



COTSWOLD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Congratulations to Mr Andrew Simpson who has been appointed to the position of Deputy Principal, Cotswold School effective from the start of the 2010 school year. Andrew brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to this position and we all look forward to working with him.

Term 4 and the 2009 school year are rapidly coming to a close. Our students have been involved in a wide variety of programmes and activities with a greater emphasis being placed on students taking responsibility for their learning, becoming more self-managed and involved in planning their learning experiences.

Thank you to all members of our wonderful staff team. You have all worked incredibly hard to ensure our students have been provided with the best possible learning experiences and environment this year. Thank you also to all parents who have assisted us in any way this year. A large number of the activities we provide for your children would not be possible without your help. Thank you also to the dedicated parents who represent all families on the Board and the Parents Association. Thank you for your support and commitment to our school, our students and staff this year and thank you for taking the time to be involved.

Mrs Sarah Ford leaves Cotswold School at the end of this year. Sarah has moved to Akaroa with her family and will be a significant loss to our school. Sarah is an outstanding teacher who has helped settle and guide a large number of students who start school at Cotswold at five years of age. Thank you Sarah and we wish you well for the future. We will formally farewell Sarah at our last full school assembly for 2009 which will be held in the school hall on **Friday 11th December, 2009 starting at 1.15pm.**

2010 is set to be another exciting and challenging year at Cotswold.

- We will continue developing and building on recent work we have done in relation to the revised New Zealand Curriculum.
- We will incorporate the requirements outlined in the National Standards documentation into our existing assessment and reporting practices.

**FINAL FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FOR 2009
FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER, 2009
AT 1.15PM**



- We will focus on further development in relation to Mathematics and Statistics while also cementing the development begun in 2009 focusing on how we identify and cater for Gifted and Talented students.
- Mr Harper has been released from full-time teaching duties in 2010 to focus on further developing and promoting regular quality physical activity and sporting options for our students.
- A wider variety of performing arts opportunities will be made available to our students.
- Construction of our new Information Centre will get underway during the Christmas holiday period. This will see a new purpose built Information Centre and meeting room constructed and the existing library converted into a much need classroom space.

I'm looking forward to the challenges and opportunities 2010 will provide for our school community. Thanks for another fantastic year Cotswold. I wish everyone a happy and restful Christmas and look forward to working with students and parents returning to Cotswold in 2010.

STEPHEN HARRISON
Principal

END OF TERM

School will close for the term at **12.00 noon on Wednesday 16th December, 2009.**

FINAL FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FOR 2009

The final assembly for this year will be on Friday 11th December at 1.15pm in the school hall. At this assembly we will be saying farewell to **Mrs Sarah Ford** who is retiring from teaching.

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

There will be a graduation ceremony and afternoon tea for the Year 6 leavers on **Tuesday 15th December, 2009 starting at 1.30pm** in the school hall. Students will be presented with a Leaving Certificate. Parents are welcome to attend.

MEDICATION

Please remember to collect any medication your child has stored in the school office. Any items not collected **by 12.10pm on Wednesday 16th December 2009** will be disposed of. This includes asthma inhalers. For 2010 we require a new consent form to be completed.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Each year schools are required to set targets for improving student achievement and report against these as part of the schools annual report. set out in the annually updated part of its charter. Our 2009 achievement targets and outcome are detailed below. Full reports detailing our Literacy and Numeracy achievement can be collected from the school office or accessed from our school website.

LITERACY ACHIEVEMENT

ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT TARGET	OUTCOME – NOVEMBER, 2009
All students will make forward progress in reading	All students had made progress in both accuracy and comprehension
85% of students will be reading at or above the Cotswold benchmark/chronological age.	85.25% of students were reading at or above the school defined benchmark.
The following targets were set for 2009:	
• Red level after 6 months of instruction	• No qualifying data was available
• Green level after 1 year of instruction	• 80.33% of students in Year 1 were reading at or above target
• Purple level after 2 years of instruction	• 84.85% of students in Year 2 were reading at or above target
• Gold level after 3 years of instruction	• 86.11% of students in Year 3 were reading at or above target
• Chronological age in Years 4 - 6	• 86.59% of students in Year 4 were reading at or above target • 85.19% of students in Year 5 were reading at or above target • 86.96% of students in Year 6 were reading at or above target
<u>Stretch Targets</u>	
5% of children will be reading at or above:	
• Green level after 6 months of instruction	• No qualifying data was available
15% of children will be reading at or above:	
• Purple level after 1 year of instruction	• No qualifying data was available
• Gold level after 2 years of instruction	• 65.15% of students are reading at or above Gold after two years of instruction (Y2)
• 1 Year above chronological age in Years 3 - 6	• 25.00% of students are reading 1 year or more above their chronological age (Y3) • 43.90% of students are reading 1 year or more above their chronological age (Y4) • 48.08% of students are reading 1 year or more above their chronological age (Y5) • 45.65% of students are reading 1 year or more above their chronological age (Y6)





NUMERACY ACHIEVEMENT

ANNUAL ACHIEVEMENT TARGET	OUTCOME – NOVEMBER, 2009
All students will make forward progress in numeracy	All students have made forward progress in numeracy
Our expectation is that by the end of 2009:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27.5% of Year 1 students will be achieving at or above Stage 3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 89.25% of students in Year 1 were achieving at or above Stage 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40% of Year 2 students will be achieving at or above Stage 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 62.22% of students in Year 2 were achieving at or above Stage 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 27.5% of Year 3 students will be achieving at or above Stage 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 38.36% of students in Year 3 were achieving at or above Stage 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 40% of Year 4 students will be achieving at or above Stage 5 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 57.32% of students in Year 4 were achieving at or above Stage 5
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30% of Year 5 students will be achieving at or above Stage 6 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 53.06% of students in Year 5 were achieving at or above Stage 6
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 20% of Year 6 students will be achieving at or above Stage 7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 19.78% of students in Year 6 were achieving at or above Stage 7

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 Thursday 16 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
- ANZAC Day – 25 April (Sunday)
- Queen's Birthday - Monday 7 June
- Labour Day - Monday 25 October
- Canterbury Anniversary Day – Friday 12 November

**JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
FRIDAY 4TH DECEMBER, 2009 – 9.00AM**

2010 STARTING INFORMATION

School Office

The school office will be open as follows:

- Friday 29th January, 2010 – 9.00am to 3.00pm
- Monday 1st February, 2010 – 9.00am to 3.00pm

Normal office hours of 8.30am to 3.15pm resume on Monday 2nd February, 2010

Enrolments

The Principal will be available for the enrolment of new students at the following times:

- Friday 29th January, 2010 – 11.00am to 3.00pm
- Monday 1st February, 2010 – 9.00am to 3.00pm

Please contact the office to make an appointment. All new students must be living within our school zone. Further enrolment information including a map of our school zone, is available from our school website www.cotswold.school.nz

Stationery Sales

Stationery packs can be purchased from Room 1 at the following times:

- Thursday 28th January, 2010 – 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- Monday 1st February, 2010 – 1.00pm to 3.00pm
- Tuesday 2nd February, 2010 - students will be called room by room.

Please do not go to the school office for these packs

Start Dates

- Office Staff – Friday 29th January, 2010
- Management Team – Thursday 28th January, 2010
- All Students – Tuesday 2nd February, 2010

WHACKY HAIR DAY

Thank you to all that joined in for our Whacky Hair Day raising funds for Samoa we raised \$386. We would like to also thank Mr and Mrs Petaia who are taking the funds to Samoa and the money will be used for those that need it.

Kind Regards

Lizzie Kingston, Bradley Hinman, Luke Bennett & Gabby Hinman

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART SPONSORSHIP

A huge congratulations to all those who participated in the Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day. There were a lot of wonderful jumpers! Please remember that sponsorship money needs to be in to the office by **Friday 4th December**. Thank you.





CANTERBURY SELECTIONS

Congratulations to the following Cotswold Students who have been selected for Canterbury Basketball, Touch and Cricket Age Group sides.

Cricket

- Ben Lapslie – Canterbury Year 6
- Jayden Black – Canterbury Year 6

Basketball

- Jayden Britt – Canterbury Under 12
- Ben Fisher- Robertson – Canterbury Under 12, Australian Basketball Jamboree
- Taylor Waddington - Canterbury Under 12
- Paige Waddington – Canterbury Under 12
- Paige Willman – Canterbury Under 12

Touch

- Keegan McGregor – Canterbury Under 9

SUMMER HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL JAMMERS

A big 'Way 2 Go' to all our Summer Hockey and Y3 – 4 Basketball players who have been involved in Summer Hockey at Nunweek Park and Basketball at QE II. Your positive get up and go attitude has been pleasing to see. Special thanks to the coaches of our teams.

MILO CRICKET

Well done to all the children involved in this competition. Special congratulations to Cotswold 1 and David Guthrie who qualified for this years Milo Cricket finals. You bowled us over with your performances on the field and can be very proud of your efforts.

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

CPSSA VOLLEYBALL

Great going to all the children involved in the CPSSA Volleyball competition. For all of the children it was the first experience of playing volleyball and they can all be proud of their efforts on and off the court. We hope that you enjoyed the experience and look forward to seeing you having another go in 2010. Special thanks to the coaches and to the parents who supported the teams and provided transport

NORTH-WEST ZONE AND CPSSA ATHLETICS SPORTS

Well done to all the children who represented the school at the North-West Zone and Canterbury Primary School Athletic Sports at QE II. This year Cotswold achieved its best ever results at both these events. It was great to see 13 of our children heading off to the Canterbury's. You can all be proud of your efforts. A big thank you to the parents who provided transport and supported the team at these events.

SCHOOL RESULTS

9 Year Old Girls

- Alana Wouters – Zone 1st 1000m, CPSSA 1000m
- Jasmine Rou – Zone 2nd 1000m, CPSSA 1000m
- Miriah Gemmell – Zone 2nd 80m, CPSSA 80m
- Kristina Orr – Zone 3rd 80m, 3rd Long Jump
- Sophia Yu - Zone 3rd 50m

9 Year Old Boys

- Byron Heath – Zone 1st 1000m, 2nd Relay, CPSSA 1000m
- Thomas Fraser – Zone 1st 80m, 2nd Relay, CPSSA 80m
- Ryan Barnes – Zone 1st 50m, 2nd Relay, CPSSA 3rd 50m
- Tyler Bramao 2nd Relay

10 Year Old Girls

- Dominique Heath – Zone 1st 1000m, 1st Long Jump, 2nd Relay, CPSSA 3rd 1000m, Long Jump
- Paige Waddington – Zone 2nd 1000m, 2nd Long Jump, 2nd Relay, CPSSA 1000m, Long Jump
- Neva Placid – Zone 1st Shot Put, CPSSA 3rd Shot Put
- Anamaria Tulia – Zone 2nd Discus, CPSSA Discus
- Scarlett Steel – Zone 3rd Discus
- Ajeng Claridge – Zone 3rd 80m
- Kaitlyn Bainbridge – 2nd Relay
- Brooke Joyce – CPSSA 2nd 50m, 1st equal Shot Put, 2nd Discus

10 Year Old Boys

- Sam Hughes - Zone 2nd High Jump, 2nd Shot Put, CPSSA High Jump, Shot Put
- Blair Hooper – Zone 3rd 60m

11 Year Old Boys

- Josh Primmer – Zone 1st 1200m, CPSSA 1200m

COTSWOLD JUNIOR SCHOOL ATHLETICS SPORTS

A big 'Hi 5' to all our Junior School children that participated in the Junior School Athletics this year. You can all be proud of your enthusiastic and positive efforts on the day. Great going! Thank you to Mr Guthrie and all the teachers involved. It was great to see parent support as well.

House results were as follows:

- 1st Blue - The Super Crew
- 2nd Green - The Dream Team
- 3rd Red - Streets Ahead
- 4th Gold - Fast and Bold





THE LION FOUNDATION

Here for good

Cotswold School would like to thank 'The Lion Foundation' for their generous donation of \$2000 for summer sport uniforms for our school. We sincerely appreciate their donation.



COTSWOLD MURAL

Several classes and staff members joined in to create a wonderful mural for our school garden area. We entered the Resene Mural Competition. While we were not placed we believe our mural is outstanding. Well done to all those involved. Take a look at the photos included in this newsletter.

AUSTRALASIAN AWARDS

This year a number of Cotswold students chose to sit the Australasian Competitions and Assessments for Schools Examinations. I would like to congratulate everyone who made that choice.

Everyone who sat the examinations receives a participation certificate.

A number of our students have excelled in these examinations, receiving distinction or credit results.

Congratulations to Yuching Lo who received a High Distinction Award in Mathematics. High Distinctions are awarded to the top 1% of students in New Zealand and Australia. Well done Yuching.

Distinction Results – Top 10% of Students in New Zealand & Australia

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a distinction result. In order to achieve a distinction you need to be in the top (10%) of all those who sat the examination across all of New Zealand and Australia. We have some amazing high flyers at Cotswold.

Year 4

Braydem Cottom - English
Kwanho Kim - Mathematics
Hsin-Chen Tsai - Mathematics

Year 5

Teagan Tank - English
Cameron Emberton - Mathematics
Olivia Mackintosh - Science

Year 6

Bradley Matheson – English & Mathematics
Yuching Lo – English & Science
Kallim Guy - English
Lauren Wood - English
Ryan Jeffs - Mathematics
Jayden Watson - Mathematics

Credit Results

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved a credit result. In order to achieve a credit you need to be in the top (35%) of all those who sat the examination across all of New Zealand and Australia.

Year 4

Caitlyn Penny - English
Taylin Smith - English
Kerryn Owens - English
James Mason - Mathematics
Braydem Cottom - Mathematics
Jayden Cameron - Mathematics
Tyler Bramao - Mathematics
Ryan Barnes - Mathematics

Year 5

Kristina Orr - English
Ui Jin Hwang - Mathematics
Nicholas Ross – Mathematics & Science
Tessa Woodtli - Science
Thomas Were - Science

Year 6

Yoonki Cho – English, Mathematics & Science
Jessica Hampton – English & Science
Lauren Wood - Mathematics
Kallim Greengrass-Guy - Mathematics
Kevin Moulson - Mathematics
Yuching Lo - Writing
Ryan Jeffs - Science
Bradley Matheson - Science



Community News

OUTASKOOL COTSWOLD

Are you going back to work? Need Casual or Fulltime care for your child?

Outaskool Cotswold Provide After School home based childcare for ages 5-10years. We are now taking enrolments for 2010 so be in quick as numbers filling fast. Monday to Friday - 3.00PM TO 6.00PM. Or Casual Hours available if required. Afternoon tea provided, homework supervision; fun & recreational activities. For further information or enrolment inquiries, please contact Averil or Mike Ph: 359 9882 E: outaskoolcotswold@slingshot.co.nz

CHILD CARE

Twin 15 year old girls ex Cotswold Students are available to look after your children in your own home, after School or all day. Great for you if you are working up till Christmas, prepared to do light household duties.

Please phone Rachael 021 2549137
Kathryn 021 2335656
or 3599300.

UNIFORM FOR SALE

Summer girls uniform Size 8 As new, Summer culottes Size 4 As new, Blue polo shirt with collar Size 6 As new, Blue track pants Size 8, Blue skivvies Size 5 & 7, Blue cardigan Size 7, If interested, please ph one Rachel Wells 359 3151.

DO ALL YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING FROM HOME AT WWW.YOURFASTSHOP.CO.NZ

- Books from online bookstores, The Nile and Fishpond.
- DVDs from Real Groovy.
- iPODs, phones, laptops and more from Noel Leeming and Bond + Bond.
- Toys from IQ Toys and Mighty Ape.
- Gifts from Bestow Gifts.
- Xmas groceries from Woolworths Online.

Over 90 online stores in one place AND ALL SHOPPING RAISES FUNDS.

Just go to www.yourfastshop.co.nz and select Cotswold School for great discounts and online offers.

TAKE A KID TRAMPING.

Take a Kid Tramping is an intro to the outdoors to encourage the use of and enjoy the outdoors safely. Child recommended age 10-14 yrs. Course consists of two evening preparation sessions (Monday 15 + 22 February) & a weekend away (27/28 February). Course costs just \$25 per pair, food and transport additional. The course is on the website and you can enrol online if you prefer at

<http://www.mountainsafety.org.nz/Branches/branch.asp?bid=18>

Time Detectives
January 2010 Holiday Programme

Hey kids! The Air Force Museum of New Zealand has a new holiday programme and is opening its 'Time Travel Academy' to train Detectives who will 'travel through time' to try to stop the evil 'Time Bandits' from changing history. You will learn detective skills and solve a different mission every day of the week. Detectives can book in to a 4 or 6.5 hour programme, multiple days or a whole week to become a super sleuth!

TIMES: 8.30am – 12:30pm (4hr) or 8:30am - 3.00pm (6.5hr)

DATES: 11-15 & 18-22 January 2010

AGES: 5-12 years

COST: 4hr programme = \$25 per day

6.5hr programme = \$35 per day

Week long programme (8:30am – 3.00pm) = \$170 per week with NO added costs. Spaces will fill fast, so book today on (03) 343 9504 or programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz to become a Time Detective these summer holidays.

*** SMALL PRINT: Imagination skills may be required for this programme!*

KAIAPOI RIVER CARNIVAL & MARKET DAY 2009

Saturday 5 December 9am-4pm wet or fine

Come along to the biggest Kaiapoi event of the year for a fun family day. Get a raft race team together, enter into the Christmas Parade (all registered children welcome whether part of a group or not), buy a ticket for the duck race or relax and watch the river activities and listen to the lively music. Stalls galore, food, clowns, kids rides, chocolate wheel and the Santa Parade at 1pm. Dragonboats, jetboats and an open day on the MV Tuhoe. You won't want to miss the wonderful Carnival atmosphere. All entry forms available from the Kaiapoi i-SITE or call Angie on 021 124 7653 or email at kaiapoi promo@xtra.co.nz.



School Holiday Riding Program

- + January 11th to 15th and 18th to 22nd (1 or more days available)
- + 9am to 3.30pm each day (extra care available at \$5 dollars per hour)
- + Children from 8 to 16 years
- + Qualified Instructors
- + Max number 10 children per day
- + Keeps children physically and mentally active and having great fun
- + Investment \$60 per day or \$55 per day for 5 days or more
- + Seeking volunteers/helpers
- + Book now or for further information ph: 323 9064 ask for Erika

NEED A BABYSITTER

22 year old experienced babysitter available November- February for day and night time babysitting. I am currently doing my Postgraduate studies in Primary School teaching at the University of Canterbury College of Education and have holidays over this time. Prices start from \$10 per hour (dependent on number of children). Phone Jessica on 03 3591722 or 0210410469

Music Tuition

M. C. Blanchard

**M. Ed., High. Dip. Tchg, LTCL, (Performer's) ATCL, (Teacher's)
AIRMTNZ (Registered Music Teacher)**

**Teacher
of
Piano and Theory**

**Vacancies Now
Phone 352 6466**

OLYMPIA GYMNASTIC SPORTS January Holiday Programme 18-29 January, two sessions available 10-12pm, 1-3pm. Trampoline & General Gymnastics Classes. Enquiries and bookings Ph 344 6060 or email maria@olympia.org.nz

BABYSITTER REQUIRED for Glenmore Ave area for 2 boys on semi-regular basis (mainly weekends) starting Feb. Call Lynda 359 5951.

Have you ever wondered how computer games and 3D movies like Shrek are made? Learn the latest in 3D Animation and Games Design on a Bubble Dome School Holiday workshop this January. Other Science, Inventions & Technology courses on offer at a venue near you. Ages 6-17 years. Tel: 0800 GET BUBBLE (438 282) or Email: info@bubbledome.co.nz or Visit: www.bubbledome.co.nz

ANNA LEE SCHOOL OF DANCE

Find your groove, in a fun supportive environment. Our new purpose built studio is now open at 116 Sawyers Arms Road. Phone 354 6228

Ballet, jazz, hip hop and contemporary dance. Preschool through to advanced.

Surf Kids Children's Surfing Programme

Learn the skills of Surfing and Body boarding in a fun, safe environment.

2 hour classes. All equipment provided. Professional instruction from Aaron Lock.

Xmas Holidays 17-24 Dec 27-30 Dec

January Holidays 18 -22 Jan 25 -29 Jan

Cost : Pre booked \$27 per day or \$120 for five classes

\$30 casual

Bookings Essential

Venue : Scarborough Beach, Sumner, cnr Stoke St and Esplanade

For a registration sheet go to www.surfcoach.co.nz or phone Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (78 73)