



COTSWOLD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Students from Cotswold School achieved outstanding results when they participated in the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for Schools. Those students whose achievement was outstanding were rewarded with Certificates of Credit and Distinction.

The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) are developed by Educational Assessment Australia (EAA) of the University of New South Wales, and are conducted annually across Australia and in 12 other countries. There are over 1.5 million entries worldwide.

The Competitions are for students from Years 3 to 12, and assess their academic ability in aspects of Mathematics, Science, English, Writing, Computer Skills and Spelling.

'ICAS are excellent independent assessments of the skills that students need in education, the wider community and the workplace of the future,' said Dr. Peter Knapp, Director of EAA. 'All students from Cotswold School are to be congratulated on their outstanding efforts.'

'One of the special benefits of ICAS is that schools and students receive detailed diagnostic information about their overall performance. ICAS allow students to monitor their progress from year to year and identify individual strengths and weaknesses.'

Congratulations to the following students who were presented with credit and distinction awards for The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools in Mathematics, Science, Reading and Writing. You can be very proud of your achievements.

- Yuching Lo distinction in Reading, Mathematics and Writing and credit in Science
- Jun Yoon distinction in Mathematics
- Nic Ross distinction in Science and credit in Mathematics
- Lauren Wood distinction in Reading and Writing





- Teagan Tank distinction in Reading and credit in Mathematics
- Ryan Jeffs distinction in Mathematics and credit in Science
- Bradley Matheson distinction in Mathematics and credit in Science
- Meg Duff distinction in Mathematics
- Jin Ho Kim distinction in Mathematics
- Nicole Tune distinction in Mathematics
- Jessica Hampton credits in Writing and Science
- Yoonki Cho credits in Mathematics and Science
- Cameron Emberton credits in Mathematics and Science
- Braden Alsford credits in Mathematics and Writing
- Mackenzie Logan credits in Mathematics and Science
- Ryan Coey credits in Mathematics and Reading
- Isabella Miles credits in Mathematics and Reading
- Georgia Rossiter credit in Writing
- Liam Moss credit in Science
- Matthew Whitaker credit in Science
- Rhiannon Cliff Tegg credit in Reading
- Keisha Gilling credit in Reading
- Stephanie Patient credit in Reading
- Jacob Simpson credit in Mathematics
- Angus Tucker credit in Mathematics
- Jayden Watson credit in Mathematics

Congratulations to all students who received Student Excellence Awards at our recent full school assembly.

The Board have been working with School Support to finalise our schools Five Year Property Agreement (5YA). The 5YA is an agreement between the Board and the Ministry detailing how property will be maintained and developed at Cotswold School. Our agreement has been signed by the Ministry of Education allowing us to move forward with several key property projects. Stage One will see the conversion of our existing library to a classroom and the building of a new Information Centre. The Board has commissioned an architect to develop a concept plan for this development. We hope to be able to share some of this work with the community early in 2009 with construction getting underway later in 2009. This is an exciting development for our school, one which was identified in a development plan commissioned by the Ministry of Education during 1999 for our school.

Thank you to all members of our school community who came and supported our students during our athletic sports last week.

STEPHEN HARRISON
Principal

STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students, who were awarded Student Excellence Awards at our assembly on Friday 24th October, 2008.

- Joshua Allcock
- Brianna Alford
- Zak Auckram
- Liam Bainbridge
- Chloe Bellchambers
- Luke Bennett
- Jordon Brown
- Dylan Cheyne
- Brooke Eder
- Liam Goode
- Emma Gould
- Maya Gray
- Angela Guda
- Jared Hall
- Jack Halliday
- Oscar Harcourt
- Samantha Harcourt
- Jack Holdem
- Tania Huang
- Brooklyn Ivory
- Ryan Jeffs
- Nico John
- Harrison Jones-Park
- Ye Jin Kim
- Sandy Liao
- Caleb Lightfoot
- Logan McGregor
- Hannah McGregor
- Chester Mitchell
- Chester Mitchell
- Jessica Moulson
- Kelly Neil
- Caitlin Phillips
- Mikayla Roy
- Jonathan Talbot
- Angus Tucker
- Bayley Vaeluaga
- Libby Walker
- Miniah Watkins
- Ashley Watson
- Jessica Webb
- Braden Alford
- Hannah Monk

COTSWOLD SCHOOL MARKET DAY

A reminder to all parents to keep **Friday 28th November from 11.30am – 1.00pm** free to come and join us for our **Market Day**. The Market Day will provide the opportunity for parents, caregivers, grand parents, extended family and the children to buy the products that have been created by students as part of our **LETS Innovate** unit.

SCHOOL ACTIVITY FEES

The Board wishes to advise all parents that where a child has any activity fees outstanding, the child will not be entitled to participate in any future activities for which a fee is charged, until the outstanding dept has been cleared. Please note this is payment for activities including sports levies, class trips, swimming lessons, transport to and from venues, cultural festivals visiting drama groups etc, not the school donation. Non payment of activity fees is having an impact on the resources and learning options we can provide for our students. We do offer time payment options - please contact the school office for further information.

DONATIONS

Thank you to those families whose payments we have received. Please check with Ann or Sue in the office if you're not sure if you have paid. It's never too late to contribute.

CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY HOLIDAY

A reminder that school will be closed on Show Day - Friday 14th November, 2008.



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



MEDICATION

Please bring all medication to the School Office with the measured dose in a syringe. No medication (including inhalers) is to be kept in school bags or the classroom. Parents requiring their child to have medicine administered must come to the Office personally as a Medical Permission Form has to be signed.

CYCLE SAFETY

Year 6 students will be involved in a Cycle Safety unit during the period Wednesday 5th November, 2008 to Thursday 13th November, 2008.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who supported the Scholastic book fair held in the school library recently. \$5972.50 worth of books was sold. The library receives a 35% commission on this so we have \$2090.38 to spend on new books for the library. Your support was fantastic and this is a wonderful result.

BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Thank you for supporting the book character day. The children looked fantastic dressed up as favourite book characters. Congratulations to the following children who won prizes donated by Scholastic:

- Nicole Chappell - Room 21 dressed as Rapunzel
- Amy Britten - Room 4 dressed as Ms Frizzle
- Xandah Feeney - Room 2 dressed as Hairy Maclary
- Aikin Everest - Room 15 dressed as Tintin
- Reuben Logan - Room 11 dressed as Little Red Riding Hood
- Kelly Neil - Room 18 dressed as Emily Eyefinger
- Tyler Bramao - Room 18 dressed as Wally
- Kerryn Owens - Room 17 dressed as Meg
- Dominique Heath - Room 6 dressed as Piglet
- Kane Walters - Room 7 d dressed as Rapunzel
- Nicole Tune - Room 9 dressed as Asterix
- McKenzie Logan - Room 10 dressed as Robin Hood

FAMOUS PARALYMPIANS VISIT COTSWOLD SCHOOL

On Friday 31st October, Jayne Parsons and Annaliisa Farrell revisited Cotswold School to show their bronze medals and some of their photos of them winning their medals at the Paralympics. Some of the middle school went with Annaliisa and Jayne to the library for them to talk about their experience in Beijing. Later it was time for them to go. We all stood in front of the gate and took some photos. We were all proud of them both.

Sophia & Brayden – Middle School Media Report

BANDANNA CHALLENGE

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Canteen during bandanna week. We sold 200 bandannas and raised over \$800!

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property boxes are kept in Computer Suite 1 beside Room 11, access to this room is from the outside door (the classroom with the ramp) NOT through the administration block please. Apart from the Reception/Office area the rest of the building is for staff only. Thank you.

COTSWOLD NEEDS YOUR HELP

Year 6 children will be attending camp at Wainui early next year. We are organising the catering for our camp. As you know food prices have sky rocketed. We are hoping that some of our parents in the wider Cotswold community may have some contacts in the catering industry that could help us out. We are also looking for a refrigerated trailer. We would particularly love to hear from you if you have any contacts with orchards as we would like to have a range of fruit available. If you can help, please contact Mr Simpson in Room 8. Thank you.

Y5/6WEEKLY SUMMER SPORT 2009

All current Year 4/5 children interested in playing weekly summer sport at Hagley Park on Friday afternoons next year will need to keep an eye and ear out for relevant information in the coming weeks. Sports include touch, softball and possibly volleyball. Schools may be restricted in the number of teams that can participate. Parents support is required to transport teams to and from the venue as well as coaching and/or managing a team. All interested parents please make contact with Mr Peter Harper, Room 9.

ZONE SWIMMING & CPSSA TRIATHALON 2009

These events happen early in the New Year, interested children need to see Mr Harper by 12 December, 2008. They must be able to swim 50m competently.

B.O.T. MEETING DATE

The Board of Trustees will meet on the following date:-

- Monday 1st December, 2008

CHANGE OF DETAILS

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

SCHOOL DISCO

Our school disco will be held in the Cotswold School Hall on Friday 21st November, 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



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Tickets will be on sale from the kitchen window of the new hall (opposite the outside entrance to the school staffroom and computer suite) on **Friday 21st November, 2008 from 8.30am – 9.00am**. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

The children will receive a bag of chips and drink, and there will be spot prizes during the night. 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. If there are any parents/ caregivers who could help with supervision Friday night it would be much appreciated - could you please contact Heather on 359 6167.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

Our current school website was developed during 2005 – it's time for a revamp. We'd love to hear your ideas on what you would like to see included in our new website. Please use the form on the last page of this newsletter to detail your ideas. Please return the form to the school office by Thursday 13th November, 2008.

Community News

OUTASKOOL COTSWOLD

After School homebased childcare for ages 5-11 years.

Monday to Friday - 3.00PM TO 6.00PM. Limited to 10 spaces per day; complimentary pick up from school; afternoon tea provided, homework supervision; fun & recreational activities. For further information or enrolment inquiries, please contact Megan P: 359 9882 or M: 027 622 2127.

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR CHILDREN'S TECHNOLOGY ZONE.

Technology Workshop for Kids 5-7 years old.

This Workshop will focus on teaching young kids the basics of electricity, magnetism, electronics and robotics through a series of fun and easy to understand experiments. It is a great introduction to the world of technology. It will run from 3:30-4:30pm on Monday, start 17/11/08, for 5 weeks. Class limited to 5 children. Fee \$60.

www.ctzone.co.nz
info@ctzone.co.nz

03-359 0315
021 0260 3265

SMART BUT STRUGGLING? – Dore may be able to help. You are warmly invited to attend an information evening on learning, attention and behaviour difficulties at the **Christchurch Debating Chamber, Corner Oxford and Worcester, on Tuesday, 25th of November, 7.30pm – 9pm.** To reserve your complimentary seat please call **0508 367 369** or visit www.dore.co.nz

REDWOOD SCHOOL TWILIGHT FAIR

Friday 21st November 5-8pm at Redwood School, 51 Prestons Road, Redwood.

Attractions include: Harley Rides, Climbing Wall, Mini Hot Rods, Bouncy Castle, Live music including Casebrook School Band, Soul Cage and Stedfast Brass, Class stalls, Police dog demonstration, Fire Department demonstration, chocolate wheel and more....

Lots going on so please bring the family, a picnic rug and join us for a fun filled evening. All proceeds to introducing, and improving equipment within the school for use by the children.

**REMEMBER
COTSWOLD SCHOOL
IS CLOSED ON
CANTERBURY SHOW DAY
FRIDAY
14TH NOVEMBER, 2008**



Cotswold School Website Development

Please List Essential Items/Information That Should Be Included In Our Website.

Please List “Would Be Great If They Could Be Included In Our Website” Items.

What Should Be Included On The Front Page?

Further Comment/Ideas/Can Help With/Expertise.

Please return the form to the school office by Thursday 13th November, 2008.