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Dear Parents, staff and students

We are rapidly coming to the end of our three year ICTPD development programme that has seen \$360,000.00 additional funding provided to support an ICT professional development programme across our five cluster schools (Cotswold, Breens Intermediate, Redwood, Wairakei and Westburn) that focussed on improving teaching quality and learning outcomes for all students and strengthening communities of professional practice. Cotswold School has been the lead school in this development. At the start of our journey we had a shared vision "to develop effective and powerful teaching and learning through the provision of a high quality, well structured professional development programme that strengthens communities of professional practice, challenges pedagogy, improves teaching quality and promotes learner-centered classrooms that empowers students to access and use information beyond the classroom."

Recently all teachers involved in this development completed the End of Project Evaluation which provided us with valuable information about the effectiveness of our three year development programme including:

- Teachers indicated a significant increase in their confidence about their personal and class use of ICTs over the period of the ICTPD programme. The increase in confidence about class use of ICTs was somewhat greater than the increase about their personal use.
- Teachers indicated a significant increase in their skills with various ICTs.
- The proportion of regular users ('often' or 'always') of ICTs for school administration increased from 35% to 79% of teachers over the programme, while the proportion of low ('rarely' or 'never') users of ICTs for administration decreased from 25% to 2% over the programme.
- 37% of teachers indicated they used ICTs "often" or "always" for this purpose at the start of the programme, but by the end of the programme this proportion increased to 84%. Also, 21% of teachers indicated they "rarely" or "never" used ICTs for producing resources at the beginning of the programme. However this proportion reduced to 0% by the end of the programme.
- 43% of responding teachers indicated that their classroom practices changed "completely" or to "a large" extent as a result of their participation in the ICTPD programme while 51% of the teachers reported at least some change in practice.
- Over three quarters of the teachers surveyed reported that the ICTPD programme made a positive contribution to their understanding of teaching and learning. 77% indicated that the programme provided them with "some new ideas" and 8% indicated "a whole new approach".





- ICTs were mostly used with students in the areas of English, Social Science and Arts.
- Students' use of ICTs for most of the learning outcomes specified in the questionnaire increased over the period of the ICTPD programme. At the end of the programme, the greatest student use of ICTs was for gathering information and technical skills. The greatest increases in the use of ICTs were in the areas of information gathering, technical skills and curriculum practice.
- 36% of teachers indicated they now integrated ICTs into their classroom teaching and learning either "to a large extent" or "completely", while 58% of teachers feel they are effectively integrating ICTs 'to some extent'.
- 61% of teachers attributed their increased classroom use of ICTs either "completely" or "largely" to the ICTPD, while 37% felt that the increase was "partially" attributable to the ICTPD.
- Overall, the ICTPD programme rated as "significant" or "very significant" in their general development as teachers for 79% of teachers.

At Cotswold we have used this development contract:

To assist students to:

- develop critical, creative and reflective thinking skills
- develop co-operative skills
- use ICT to improve learning
- take increasing responsibility for their own learning

To assist teachers to:

- examine and implement current pedagogy
- develop models of evidence based teaching and learning
- develop their confidence and skills in using ICT
- increase their capability to use ICT for their own professional learning and to facilitate improvements in students' learning, engagement and achievement
- improve teaching and learning
- embed ICT into teaching and learning programmes
- share their knowledge, understanding and resources

To assist leaders to:

- examine and implement current pedagogy
- develop models of evidence based teaching and learning
- develop their confidence and skills in using ICT
- develop each cluster schools ICT strategic plans
- develop a high quality professional development programme
- increase school-wide access to ICT resources in cluster schools
- improve each school's administrative and infrastructure procedures and systems
- share their knowledge, understanding and resources

Our revised school curriculum programme, school values, teaching and learning beliefs, inquiry learning model, common timetable and LETs Integrated Units are all key developments that can be associated with our involvement in this ICTPD Project.

A key aspect of our project has been the development of stronger bonds and a professional learning community between schools. Our focus now is to ensure our professional learning community and ongoing development of effective and powerful teaching and learning is sustained into the future.

STEPHEN HARRISON
Principal

TEACHER ONLY DAY

A reminder that we will be holding a **Teacher Only Day on Thursday 12th November, 2009**. Staff will be involved in Professional Development focusing on The New Zealand Curriculum and Gifted and Talented Students. We have linked this day to the start of Canterbury Show Weekend in the hope families may be able to make use of an early start to this holiday period.

CANTERBURY ANNIVERSARY DAY HOLIDAY

A reminder that school will be closed on Show Day - **Friday 13th November, 2009**.

END OF TERM

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

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.

SCHOOL POLICY/PROCEDURE REVIEW

Earlier this year the Board agreed to move all policy and procedures to the **SchoolDocs** site. With **SchoolDocs** we can be sure that our school policies and procedures are comprehensive and fully reviewed and any changes to legislation are reflected in school policy.

What's more, they are tailored to the unique circumstances of our school, are hosted on a website just for our school, and feature clever tools allowing us to consult with our stakeholders.

Having a single source for our school's documentation helps create a transparent learning community where everyone knows what is happening and what is expected.

A comprehensive search tool means that finding information is fast and effortless. Pages are organised into topics and linked to one another so that related material is easily accessed.





From time to time, parents, staff, and Board members may be requested (via email or a notice in the school newsletter) to review and comment on a specific policy. You can send us your feedback on any document by clicking the Send Feedback button at the top of the page.

This term parents have the opportunity to be involved in the following review:

- Religious Education

We'd love you to be involved. Please use the following instructions to guide you in the review process.

1. Visit the website <http://cotswold.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the **user name (cotswold)** and **password (elephant)**.
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "**Parent**".
7. Enter the password "**pin**".
8. Enter your name (optional).
9. Submit your ratings and comments.

We look forward to receiving your feedback.

SUNHATS

A reminder that all pupils are required to wear a sunhat during the lunch break during Term 4. Our school uniform code stipulates that this must be a blue or navy wide brimmed (cricket or bucket style) hat. Hats can be purchased from Postie+ or The Warehouse. Hats are no longer sold through the school office. All pupils who do not have a sunhat will be required to sit on the veranda on the east side of our new school hall. We would appreciate your assistance by ensuring your child has a hat at school. This procedure operates during Terms 1 & 4.

PAYMENTS

- By Cheque - please do NOT staple cheques to your remittance. You are welcome to ask for a paper clip from the Office.
- By Internet Banking - please place the remittance in the Office drop box noted with date of payment. These do not need to go in an envelope.
- No payments (eg cash) are to be given to Teachers - only to the Office.

PSIS BANKING

Congratulations to all the children that have opened accounts with PSIS and have received \$10 into them automatically to kick-start their accounts. School banking is a great way to develop good savings habits, as well as assist our children in years to come. PSIS will continue to place \$10.00 into any new Cotswold School children's accounts opened before 27th November 2009. All they require is a copy of your child's Birth Certificate and 2 forms of identification for each signatory. If you have any questions, pop in and see the lovely staff at PSIS Papanui or alternatively you can give them a call on (03) 354 3561.

B.O.T. MEETING DATE

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

- Monday 24th November

PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING DATE

The Parents Association will meet in the school staffroom at 7.45pm on the following date:-

- Tuesday 10th 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 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

FUNDRAISER FOR SAMOA

Hi we are fundraising for Samoa! We are going to do a Whacky Hair Day on Wednesday 11th November. It will be a donation to participate in this event. We are going to give the money we raise to the Samoan families who have lost their villages in the tsunami. If you have any concerns about this event please come and see Lizzie, Bradley and Luke in Room 6 or Gabby in Room 5.

Kind regards

Lizzie Kingston, Gabby & Bradley Hinman and Luke Bennett.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Our school is participating in Jump Rope for Heart – Taura Peke mo te Manawa Ora, a fun physical activity (skipping) programme run by the National Heart Foundation of New Zealand.

The programme promotes to children the importance of lifelong physical activity and heart health through a range of curriculum-based skipping skills, lessons and activities.

The completion of the Jump Rope for Heart Programme is celebrated with a Jump Off Day on Thursday 19th November at school, where children can demonstrate their new skills and help to fundraise for the Heart Foundation through sponsorship.





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

SPORTS UNIFORM AMNESTY

It's that time of year where we greatly appreciate the return of **any** sports uniform from 2009 or earlier, that you find in cupboards or drawers. Please return to Peter Harper Room 5.

COTSWOLD ATHLETIC SPORTS

Well done to all the Year 4-6 who participated in the school Athletic Sports. Special congratulations to all the children that qualified to represent our school at the North-West Zone Athletic Sports and our Age Group Champions.

- Champion House – Gold
- Relay Champion – Blue
- Age Group Champion – 10 Year Old Boys (Year 5)
- Positive Support – Green

Individual Champions

- 8 Year Girls – Bayley Vaeluaga- Gold
- 8 Year Boys – Jakob Willis - Blue
- 9 Year Girls – Annabelle Fisher - Red
- 9 Year Boys- Ryan Barnes - Green
- 10 Year Girls – Dominique Heath - Blue
- 10 Year Boys – Reuben Logan - Green
- 11 Year Girls – Emma Gould - Gold
- 11 Year Boys – Josh Primmer - Blue

CANTERBURY SELECTIONS

Congratulations to the following Cotswold Students who have been selected for Canterbury Representative and Development Sides.

Under 12 Basketball Development

- Jayden Britt
- Ben Fisher-Robertson
- Angus Tucker
- Paige Willman
- Paige Waddington
- Taylor Waddington

CJCA Year 6 Cricket

- Ben Lapslie
- Blair Hooper
- Kane Walters
- Ethan Shaw

Under 13 Touch

- Dominique Heath
- Cameron Russell
- Josh Primmer
- Jayden Watson

Under 11 Touch

- Taylor Waddington
- Paige Waddington
- Paige Willman
- Byron Heath

Reuben Logan

SPORT 2010

Year 3, 4 and 5 children interested in playing sport for school in Term 1, 2010, will be issued registration forms later in the term.

Sports include:

- Year 5 – 6 Weekly Summer Sport (Touch, Tee ball and Volleyball)
- Year 3 – 4 Basketball at QE II
- Year 5 – 6 Milo Cricket (Girls Only)
- Year 4 – 6 Summer Hockey

All these sports require parent support, particularly in transporting team members to sporting venues around the city.

For more information see Mr Harper / peter@cotswold.school.nz

Community News

PROACTIVE MARTIAL ARTS

Skills for Living, skills for Life!

0800 SELF DEFENCE

See website for session times

Surf Kids

Children's Surfing Programme

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

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

Sundays 10 am -12 pm begins 1 Nov

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)

'4 U & ME' Programme. (Parent and Child climbing sessions) 4 sessions of climbing on Saturday morning includes 30 mins break to play Rockband or support others climbing. All climbing programmes facilitated by qualified instructors, Only \$15 per week 'pay as you go' or \$55 'pay in advance' for the 4 weeks. 12 spaces available for each session – guaranteed to be stacks of fun. Booking dates – Nov 21st & 28th, Dec 5th & 12th. Group 1 - 9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m. Group 2 – 10.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m. Venue is Te Koru Youth Centre, 1a Harewood Road, Papanui. Phone Joy 354 9381 or email: office@pyd.org.nz Check out our website

www.tekoru.org.nz

Gifted Child? Here's your chance to come and try out One Day School, New Zealand's longest running programme for gifted learners. The two sessions will be for children aged 6-9 years and will be held on **Saturday 7 November 2009** at Kendal School, 53 Kendal Ave, Burnside, Christchurch, from 9-12pm. The cost is \$30 per child. Places are limited and bookings are essential! For more information, or to book a place for your child, ring Andrea on 021646963 or email andrea.wong@giftededucation.org.nz.

Riccarton Korfbal Club is running Junior Korfbal for Year 3 to 6/7 children this summer and we still have spaces available. Korfbal is a great, inexpensive way to keep active and have fun this summer.

When: Tuesday afternoons (4.15pm-5.30pm)

Dates: 27 October to 8 December 2009, then 9 February to 23 March 2010

Where: Hagley Cricket Oval, off Riccarton Ave

Cost: \$20 per child (includes Club t-shirt)

Late registrations accepted.

To Find Out More:

For more information on Junior Korfbal please see our website

(www.rkc.korfbal.org.nz) contact Sarah Kedzlie:

e: rkcjuniors@gmail.com, t: 351 2999





“Have – a – Go” cricket for school year 1 & 2 boys and girls, starting this Friday night at Marist-Harewood Cricket Club, Redwood Park, 48 Sturrocks Road from 5.30pm to 6.45pm. Contact: Paul Case 352 0489, www.maristharewood.co.nz

Hey Kids - Come and Join our Fun Keyboard Classes! Lessons are after school hours in and around your area!

Where: Tuesday@ Linwood North primary school, Wednesday@ Chch south intermediate Spreydon, Thursday@ Kings church St Albans.

Age: These lessons are designed to cater for 5 year olds through to 13year olds!

Length: The classes are 30 mins long.

Times: Three classes available from 315pm through til 5pm

Per class: A maximum of five students per class

Cost, The cost is \$110 per term (weekly payments accepted)

Resources: Keyboards are provided and all books are sold separately from kids on keys website or from the tutor!

Contact details: Anton Mclean Phone: 033434641 or 0272784143
Email: easykeys@ymail.com

AIMEE JOHNSTON SCHOOL OF DANCE

Ballet and Jazz from 3 1/2 years old

Redwood Area 352 2221

Enrol Now For 2010, (classes filling quickly)

Come to our yacht club and join in the fun at our Open Day

Naval Point Club Lyttelton, Magazine Bay, Lyttelton

Sunday 8th November 10 am – 4pm

Meet and chat with club members and to see the wide variety of activities available and to have fun.

- Yacht display
- Sailing skills demonstration
- Yacht race
- Waka demonstration
- Coastguard Flares demonstration
- Classic Boat sail past
- Powerboat and dive gear safety equipment free check

Internet discovery services - identifies ALL internet activity on a computer with dates and times of sites visited. I'll show you in your home, and install parental control software. \$69 per machine, Phone Dean, 022 601 0096 or dean@dcc.net.nz

Registration is now open for Technology workshop for kids age 5-7, start on Monday 23rd of November. These classes run once a week for 3 week from 3:30pm-4:30pm, at St David's church, 352 Wairakei Rd. Classes are limited to 5 children. Fee \$55

For more information please visit <http://www.ctzone.co.nz/Program.html>