

# COTSWOLD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A very busy Term 2 is coming to a close. School will close for all students on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009 at 3.00pm. Thank you to all parents who have assisted us this term in any way. It's great to see parents involved in leading electives for students, coaching and supporting a variety of sports teams, working with individual students and small groups in classrooms, shelving school reading resources and a myriad of other jobs that makes our job a little easier.

Congratulations to all students who have participated in a wide range of sporting activities with excellent results – we are very proud of you all. Special congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent Canterbury and Cotswold School at an inter-regional Cross Country event to be held in Nelson later this year:

- Dominique Heath
- Josh Primmer
- Paige Waddington
- Taylor Waddington
- Alana Wouters

This is an outstanding achievement for these students and a first for our school.

Congratulations also to Mr Mouat who takes up the position of Acting Principal, Netherby School, Ashburton for Term 3, 2009. The Cotswold School Board of Trustees has granted Andrew Mouat leave for Term 3, 2009 to enable him to take up this position. We congratulate Andrew on this appointment and wish him well for the ten week placement knowing he will take a huge range of skills with him that will benefit the students of Netherby School.

A reminder to all parents that we are holding Learning Conferences on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2009. Learning Conferences that include parents/guardians, students and teachers are an excellent way to keep everyone informed and allow children to see the most significant adults in their lives showing an interest in their learning and demonstrating a commitment to supporting them. To date we have had 344 student interviews booked by 244 parents. We are aiming to have 100%





involvement by parents and students. With a current roll of 506 students, we still have a way to go in achieving our 100% involvement. I encourage all parents to arrange a Learning Conference with their child's class teacher. Forms are available at reception or if you have access to a computer book online using the link included on our school website –

[www.cotswold.school.nz](http://www.cotswold.school.nz).

I hope everyone has a relaxing and flue free holiday and returns refreshed at the start of Term 3.

**STEPHEN HARRISON**  
Principal

### INFLUENZA A (H1N1) SWINE FLU PANDEMIC UPDATE

H1N1 Influenza A (swine flu) is now widespread in the community. The Ministry of Health has given the Influenza A (H1N1) Swine Flu pandemic "Manage it" status. The containment phase has helped restrict the number of cases and slowed the spread of the virus.

The slow spread has been due to the efforts of border control, public health services, schools and early childhood services in identifying and responding to cases as they emerged. The continuing aim is to reduce the impact of the virus on people, communities and the health system at a time when they are already managing the usual winter flu increases.

It is unlikely that early childhood services or schools will be advised to close if they have suspected or confirmed cases, unless they are in an area still in the containment phase. **The Ministry of Health advises that there is no need for any restrictions on people returning to work, school or their early childhood service after an overseas trip, unless they have symptoms – Cotswold School has withdrawn the stand-down provisions for students and staff returning from overseas put in place on 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2009.**

Gatherings such as parent teacher evenings, sports tournaments can continue, with the usual precautions.

- Students or staff with symptoms should stay at home in line with normal practice.
- Hygiene measures should continue including hand washing before and after eating, keeping hands away from mouths, and covering mouths when coughing or sneezing.
- Care should be taken that students who have particular medical conditions or who are susceptible to infection avoid contact with people who have symptoms.

For most people this flu is similar to normal influenza and they recover at home without having to visit the doctor. If you are concerned that the illness is getting worse please phone Healthline 0800 611 116 or your GP for advice. Some children need to take special care – please next page.

## What To Expect With The Flu

- **Day 1–3:**  
Sudden fever (temperature over 38° C), headache, muscle pain and weakness, dry cough, sore throat and sometimes stuffed nose. Some people also experience diarrhoea or vomiting.
- **Day 4-7:**  
Fever and muscle aches decrease. Hoarse, dry or sore throat, cough and possible mild chest discomfort become more noticeable. You may feel tired, depressed or flat.
- **Day 8:**  
Symptoms decrease. At this point you can return to school or work if you feel well enough. Cough, tiredness and mild depression may last 1–2 weeks or more.

## When A Child Is Unwell

Older children and teens have the same flu symptoms as adults. Very young children and infants probably have similar symptoms, but may not know how to tell people they have sore muscles or a headache.

These children may be irritable and eat poorly. They sometimes develop a hoarse cry and barking cough (like croup). Younger children may also have diarrhoea, vomiting and stomach pain.

Some of the things you can do for your child are:

- Offer cool fluids frequently when the child is awake.
- Give paracetamol for the fever in the dose recommended on the packet (unless your doctor says otherwise). Do not give aspirin containing medications.
- Allow the child to rest and stay at home until their symptoms have been better for at least 24 hours, so the virus doesn't spread to other children.

## Children Who Need To Take Special Care

If your child has any of the following medical conditions, you should speak with your child's GP or specialist as soon as flu symptoms develop. Your child is likely to be prescribed antiviral drugs.

- Immune compromised or suppressed (eg cancer treatment)
- Severe or poorly controlled congestive heart failure or other significant heart disease
- Severe or poorly controlled chronic respiratory disease, including cystic fibrosis
- More severe asthma (e.g. people on oral steroids, high dose steroid inhalers, or steroids and long-acting beta-agonists)
- Renal replacement therapy.

## How To Help Limit The Spread Of Infection

Children with influenza are infectious for longer than adults. To help limit the spread of infection, please stay at home or keep your child home until the worst symptoms have passed (for children, RPH recommends 7 days) and:

- Use disposable tissues to wipe noses and throw all tissues away in a plastic-lined rubbish bin.
- Teach the child to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when they cough or sneeze.





- When holding small children who are sick place their chin on your shoulder so they do not cough in your face
- Wash your hands often, and teach your child to do so, especially after wiping their nose.

### When To Seek Medical Attention

As with ordinary flu, it is important to seek attention if a child or adult deteriorates. Signs that may signal the need for urgent medical attention including:

- Difficulty breathing
- Chest pain
- Blueness around the lips
- Inability to keep fluids down
- Becoming less alert or developing confusion.

For more information, visit the Ministry of Health website [www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz) or phone Healthline 0800 611 116.

### CLEARANCE OF ABSENTEES

Please note that when the bell is rung at 8.55am the Office Staff clear the absence line. This may take some time (especially with the winter bugs around) so please be patient if you wish to see Ann or Sue (who need to also deal with medication with the Parent/Caregiver) or with other issues eg Financial matters and enrolments.

### NORTH – WEST ZONE AND CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all our zone cross country squad. This year the school achieved our best ever results in these two events.

#### 10 Yr Girls

- Dominique Heath – 1<sup>st</sup> Zone, 3<sup>rd</sup> CPSSA
- Paige Waddington – 2<sup>nd</sup> Zone, 7<sup>th</sup> CPSSA
- Taylor Waddington – 3<sup>rd</sup> Zone, 8<sup>th</sup> CPSSA

#### 9 Yr Girls

- Alana Wouters – 1<sup>st</sup> Zone, 8<sup>th</sup> CPSSA

#### 10 Yr Boys

- Josh Primmer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Zone, 9<sup>th</sup> CPSSA

Special congratulations to all squad members who have been selected to represent Canterbury at an inter-regional cross country in Nelson later in the year. All 5 runners will run against children from Wellington, Nelson, Marlborough and Otago. We are very proud of you all.

A big thanks to Andrew Mouat and the parents who supported our runners

## CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARTISTIC AND RHYTHMIC GYM COMPETITION

Congratulations to our 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

- Catrina Hurring – Junior A girls, 1<sup>st</sup> bar, 2<sup>nd</sup> vault, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- Ryan Jeffs – Intermediate boys, 2<sup>nd</sup> vault, 2<sup>nd</sup> parallel bar, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, 3<sup>rd</sup> uneven bar

### Rhythmic

- Alesha Mackenzie who was placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the free, 3<sup>rd</sup> in hoop and 3<sup>rd</sup> overall.

Thanks to the parents that managed our team.

## CANTERBURY BASKETBALL 'ALL STAR' TOURNANAMENT

Way to go to the following students who were selected to represent the Bishopdale YMCA and QE II at the inter-stadium All Star basketball tournament.

### Girls

- Paige Willman
- Taylor Waddington
- Paige Waddington

### Boys

- Jayden Britt
- Jayden Watson
- Ben Fisher-Robertson
- Ben Lapslie
- Byron Heath
- Jayden Cameron

It was great to see all our representatives giving their all in all the games they played.

Special congratulations to **Ben Fisher-Robertson and Jayden Britt** who were selected for Canterbury Under 13 Basketball squads.

## WEEKLY WINTER SPORT ON FRIDAY

Well done to all the children involved in the Hagley Weekly Sport Competition. You can all be proud of your efforts throughout the term. A number of our teams are well placed in their sections and we have a full set of fair play points. The school rugby team had a surprise visit by All Black captain Richie McCaw at their last game. It was great to see Richie watching the game and chatting to the children. 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.





The Cotswold students and staff also really appreciate the parental support. It is also great to see such a hive of activity on our own school field with the Junior and Senior School Winter Sport too.

### TUESDAY TOUCH AT NUNWEEK PARK

This is a popular **mixed gender** competition (6-Aside). This year the competition organisers will be running a graded competition in some grades. It is hoped this will even up section play. 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 3/4 of Term 3. Once teams are established the school will issue invoices for payment (approx \$25). This competition runs during Term 4 this year and Term 1 2010. Children must be prepared to play for the whole season. Last season the school had 17 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 3/4 of Term 3. Once teams are established the school will issue invoices for payment (approx \$25). Children from Yr 4-6 only. This competition runs during Term 4 this year (Years 4-6) and Term 1 2010 (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.

### EASY SHOPPING – EASY FUNDRAISING AT

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90 stores for you, fundraising for us.

Leading stores including Noel Leeming, Bond & Bond, Dominos Pizza, Dell and many more. You can shop for DVD's, fashion, holidays, baby, home, iPods, books, magazines, toys, gifts and even your groceries! Just select our school when you shop or browse.

### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our next full school assembly on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2009 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:-

- 27<sup>th</sup> July

## END OF TERM

Term 2 finishes for all students at 3.00pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2009. Term 3 starts at 8.55am on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2009.

## THREE WAY CONFERENCES (Student/Parent/Teacher Conference)

On Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2009 all parents will have the opportunity to attend an interview with their child and child's class teacher. Interview timeslots will be available from 1.40pm to 8.00pm. Please note that while interviews start at 1.40pm, school will continue for all students until 3.00pm.

This year we have moved to an online interview booking service. Interviews can be booked online by following these steps:

- Go to the Cotswold School website - [www.cotswold.school.nz](http://www.cotswold.school.nz)
- Click on the "July Conferences" link on the menu on the right hand side of the main page.

## 2009 TERM DATES

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:

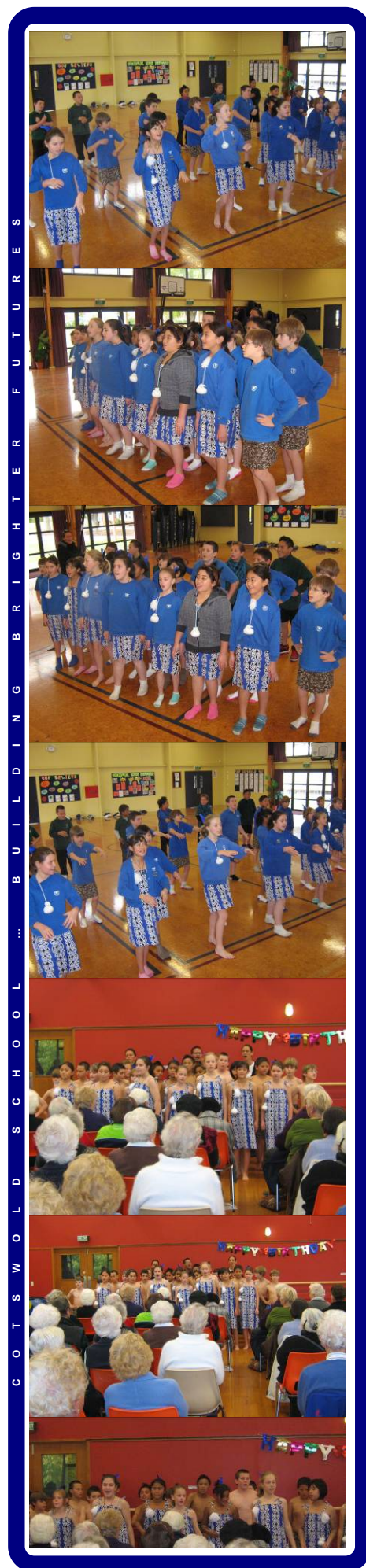
- Labour Day - Monday 26 October
- Canterbury Anniversary Day – 13 November

## 2010 TERM DATES

Term 1, 2010	Tuesday 2 February to Thursday 1 April
Term 2, 2010	Monday 19 April to Friday 2 July
Term 3, 2010	Monday 19 July to Friday 24 September
Term 4, 2010	Monday 11 October to Monday 20 December

Schools will be closed in 2010 on Saturdays and Sundays and on the following holidays:

- Waitangi Day – 6 February (Saturday)
- Good Friday – 2 April
- Easter Monday – 5 April
- Easter Tuesday – 6 April
- Queen's Birthday - Monday 7 June
- Labour Day - Monday 25 October
- Canterbury Anniversary Day – Friday 12 November





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Dear Stephen

I am writing to thank you, your staff and children for 'inspiring' our teachers during their recent visit to your school.

All the teachers who visited are on their journey along the pathway of developing a shared school vision, based on deeply held values and beliefs. The overwhelming feeling that they had on visiting your school was that you, and your staff very clearly articulated a shared vision for learning, but more importantly it is put into practice across the school.

Thank you for the opportunity of visiting your classrooms. It is obvious that teachers have worked very hard to establish wonderful learning environments in which children are actively engaged in quality learning. The exceptionally high standards of student achievement displayed throughout the school, is a credit to all. The children were delightful, openly sharing their love of learning.

Please say thank you to your wonderful caterer also. The food was amazing.

Below is a summary of the reflective comments from various people on the tour. Please feel free to share these with your staff and board of trustees as they are a wonderful record of the strengths and qualities of your school.

- Outstanding learning environments
- Excellent paperwork and systems
- Strong reflection processes
- Strong distributed leadership
- Evidence of ICT in all rooms
- Consistency of approach
- Herrmann Brain Dominance being used
- Strong positive caring culture
- Grounds were outstanding
- Website and wiki page for sharing information were excellent
- Strong and clear vision
- Curriculum layout - all uniform - very well set out clear language
- WALTs everywhere that were uniform
- Whole school time table, integration
- Learning Support Programme - very thorough

Thank you once again for allowing us the privilege of visiting your wonderful school.

Kind regards

Faye Le Cren  
eTime Director