked to ring the school prior to 8:55am stating the name of the child absent and the reason. The office records all names received and notifies class teachers via the school intercom system after 9:00am.
- Teachers complete an attendance book for their classroom and send it to the office by 9.05am each day.
- The office will then contact the parent of a child absent without notification to verify the child's whereabouts.





COTSWOLD SCHOOL ... BUILDING BRIGHTER FUTURES



- Absence notes must be brought by the children (unless a phone call or a personal message is received). All notes giving reasons for absence should be filed in the classroom for a year.
- Teachers are asked to keep a watch for any child who has a pattern of absences/lateness. These are reported to the Principal for further action.

Please ensure your child's educational development is a key item at the start of your day by ensuring:

- They attend school each school day
- They arrive at school and are ready to start the first teaching session no later than 8.55am
- Model the concept that being there (on time) is important

Thank you.

STEPHEN HARRISON
Principal

STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded Student Excellence Awards at our assembly on Friday 30th May, 2008.

▪ Mia Abercrombie	▪ Maya Halford	▪ Janelle MacKenzie
▪ Jacob Anderson	▪ Elysia Holdsworth	▪ Alesha MacKenzie
▪ Ryan Barnes	▪ Emma Hollingworth	▪ Jamie MacLennan
▪ Hayley Barton	▪ Daniel Howes	▪ Bradley Matheson
▪ Sophia Blake	▪ Kirsten Hurring	▪ Trent McMillan
▪ Aimee Buckwell	▪ Rayanna Jackson	▪ Rebecca Owens
▪ Joshua Christensen	▪ Caitlin Jameson	▪ Caitlyn Penney
▪ Jackson Clements	▪ Emily Jameson	▪ Jessica Scarsbrook
▪ Jonathan Cox	▪ Jayden Johnstone	▪ Teagan Tank
▪ Caitlin Cox	▪ Lucas Joyce	▪ Hsin-Chen Tsai
▪ Fletcher Downing	▪ Sean Kiely	▪ Nicole Tune
▪ Logan Fann	▪ Elizabeth Kingston	▪ Grace Vernal
▪ Alexander Foot	▪ Joshua Langley	▪ Amelia Wisker
▪ Tania Gilling (Staff)	▪ Emily Liken	▪ On Jin Yook
▪ Joshua Goode-Corson	▪ Emma Logan	

INDEPENDENCE GAMES MEDAL SUCCESS

Cotswold School congratulates Brooke Joyce on her Independence Games medal success.

In the holidays I was in the CCS Canterbury team at the Independence Games. I slept in a room with Emma and Brittany. Lynda slept next door to us. I did shot-put, discuss, running and swimming. I got a special medal.

By Brooke

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

We will be holding our next Parent Teacher Interviews on **Wednesday 2nd 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 2nd 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	1.45pm – 3.00pm

If you would like an interview, please complete the Interview Request Form included with this newsletter and return it to school by **Monday 9th June, 2008**. **If you have more than one child at school, complete only one slip for all your children and return it with your oldest child to the school office.** Returns will be processed in the order they are returned to school and given to the class teacher. Staff will complete interview times and return the form to you by with your child's portfolio on **Wednesday 25th June, 2008**.

STUDENT PORTFOLIOS

Pupil portfolios will be sent home with your child on **Wednesday 25th June, 2008**. Please check your child's bag for their portfolio.

SCHOOL DISCO

Our school disco will be held in the Cotswold School Hall on **Friday 27th June, 2008**.

Details are as follows

Junior Disco – Year 1 – 3 Students

- 6.00pm – 7.00pm
- \$3.00

Senior Disco – Year 4 – 6 Students

- 7.30pm – 9.00pm
- \$4.00

Tickets will be on sale from the kitchen window of the hall (opposite the outside entrance to the school staffroom and computer suite) on **Friday 27th June, 2007** from 8.30am – 9.00am. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

As always there will be adult supervision throughout the evening. Please take note of the finish times of both discos as we ask parents caregivers to pick up their children up from the hall and on time. We will not release them without an adult.

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY – HUFF 'N' PUFF

Well done to all the children who participated in this year's Huff 'n' Puff, you can all be proud of your efforts. Thanks to the staff who organised the events and the other staff who also supported this event.



School results were as follows:

Junior School

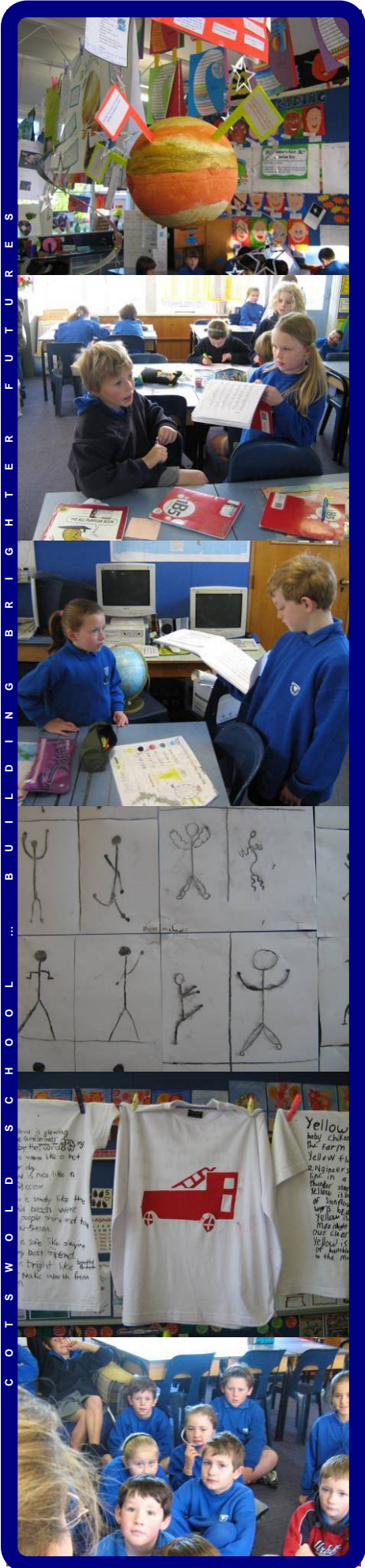
	First	Second	Third
Room 1 Boys	Tom Scott	Flynn Fitzgerald	Sean McClymont
Room 1 Girls	Nahae Kim	Milan Penfold	Elysia Holdsworth
Room 2 Boys	Caleb Cotton	Evan Altbergs	Oliver Rushworthy Yandal Feeney
Room 2 Girls	Abigail Winter	Charlotte Burgess	Emily Liken
Room 3 Boys	Talor Asher	Brooklyn Ivory	Jayden Barnes
Room 3 Girls	Isabella Orr	Yuika Soga	Emma Hollingworth
Room 4 Boys	Oscar Harcourt	Rory Vaeluaga	Logan Dunstar
Room 4 Girls	Nikita Zweis	Amy Britten	Lilly Hunter
Room 13 Boys	Ben Hardy	Caleb Drollet-Tereora	James Trushell
Room 13 Girls	Taryne Poole	Millie Wisker	Kate Wigglesworth
Room 14 Boys	Harry Scott	Chester Mitchell	Logan Fann
Room 14 Girls	Georgia Chappell	Tessa Rayner	Kimberley Kingston
Room 15 Boys	Jack Fraser	Hamish Jones	Jamie McLennan
Room 15 Girls	Caetana Langston	Emily Jameson	Isabella Ralston
Room 16 Boys	Zac Wells	Alex Foot	Jack Demouth Aaron Watson
Room 16 Girls	Emma Logan	Mikayla Cotter	Laura Patient

Middle School

	First	Second	Third
Y3 Boys	Byron Heath	Tyler Bramao	Ryan Barnes
Y3 Girls	Annabelle Fisher	Samantha Harcourt	Ayaka Soga
Y4 Boys	Nic Ross	Reuben Logan	Thomas Fraser
Y4 Girls	Alana Wouters	Jasmine Rou	Isabella Miles

Senior School

	First	Second	Third
Y5/6 1km Walk	Jackson Stickley	Hoani Holder	Liam Moss
Y5/6 1km Girls	Georgia Rossiter	Kirsten Ross	Reva Eady
Y5/6 1km Boys	Justin Rou	Jacob Harris	Ash Watson
Y5/6 1.5km Boys	Mackenzie Logan	Jonathan Cox	Josh Christensen
Y5/6 1.5km Girls	Emma Gould	Kaitlyn Bainbridge	Stephanie Townshend
9 Yr 2km Boys	Josh Primmer	Cameron Russell	Jayden Watson
9 Yr 2km Girls	Dominique Heath	Paige Waddington	Taylor Waddington
10 Yr 2km Boys	Veuki Taumoefalau	Tom Barnes	Christopher Wouters
10 Yr 2km Girls	Nicole Tune	Katie Jeffs	Emily Fraser



NORTH WEST ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following children who represented our school at the Zone Cross Country at Jellie Park.

9 Yr Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dominique Heath ▪ Taylor Waddington 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Paige Waddington ▪ Meg Duff
9 Yr Boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Josh Primmer ▪ Jayden Watson 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cameron Russell ▪ Sean Kiely
10 Yr Girls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Nicole Tune ▪ Katie Jeffs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Emily Fraser ▪ Abby Brook
10 Yr Boys	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Veuki Taumoefolau ▪ Christopher Wouters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Thomas Barnes ▪ Callum Bishop

You can all be proud of your efforts.

Special congratulations to **Josh Primmer 3rd**, **Paige Waddington 4th** and **Cameron Russell 6th** who have qualified to represent our school and the North West Zone at the Canterbury Primary Schools Cross Country this month.

Thanks to **Mr Mouat, Miss Fraser and Gabrielle Hinman** (photographer) who have supported all our zone runners this year. Thanks also to the parents and caregivers who provided transport and positive support at this event.

CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOLS GYMNASTIC AND RHYTHMIC GYMNASTIC COMPETITION

If you have a son or daughter (8 years or older) who belongs to a Gymnastic or Rhythmic Gymnastic Club and would like them to enter or find out more information about these two competitions please see Mr Harper by 6th June, 2008.

TERM 2 CELEBRATION

Our second Celebration Day for 2008 focuses on our Term 2 Theme of **LETS Explore**. Please look at the timetable included with this newsletters and make plans to attend one or several of the presentations

- Junior School – Thursday 3rd July, 2008 – Details Below
- Middle School – Wednesday 25th June, 2008 – Further details at a later date
- Senior School – Thursday 26th June, 2008 – Details Below

JUNIOR SCHOOL CELEBRATION – THURSDAY 3RD JULY, 2008

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

SENIOR SCHOOL CELEBRATION – THURSDAY 26TH JUNE, 2008

The senior school will be holding their celebration on Thursday 26th June, 2008 - 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Classrooms will be open for children to discuss their learning throughout the term. Children are able to walk through other senior classes between 3.00pm and 3.30pm. A note will be sent home later in the term to ascertain numbers of people planning to attend.

PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

This term to practice some of the photography skills the children have been using we will be running a photography competition for the senior syndicate. There are six sections you can enter...

- Looking Up





- Looking Down
- Looking Through
- Over the Shoulder
- Close Up
- Long Shot

Rules and Regulations...

1. You can enter any number of the sections.
2. You can enter as many times as you like.
3. Photos can be from school, home, holidays, the mall (so anywhere really) as long as you have taken them.
4. Ask your teacher to be able to use your classroom camera during the lunch hour. Mr Mouat will also lend out some cameras during Monday lunchtime from ICT 1.
5. Techies will be available on Mondays (ICT 1) to help download photos
6. Children are able to print 1 colour copy for each section at school

All entries must be received by Mr Mouat by Monday 23rd June (A5 size would be great)

Prizes

We would like to thank the following stores from Northlands for their donations;

- Timezone ~ 10 x \$3 vouchers, 26 buy one and get two free passes
- Glassons ~ 3 x \$10 vouchers
- Hallensteins ~ 3 x \$10 vouchers
- Whitcoulls ~ \$20 gift voucher
- Warehouse ~ \$20 gift voucher
- Take Note ~ digital photography book
- Yellow Rocket ~ 15 free drinks
- Kool Zone ~ 10 lanyards
- The CD store ~ Poster

And a huge thank you to the following Major Prize sponsors;

- Bond and Bond ~ 4GB MP3 player
- Harvey Norman ~ 2GB MP3 Player
- Canterbury Education Services (our school book supplier) ~ 3 Art Bags filled with a pad, coloured pencils, crayons and paint, 296 sticker book, felts, pen, big nib whiteboard marker

Please support those who have supported us through visiting their stores.

(NB: a child can only receive one prize in the competition. Due to the number and quality of prizes, some may be held over for a follow up competition during term 3)

PARKING

A reminder to all parents that parking restrictions operate at both our gateways before and after school. Please show courtesy to neighbours and other road users by parking appropriately, allowing as many vehicles as possible to use this restricted area at one time.

A reminder also that parents are not to drive into the school grounds or use the staff carpark.

COTSWOLD SCHOOL JUMP JAM CLUB

Year 5 and 6 children have applied to be a part of the Cotswold School Jump Jam Club. Twelve fantastic children were accepted into this team and have been training hard to perfect their routine for the annual video competition. Our first school performance was at Assembly and was "a bit scary". A good job our routine is

entitled "Halloween!"

The team will be representing Cotswold at a Jump Jam party to watch and learn from other schools throughout Christchurch.

In June the Year 5 members of the Jump Jam Club will also be attending a leadership workshop to teach students how to lead and instruct any Jump Jam routine. The students will learn verbal & visual cueing skills and develop their confidence to instruct others. By mastering these skills these students may wish to enter the Jump Jam Idol competition in September. Good luck!

Miss Davies

SCRIPTURE PROGRAMME 2008

As a team of scripture teachers we really enjoy coming into the classes at Cotswold each week and sharing songs and stories from the Bible with your children. But, due to a very full school curriculum this year our scripture programme has been unable to start in the older classes (Years 4-6) and only some of the junior classes will have a scripture programme.

Later on this year (in term 4) we are hoping to send home permission slips for a new scripture programme starting Term 1, 2009. This will probably be on a set day and held for all children interested in the school hall before school starts. This is still in its planning stage but will be run by our Crafty Kids team and link in to this popular holiday programme. So, more information will follow, but in the meantime our next Crafty Kids Club will be in the second week of the October school holidays.

We look forward to seeing lots of enthusiastic children then!

Scripture Teaching Team



40 Hour Famine.

I'm starving! 16 hours into the 40 hour food famine and Mr Simpson sits next to me in the staffroom with a delicious piece of banana cake. Thanks Mr S – I did make it the whole 40 hours and enjoyed the banana cake all the better next Friday for morning tea. The 40 and 20 hour famines were held the weekend of the 23-25 May. From Cotswold School we had 33 children and myself take part. We were raising money to help World Vision with their projects in Honduras, Cambodia and Malawi. Most children participated in the 20 hour no food famine, but some children gave up technology and others gave up talking. We are hoping that Cotswold School children will raise \$20 each giving us a total of more than \$600. The money is coming in and with some children individually raising more than \$100 we may just make our target.

Well done to all who took part and to those who sponsored others. Thanks!

Miss Davies



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Parents Association will be holding a **Sausage Sizzle** on **Friday 20th June, 2008**. Still only \$1.00 and selling from 8.30am from the **hall kitchen window**. Thank you to Bakers Delight for supplying the bread

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

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

- Friday 27th June, 2008 – starting at 9.10am

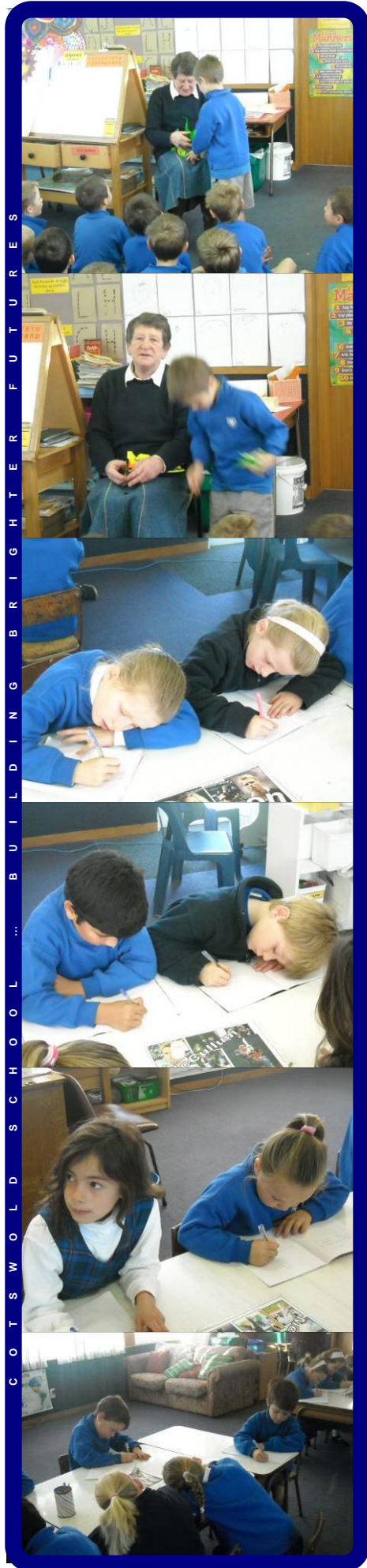
B.O.T. MEETING DATES

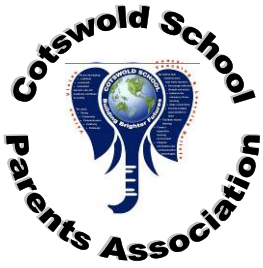
The Board of Trustees will meet in the school staffroom at 6.00pm on the following date:-

- 23rd June, 2008

DATES TO DIARY

20 June	Sausage Sizzle
23 June	BoT Meeting
25 June	Student Portfolios Sent Home
26 June	Senior School Celebration
27 June	Full School Assembly
27 June	School Disco
30 June	BoT Meeting
1 July	Brens Intermediate Open Evening
2 July	Parent/Teacher Interviews
3 July	Junior School Celebration
4 July	Term 2 Ends – 3.00pm
21 July	Term 3 Begins – 8.55am





COTWOLD SCHOOL PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER – JUNE 2008

We have had a fantastic response to our chocolate fundraiser. A big thank you to all the families helping us with this. We have just received another shipment as its been going so well! The \$200 shopping voucher for the highest seller is a great incentive!!

So far we have had two families win our weekly draws. Congratulations to the Al Sukhon family, and the Hunter family. They have received an assortment of vouchers for local attractions and food. To be eligible for these draws, money needs to be returned each week. Remember our open hours (at the hall kitchen window) are as follows:

Mondays 8.30-9.00 am, 2.45-3.15 pm
 Wednesdays 8.30-9.00 am, 2.45-3.15 pm
 Fridays 8.30-9.00am

We have had requests from various families for certain varieties of the chocolates. If you have chocolates that you are unable to sell, please return them, or they can be swapped if you are after a particular flavour. Please remember to fill in the 'more chocolate' slip if you require more boxes. We need to have a parent signature to hand over more boxes to the children.

Our next sausage sizzle is on the 20th June. Please remember to order your sausage at the canteen counter that morning. As always the sausages are \$1 each.

Coming up later this term is our school disco on the 27th June.

- The junior disco (years 1-3) will run from 6-7pm (\$3).
- The senior disco (years 4-6) will run from 7.30 till 9pm (\$4).

This year we have an exciting addition of Glowing Rings and Glowing Ball necklaces that will be sold at the disco. We have a limited supply, so it is strictly first in, first served. These are \$2 each, and limited to one per person. The tickets for the disco will go on sale that day, from 8.30-9 am at the canteen counter.

There has not been a definite date set as yet, but we are repeating our very successful wine tasting event sometime in September. The ticket prices will be \$18 each or a table of 10 for \$150. This was a great night last year, and many parents were sorry they missed out, so be in quick when the tickets go on sale.

We have had a variety of prizes for our raffle donated to us by local businesses. A list of these great prizes will be given out when the tickets go on sale, as we are still collecting donated goods. We would like to appeal to any of those parents out there that have a business or work for a place that could help us with securing some great items for our raffles. Whether it is vouchers or a product, anything is greatly appreciated.

The Parents Association are also concerned with the amount of lost property that accumulates every week. We encourage all parents to label their child's clothing clearly with their full name. The bin of clothes is generally located just outside the office, but occasionally we display it at the front gate. Please be aware that if items are not collected they will be disposed of at the end of this term, Friday 4th July.

Lastly, please remember that our Parents Association is open to all parents and caregivers, our next meeting is Tuesday, June 10, 7.30pm, at the school staffroom. Please come along, there is no pressure to join, all welcome.

Below is a 'more chocolates' slip if you missed out on getting one and require more boxes of chocolates.

✂.....✂.....✂

Please supply my child			from Room

with _____ more box(es) of chocolates.

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Community News

CARERS REQUIRED

At Pepsicles NZ Ltd we are looking for carers to look after mothers with newborn babies in their own home. Positions are usually for 2-3 hours a day for a few days or weeks at a time. This is postnatal help which is mainly help with household chores and sibling care so mum can spend time with her new baby and rest.

If you adore babies and would like some casual, part-time work with flexible hours see our website www.pepsicles.co.nz to request an application pack. Or ph Nathalie on (07) 5490383.

DESPERATELY SEEKING

After school childcare for a loving, bubbly, 5 year old starting school in late August. Approximately 3.00pm – 5.00pm Monday to Wednesday (may require 8.00am - 8.30am Monday to Wednesday also). You would be compensated for your wonderful help. If you are interested, please leave a message for Mandy on 360-0931.

WANTED

Girls summer pinafore size 6. In great or reasonable condition. Will pay up to \$20. Phone Kiri on 021 940044.

FOR SALE

For Sale Honda Fit/Jazz

Immaculate, 36,000 Kms

14,000 ono, ph: 3582441 or 0276487556.

CAT TO GIVE AWAY

One beautiful 8mth old cat to give away, has been spayed. Genuine reasons for giving away. Ph: 3582441 or 0276487556.

Kia Ora

Approaching fast this year are the 2008 Olympics being held in Beijing beginning August 8th. To celebrate this very special event at WHAT NOW on Sunday 10th August we are doing a number of things related to the Games & we need your help!

Our aim is to fill our studio audience with 205 children – one child from each nationality that is attending the Games to represent their country.

So if you or someone you know lives in or around Christchurch and would like to be part of our special show to represent your country then please call us on 03) 3397 101 & ask for Kate or Penny.

You can be a representative in the audience for your country if you are from that country or have an association with that country.

Many thanks – we look forward to hearing from you!

Penny Watson

Associate Producer

03) 3397 101

penny@whitebait-tv.com

**Breens Intermediate School
OPEN EVENING**

**Tuesday 1 July
6.30pm - 8.30pm**

**Meet in the School Hall
85 Breens Road**

**For further information
Phone 359 8108
or visit our website**

www.breensintermediate.school.nz



COTSWOLD SCHOOL INTERVIEW REQUEST FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PER FAMILY

NAME: _____ **PHONE NO:** _____

All interviews will be conducted on Wednesday 2nd July, 2008. Please circle a time for an interview, however, we do not promise to be able to give you that exact time but will do our best.

2.00pm – 4.00pm

4.00pm – 5.00pm

Evening

Child's Christian Name & Surname: _____

Room: _____

Child's Christian Name & Surname: _____

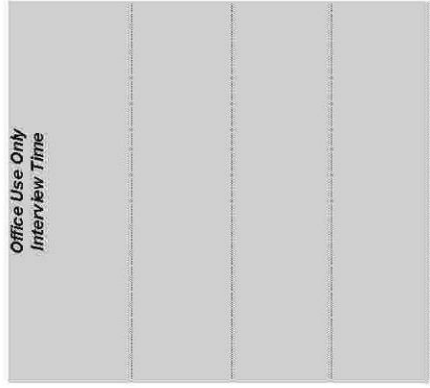
Room: _____

Child's Christian Name & Surname: _____

Room: _____

Child's Christian Name & Surname: _____

Room: _____



Please Return To School By Monday 9th June, 2008