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Dear Parents

Parents, students and teachers are all valuable contributors to the reporting process and share in the responsibility for learning. Communication is most effective when everyone has the opportunity to participate.

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.

At Cotswold we believe students learn best when teachers:

- Encourage Reflective Thought and Action
- Enhance The Relevance Of New Learning
- Make Connections
- Provide Multiple Opportunities To Learn
- Facilitate Shared Learning
- Create A Supportive Learning Environment
- Integrate information and communication technologies

A key aspect is encouraging reflective thought and action by our students. Growing practises in this area include:

- Children taking responsibility for their learning, being self-managed and able to define their own learning goals.
- Children understanding how specific activities relate to their goals.
- Assessment involving children working on an authentic task, project, or investigation, and then observing, interviewing, and examining their presentations and artifacts to assess what they actually know and can do. Children use explicit measures, criteria and benchmarks for assessing their own and others progress and achievement.
- Children enjoying learning, knowing and taking the next steps in their learning.
- Children using the Cotswold Values to manage their learning and behaviour.





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Learning Conferences give students, parents and teachers an opportunity to discuss key goals the students have set themselves, to talk about specific learning activities that relate to their goals and discuss next steps in their learning. Each of the participants in this setting are able to contribute by consolidating and formulating targets that are realistic and attainable.

Students will bring portfolios home on Wednesday 1st July, 2009. We see this Student Portfolio as a positive way to report your child's progress and encourage parents and caregivers to share their pride in the progress made. Nothing succeeds like success. When we know we have done something right, we feel good about ourselves, we accept challenges more readily and enthusiastically and learning becomes easier.

As you look through the portfolio pages:

- Look for your child's successes.
- Compliment your child by highlighting some of the features that impress.
- Discuss the portfolio contents with your child
- Discuss with your child a target for future development.

Please return portfolios to school at the start of Term 3 as these will be used as part of our Learning Conferences. Learning Conferences will be held on **Thursday 30th July, 2009.** Time slots can be booked online now or using the form included with this newsletter.

I encourage every parent or caregiver to book an appointment as we are very keen to have 100% attendance to strengthen the learning partnerships at Cotswold School

STEPHEN HARRISON
Principal

WELCOME

Welcome to Lorna Agmen who has recently joined our teaching staff. Lorna will be teaching a new, New Entrant class which is being established in Room 1.

CURVES MOTHERS DAY COMPETITION

The children at Cotswold School were given the opportunity to write a letter about their mum and to win a voucher for 1 months free membership to Curves Gym in the Bishopdale Mall. Congratulations to Brooke Joyce, Emma Marshall and Grace MacRae, Sophie Murray, Bella Stewart & Caitlin Jameson who won vouchers for their mothers. Many thanks to Sue from Curves for donating the vouchers.

Sue from Curves in Bishopdale Mall presenting vouchers to Brooke and Emma.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taken this year on Wednesday 9th September.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Maya Halford and Kristina Orr who recently entered the Christchurch Libraries design a bookmark competition. 375 children entered in the three different age groups from all over Christchurch, Maya won the 5-7 year age group and Kristina the 8-10 year age group. Well done girls. To view their winning bookmarks go to the following link <http://library150.com/Competitions/>

ADMINISTERING MEDICATION - POINTS TO NOTE

All medication (including asthma inhalers) must be brought to the Office by a Parent/Caregiver who is required to sign a Consent Form authorising administration by the Office Staff, the Principal or his Deputy. Medication must be in a labelled bag/container with the name of the student, their room number, dose required and the time the dose is to be taken. If liquid, please send only the required dose in a medicine syringe - this ensures the correct dose is given.

All asthma medication is to be provided in a named bag for storage. Please make sure your child knows what their storage bag looks like.

NO medicine or inhalers are to be kept in students bag's or their classroom.

SCHOOL CAR PARK

When dropping off your child in the mornings or collecting them at the end of the school day please **do not drive into the school car park**. A little bit of exercise will do them no harm. The car park areas are for staff and visitors, not a drop off zone.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Parents Association will be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th June in the school staffroom.

CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOLS' GYMNASTICS - (Rhythmic and Artistic)

Last chance to enter these competitions for competitive Gymnasts. Please contact Peter Harper directly for more information by the end of this week.

CANTERBURY 1ST INVITATIONAL RHYTHMIC GYMNASTICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to Alesha Mackenzie who participated in this competition. Great effort in the hoop, ball and free routines and was placed 3rd overall in this competition.

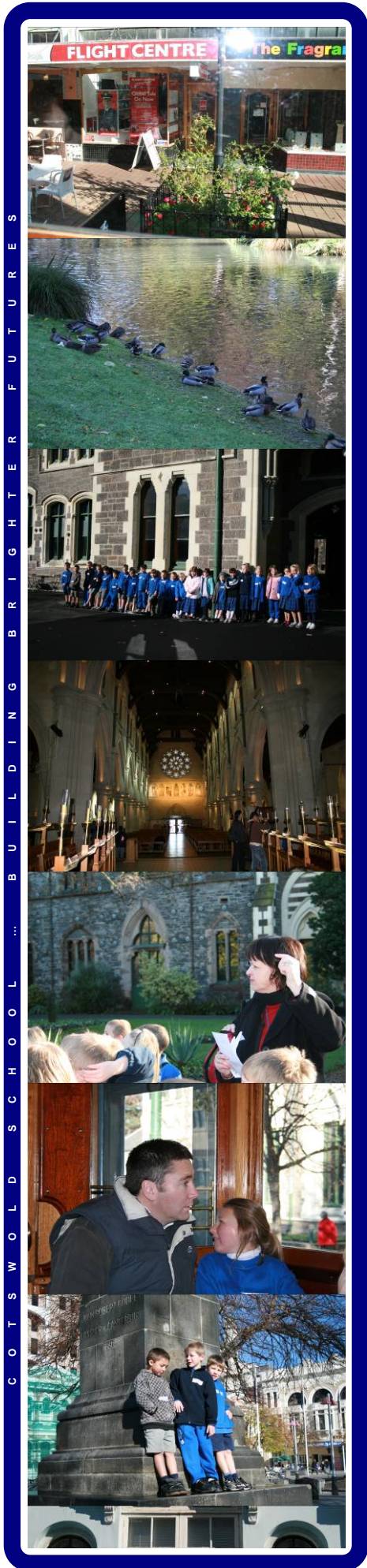
SUMMER HAGLEY SPORTS' RESULTS

Congratulations to all the teams that competed in this competition. Well done to the following teams who gained top three finishes.

Touch

Cotswold A 1st Grade A





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Cotswold B 3rd Grade B

Teeball

Cotswold A 2nd Grade A

2009 TERM DATES

Term 2, 2009	Monday 27 April to Friday 3 July
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:

- Waitangi Day - Wednesday 6 February
- Good Friday – 10 April
- Easter Monday – 13 April
- Easter Tuesday – 14 April
- Queen's Birthday - Monday 1 June
- 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

BREENS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 24th June, 2009

6.30 – 8.30pm

Breens School Hall

85 Breens Road

Principal's welcome 6.30pm followed by activities and tours of the school.



Parents are also invited to join us to view our 'school in action' Wednesday 24th June 1.30 – 3pm for organised tours around the school meet at the office at 1.30pm.

OUTASKOOL COTSWOLD are home based after school care and are keen to start a morning programme for parents who may start work early and require somewhere warm and safe for their child to go till school starts. Our hours would be 7.30-8.30 Monday – Friday. If you are interested please phone: Averil 359 9882.



**CASEBROOK INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
OPEN NIGHT**

THURSDAY 25 June 2009

6.30 pm – 8.00 pm

**For more information please contact the school
3597-428**

Email office@casebrook.school.nz

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our next full school assembly on Friday 26th June, 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:-

- 22nd June

END OF TERM

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

THREE WAY CONFERENCES (Student/Parent/Teacher Conference)

On Thursday 30th 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.

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
- Click on the "July Conferences" link on the menu on the right hand side of the main page.

Get The Interview Time You Want – Book Online Now.





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Interview times will be booked as parents access the booking website. If you have more than one child enrolled at Cotswold School, we encourage you to arrange your interviews early to ensure your interview sessions are not widely dispersed.

NB: The School Interviews website needs “cookies” and “javascript” enabled in your internet browser. Many of you will already have these enabled to allow you to access sites like Trademe. A help sheet is available from the school office to assist those who do not have these items already enabled.

If you do not have access to a computer and the internet, you can arrange an interview by either:

- Using a computer in our computer suite – available from 8.00am to 9.30am and 2.30pm to 3.30pm, Monday to Friday.
Or
- Complete the form included with this letter and return it to you child’s class teacher for processing. Staff will process these and provide you with interview times before the end of Term 2..

Community News

Olympia Gymnastic Sports: We still have some spaces in our classes for this term. Try Artistic, Trampoline or Rhythmic Gymnastics, this is a fun way to get fit. Please ring 344 6060 to book or check out our website: olympia.org.nz.

CREATIVE KIDZ

NEW Children’s art classes in Northwood

Learn to paint and draw. Develop new skills and Techniques.
In a friendly, safe, learning environment.
Call Amanda for information.
Class times 03 – 3239797

IMAGInE Children’s Theatre:

AUDITIONS for Kidsfest July Holiday Show **Hansel and Gretel**.

Friday 29th May 4 – 5 pm and Saturday 30th May 10 – 11 am at Salsa Fusion Dance Studio, 100 Stanmore Rd. Roles for up to 60 young people, 7 – 17!

For information and to register for the audition contact Helen Moran 3655 227, 021 044 1909 or email hellhighwater@hotmail.com

Hansel and Gretel, adapted by Martin Howells and produced by Helen Moran, is fabulous holiday entertainment, featuring a cast of children alongside professional actors. A family in crisis sends homeless children on a forest adventure bristling with danger, enchantment and a fabulous fairytale ending!

eTime – Term 3, 2009 Children’s Programmes.

eTime is an education centre in Christchurch that works alongside schools, providing children with the opportunity to develop 21st Century skills. eTime has spaces available in the following 2009 programmes.

GATE

This programme is designed for gifted and talented children in Years 5-8. Children attend each Monday for 8 weeks of a term, from 9am-3pm.

Term 3: Too Fantastic (Term 3 dates: Mondays, 27 July - 14 Sept)

The art of MC Escher will be the starting point for this term. Its mathematical complexity and illusionary nature will introduce the children to topology and the world of such intriguing mathematical constructions as the Moebius band. Further analysis of the geometrical nature of Escher's art with its emphasis on symmetry, reflection and tessellations will lead naturally into the children creating their own artworks using Photoshop.

From fantastic maths to fantastic English! A brief study of JK Rowling's Harry Potter will see the children creating WebQuests based on a fantasy novel of their own choice. Finally, in social studies, the children will look at fantastic civilisations such as Atlantis, Xanadu, or Camelot. This may lead into an understanding of the term Utopia, as coined by Thomas Moore, and a philosophical analysis of just what a perfect society would be like.

\$550 incl. GST

GATE 2 DAY

This two-day programme is designed for gifted and talented children in Years 5-8.

Unsolved Mysteries (23 - 24 June)

What happened on Easter Island? Does the Loch Ness monster really exist? Using the internet and books, children will uncover the facts and fiction about a variety of unsolved mysteries. They will use critical thinking skills to form reasoned judgements about whether they believe the theories of these mysteries.

\$120 incl. GST

DIGITAL KIDS

This programme is designed for children in Years 3-8. Children attend each Friday for 8 weeks of a term, from 9am-3pm. (Term 3 dates: Fridays, 31 July – 18 September).

Maths will come alive as the children use Roamer Robots to learn about distance and rotation. An investigation into the wonders of New Zealand's native bush will lead to a photographic portfolio of images of Hagley Park. The children will create their own animated movie using stop-motion techniques and iMovie to edit. They will discover what freedom means to them and will represent this through imagery and their own original music. They will also gain a new perspective as they research the lives of children in a third world country and will present their feelings and thoughts in a PowerPoint presentation. Finally, a digital portfolio will be produced and presented to friends and family on a special celebration day.

\$495 incl. GST

HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

This three-day programme is for children aged 9 – 12. Children will attend 14 – 16 July, from 9am – 3pm.

Fantasy Worlds is the theme of this workshop. Children will be immersed in the colourful world of Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland* as they use photoshop to create new fantastic Wonderland creatures, complete with original soundscapes, nonsense descriptions and more.

\$180 incl. GST

To register for these programmes, or for more info go to: www.etime.co.nz or call eTime on 366 9876.

Spaces are limited and registration is on a 'first in' basis.



COTSWOLD SCHOOL LEARNING CONFERENCE REQUEST FORM



PLEASE COMPLETE ONE FORM PER FAMILY

NAME: _____ PHONE NO: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

All conferences will be conducted on **Thursday 30th July, 2009**. 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. Please also be aware that parents using the new online booking service may have already booked the time you require.

1.40pm – 5.00pm

Evening

Child's Christian Name & Surname: _____

Room: _____

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Child's Christian Name & Surname: _____

Room: _____

Office Use Only
Interview Time



Please return this form to school by Friday 19th June, 2009. Interview Forms will be processed in the order they are returned to school and given to the class teacher.

Telephone: (03) 359 8035; Fax: (03) 359 4460; Email: principal@cotswold.school.nz; Website: www.cotswold.school.nz