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Dear Parents

Welcome to the start of Term 2. A special welcome to new students and families who have started school at Cotswold during the last few weeks.

It was pleasing to see so many parents attend our Student Progress Interviews towards the end of Term 1, 2009. Thank you for supporting these and showing an interest in your child's progress and what happens at Cotswold School. Parents will have another formal opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher later this year.

We have another exciting programme planned for our students during Term 2, 2009 with a wide range of learning experiences that:

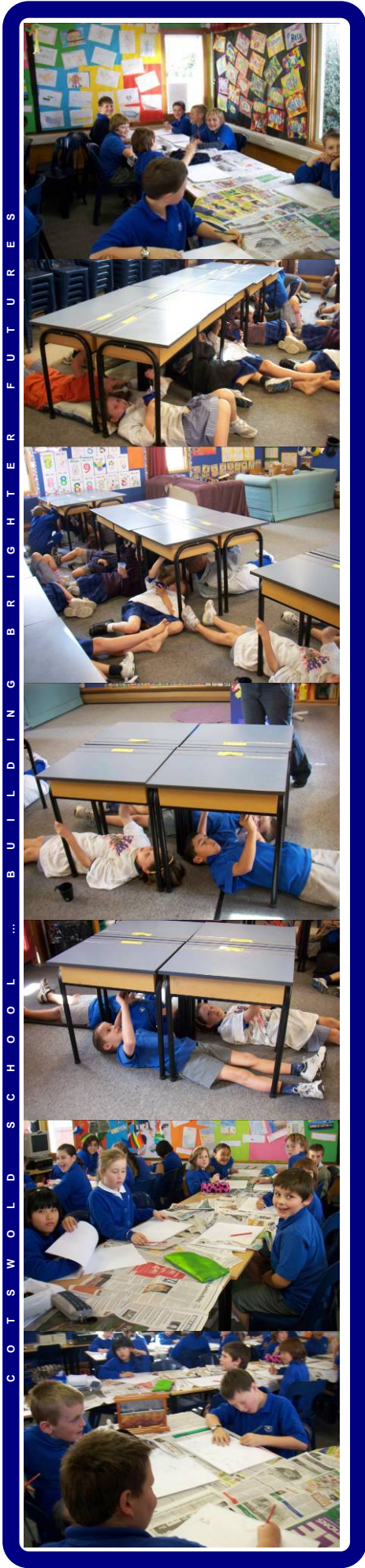
- Encourages Reflective Thought and Action
- Enhances The Relevance Of New Learning
- Make Connections
- Provides Multiple Opportunities To Learn
- Facilitates Shared Learning
- Integrates information and communication technologies

Our school theme for 2009 is LETS – Learning and Exploring Together to Succeed. Each term students will be involved in a unit with a school-wide common theme. LETS integrated themes during 2009 are as follows:

- Term 2 - LETS Explore and Communicate
- Term 3 - LETS Innovate and Create
- Term 4 - LETS Compete and Challenge

We plan to utilise an inquiry-based learning model for each of these units. Inquiry-based learning can have many definitions and can be compared directly to other forms of instruction such as problem-based learning. In a general sense, we define inquiry-based learning as a process where students formulate investigative questions, obtain factual information from a variety of sources, and then build knowledge that ultimately reflects their answer to the original question.





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

During our Term 2 unit LETS Explore and Communicate, students will focus on:

- The process of actively seeking, making sense and using and creating knowledge;
- Appropriate ways of communicating knowledge and ideas;
- Generating and testing ideas to develop knowledge;
- Investigating and explaining the world around them.

The Junior School will focus their study on our community, Christchurch and New Zealand. As part of this unit, students will travel around central Christchurch on the tram, exploring Christchurch history and architecture.

The Senior School will focus on exploring history, architecture, economy and geology in Christchurch and throughout New Zealand. Early in this unit students will visit Ferrymead to explore Christchurch history.

During May and June we will be visited by approximately ninety teachers and principals from throughout New Zealand. This will provide our students with the opportunity to showcase some of the learning opportunities they are involved in and an opportunity for our staff and school to share recent developments in relation to the New Zealand Curriculum.

All school newsletters can be accessed, viewed and printed from our school website – [www.cotswold.school.nz](http://www.cotswold.school.nz) . Parents can also request that a text only version of our newsletter is emailed to them. If you would like to subscribe to this service, please email [principal@cotswold.school.nz](mailto:principal@cotswold.school.nz) including "Email Me Cotswold News" in the subject line.

If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. It is important that concerns are dealt with early rather than allowing them to escalate. Contact details (email & telephone extension numbers) for individual staff members can be found on our school website – [www.cotswold.school.nz](http://www.cotswold.school.nz) . Contact details were also included in the 2009 Information Booklet parents received with class placement letters or when they enrolled their child at the start of this year.

**STEPHEN HARRISON**  
Principal

#### FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

The next full school is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Assemblies are held in our school hall starting at 9.10am.

#### BALLOON MUFTY DAY - FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY

There will be a mufti day to raise money for asthmas awareness on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009. Children will be at both gates in the morning collecting gold coin donations.

One in four kiwi children has asthma and it is the leading reason for hospital admissions among children. Balloon Day money will go towards research that benefits children with asthma. Thank you for your support.

## PAYMENTS

Please send your payments with remittance slip enclosed in an envelope or plastic bag and place in the silver **OFFICE PAYMENTS DROP BOX**. Please **DO NOT** use staples (paper clips available from the office if required) or hand payments over the counter. If change is required it will be sent home with your child. When payments are being made by Internet Banking please note on Remittance Slip and place in Payments Drop Box. Please **DO NOT** give any money to Teachers. All payments must be paid at the Office. Please contact the Office for payment options.

## TISSUES

If your child/children are coming to school with a cold, hay fever or the like please send them with their own tissues or a handkerchief. The school went through a record number of boxes of tissues last year and this year seems to be heading in the same direction. Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated.

## B.O.T. MEETING

The Board of Trustees will meet in the school staffroom at 6.00pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

## QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Please note on your calendars that school will be closed on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2009 for Queens Birthday.

## JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

The Junior school Huff and Puff will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> of May.

You are welcome to come and watch your child participate in our cross country.

On race day the children will assemble in their class groups on the field. There will be a short warm up session, after which the children will race in their class groups. Each child will receive a certificate for participating in the cross country. Certificates for first, second and third will be given.

Approximate starting times are:

### Before Morning Interval: (10-20- 11-00)

<u>Rooms</u>	<u>Times</u>
Warm Up	10-20
Room 2	10-25
Room 3	10-30
Room 4	10-35
Room 13	10-40
Room 14	10-45
Room 15	10-50





### After Morning Interval: (11-30 – 12.40)

<u>Rooms</u>	<u>Times</u>
Warm Up	11-30
Room 16	11-40
Room 17	11-50
Room 18	12-00
Room 19	12-10
Room 20	12-20
Room 11	12-30

Please note that these times are only a guide. It is advisable to arrive before the scheduled times. Children will need to wear suitable running shoes and bring a drink bottle on this day.

### SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY

Students in Rooms 5 – 10, 12 & 12A (The Zone) will be involved in a Cross Country as detailed below:

- Thursday 21st May, 2009
- Postponement Dates: Friday 22nd May, 2009

### Event Programme

<u>Approximate Time</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Distance</u>
9.30	Assemble	
	Boys & Girls Y4/5/6 Race Walk	1 km
	Girls Year 4 Huff 'n' Puff	1 km
	Boys Year 4 Huff 'n' Puff	1 km
	Girls Year 5/6 Huff 'n' Puff	1 km
	Boys Year 5/6 Huff 'n' Puff	1 km
	Girls Year 4 Zone	2 km
	Boys Year 4 Zone	2 km
	Girls 8 & 9 Years Zone (Year 5)	2 km
	Boys 8 & 9 Years Zone (Year 5)	2 km
	Girls 10 Years & over Zone	2 km
10.50	Boys 10 Years & over Zone	2 km

**NB: Please note these are approximate times only**

Parent marshalling help is requested. If you can help, please see **Mr Harper** before race day.

**Please ensure your child has:**

- Suitable footwear
- Suitable clothing to run
- A named drink bottle

**Postponement of the activity will be notified as follows:**

- 92 More FM
- Newstalk ZB
- Our Message Centre – telephone 3598035 (Option 2) from 9.30am.  
Please do not ring the school office for this information.

**40 HOUR FAMINE**

The World Vision 40 Hour Famine is on 22-24 May 2009. We have more than 60 Senior School children registered to take part in the famine this year. While there is the Classic 'No Food Famine', some children have chosen to complete the 'Theme famine', 'No-technology famine', 'No-Sports famine' and my favourite - the 'No-Talking famine'.

Best of luck children with all your famines. You are all doing a wonderful job raising money to feed malnourished children in Bangladesh.

Miss Davies

**SICK CHILDREN**

A reminder to all parents that if your child is sick, please do not send them to school, keep them at home. Your child will make a speedier recovery and our staff and other pupils are less likely to be infected.

The Ministry of Health has informed us that the best things you can do to stop the spread of any type of influenza virus is to:

- Stay at home and away from others if you are sick
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue
- Put used tissues into a rubbish bin
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth – germs spread that way
- Be careful to wash hands often with soap and dry them thoroughly – hand hygiene is critical: even when you start to feel better there is still a risk of infecting others, so keep to the 20/20 rule – 20 seconds washing and 20 seconds drying
- Keep surfaces clean at home, school and work.

**GIRL GUIDE BISCUITS**

Will be sold in the Hall foyer from 2.45pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Plenty of plain and some chocolate. Contact Lynda at 354 4054 if you would like some before that date or if you can not be there on that date. We deliver orders of eight packets or more FREE.

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE**

The Parents Association will be holding a Second Hand Uniform Sale on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30am – 9.00am and 2.45pm to 3.15pm outside the hall, or inside the hall foyer if wet.

**RED CROSS – COMMUNITY ACTION**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 20 Senior Syndicate children undertook community action in the spirit of 'Find a Need – Fill a Need'. The children spent an hour of their time selling roses to raise money to assist the Red Cross with their voluntary work. Thank you to those Senior Syndicate children who gave up their time and the parents who walked them to and from Bishopdale Mall. Great ambassadors for our school!





## THE LUNCH BOX FIX

Take the stress out of school lunches. Follow these ideas for lunch box fillers. They are quick, full of nutrients and your children will love them.

### Sandwiches are a lunch box favourite, the possibilities are endless

- Use a variety of breads; wholegrain rolls or loafs, wraps, pita pockets, french sticks, english muffins, fruit bread and wholegrain bagels.
- Fill with a selection of ingredients including lettuce, lean ham, grated carrot, edam cheese, sprouts, the list goes on.
- Be innovative with presentation try pinwheels, club sandwiches, pizzas or sandwiches cut with cookie cutters as these are more appealing and interesting for children

Four sandwich combinations you may not have tried:

- Banana and peanut butter sandwiches, toasted or untoasted
- Pineapple and low-fat cheese sandwiches
- Mouse traps- grated low-fat cheese and marmite on bread, grill in oven until cheese has melted
- Club sandwich-three layers of wholegrain bread, lite cream cheese and jam

### Something for the non- sandwich eater

- Corn thins or crusketts; topped with tomato and lite cream cheese
- Leftovers from dinner
- Rice salad
- Pasta salad; cooked pasta, corn kernels, diced tomato, grated carrot sliced lean ham

### Nutritious lunch box snacks

- A piece of fruit, you can make fruit such as oranges more appealing and easier to eat by cutting into wedges
- An assortment of nuts and dried fruit, low fat cheese chunks, vegetable sticks e.g. carrot, celery and cucumber
- Popcorn (butter and salt free) makes a great substitute for a bag of chips.
- Avoid those high fat and sugar muesli bars instead try fruit scones, mini savoury muffins, bran & banana muffins or fruity bran loafs
- Sweet snack fix; fruit kebabs, jelly with fruit, custard, stewed fruit, dried fruit

**Remember: always include fruit or vegetables to ensure your child achieves the recommended '5 + a day'.**

# Community News

## CRAFTY KIDS CLUB SCRIPTURE PROGRAMME

Reminder to Parents.

Our Crafty Kids club scripture programme is starting this term on Monday 4 May, 8.30am, in the school hall. If you have not previously enrolled but would like your child to attend each Monday morning, please send them along with a signed letter or pick up an enrolment form from the school office.

Thanks

The Crafty Kids Team

## FUN ON DRUMS!

Drum Lessons from beginner to advanced are available with Zach Butler, a Burnside High School year 12 student. If interested in tuition please call (03) 357 2253 or 027 414 2231. Spaces limited.

## JULIE GALLIE SCHOOL OF DANCE

New enrolments welcome for children wanting to learn royal Academy Dancing – classical ballet in 2009. for more information please ring, 355 8168.

## PARENT LINE

WANTED .....PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

Are you a parent, grandparent or caregiver able to work four hours per week in your own home to listen and support parents over the phone?

Parentline, a free confidential telephone counselling service for parents, is currently seeking volunteers to become telephone counsellors. Our fully subsidized training course starts June 2009.

## RANGI RURU GIRLS' SCHOOL - ENROLMENT 2010 AND BEYOND

**OPEN DAY, 1.30pm-4pm Monday 4th May** (Principal's Address 1.30pm) *and* **INFO EVENING 'Insight into Rangī'** Monday 18th May, 7.30pm - 9pm in the Wilson Hall *plus* **OPEN HOME, 9am-12noon Tuesday 5th May.**

Rangi Ruru is one of New Zealand's top achieving schools across a wide range of academic, sport and creative pursuits. For further information about learning at Rangi Ruru, enrolment and scholarships join us on Open Day, visit the Rangi Ruru website ([www.rangiruru.school.nz](http://www.rangiruru.school.nz)) or contact the Principal's P.A, Pauline Clegg (phone 983 3700, email [p.clegg@rangiruru.school.nz](mailto:p.clegg@rangiruru.school.nz))

## Looking For Reliable Childcare?

Home based child care with Home Grown Kids!

A fun, safe, nurturing and welcoming environment. Very reasonable rates. Please call Shannon. 3549255

## An Introduction To Specific Learning Disabilities Including Dyslexia

Saturday May 16 and Sunday May 17. 9am-4pm. 14 hours. Cost: \$130.

Morning/afternoon tea provided. Bring own lunch.

Science Alive/Moorhouse Ave. 'Seminar Room'.

Car Park at rear, (opposite House of Travel).

Closing date for registration May 8.

Reg. please Ph SPELD Canterbury 366 6430



# COTSWOLD SCHOOL CALENDAR

## Term 2: 20 April - 12 July 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20 Apr School Holidays	21 Apr School Holidays	22 Apr School Holidays	23 Apr School Holidays	24 Apr School Holidays
27 Apr BoT Meeting	28 Apr	29 Apr	30 Apr Strike Percussion - Senior School	1 May
4 May	5 May Parents Assn Meeting	6 May	7 May	8 May Balloon Multi Day
11 May	12 May	13 May	14 May	15 May F/S Assembly
18 May eTime Tour To Visit Cotswold	19 May Junior Cross Country	20 May	21 May School Cross Country	22 May 40 Hour Famine P/P School CC
25 May BoT Meeting	26 May	27 May Aust Computer Studies Comp	28 May 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. eTime School Tours To Cotswold	29 May
1 Jun Queen's Birthday	2 Jun Parents Assn Meeting	3 Jun Zone Cross Country	4 Jun	5 Jun CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport Rev It Up Storytelling
8 Jun	9 Jun	10 Jun eTime Tour To Visit Cotswold Aust Science Competition	11 Jun	12 Jun CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport
15 Jun	16 Jun	17 Jun CPSSA Cross Country	18 Jun	19 Jun CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport School Disco
22 Jun BoT Meeting CPSSA Gymnastics - Artistic	23 Jun Australian Writing Competition Australian Spelling Test	24 Jun p/p CPSSA Cross Country	25 Jun	26 Jun CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport F/S Assembly
29 Jun CPSSA Gymnastics - Rhythmic	30 Jun	1 Jul Portfolios Distributed To Parents	2 Jul	3 Jul CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport
6 Jul School Holidays	7 Jul School Holidays	8 Jul School Holidays	9 Jul School Holidays	10 Jul School Holidays