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Dear Parents, Caregivers & Members of the Cotswold Community

In April 2010, parents and caregivers elect the people who govern each school in New Zealand. Every state and state-integrated school in New Zealand has a board of trustees. Boards bring families, communities and schools together to work for a quality education for our children. The board of trustees is a Crown entity. It is the employer of all school staff and sets the school's overall strategic direction. The school's Principal is the Board's 'Chief Executive' and manages the school operation in line with the Board's policies.

The membership of the Cotswold School Board includes elected parent representatives, an elected staff representative and the Principal.

School trustees have a very important role in making sure every child achieves their potential at school. Here are some of the things they do:

- Work with the principal and consult with staff, students and the community.
- Set the educational goals and strategic direction of the school.
- Monitor progress and let parents know how the school is progressing against its annual targets and how well students are achieving.
- Decide how the school's funding will be spent.
- Select the school's Principal and support the development of all staff.
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration.

The school staff and parents elect Boards of Trustees every three years. The trustee elections are the biggest democratic event in New Zealand. Schools around the country seek more than 13,000 parent representatives. All parents of students enrolled full-time in a state or state-integrated school can and should vote in the elections for parent representatives.

Please keep an eye out for a letter detailing election information specific to Cotswold School – you should receive this letter during mid March. If you would like to check you are on the electoral roll for our school, please call at, or email the office.

STEPHEN HARRISON
Principal



2010 SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS



Strong leaders make strong schools

SCHOOL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS 2010 BE INFORMED & INVOLVED

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS

In April 2010, parents and caregivers elect the people who govern each school in New Zealand. The role of school trustees is to ensure that students get the best education possible. They have an important role in overseeing how their school is run. They are there to keep the school on track and make a difference for their students.

Current Board members are more than happy to be contacted by phone to talk about what is involved in being a member of the Cotswold School Board of Trustees. Board members can be contacted as follows:

Jonathan Owens	359-6667
Liz Haines	352-5731
Craig Perriman	359-0535
Craig Thompson	359-5646
Kristin Dudley	359-8035
Stephen Harrison	359-8035

Key election days are as follows:

By 15 March	Returning officer to post election notices and nomination forms to each person on the roll provided by the school
By 15 March	Returning officer to place an advertisement in the local newspaper with all election details
Up to noon 23 April	Returning officer to receive and determine the validity of nominations
Up to noon 23 April	Returning officer to receive candidate statements
Noon 23 April	Nominations Close
By 28 April	Returning officer enters all candidates' names on voting papers and posts voting paper and candidates' statements with return envelope to each person on the roll provided by the school
Noon 7 May	Close Poll
13 May	Returning officer to open and examine all voting papers, reject invalid votes, count and ascertain election results.
As soon as known	Notify election result to the school community via www.cessl.org.nz & www.cotswold.school.nz
14 May	Notify election result via the school and in the local newspaper

Further information can be found at <http://www.trustee-election.co.nz/>. The Returning Officer for Cotswold School will forward further information and nomination forms to all eligible voters during March 2010.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES

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

- 29th March

PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING DATES

The Parents Association will meet in the school staffroom at 7.45pm on

- 9th March

2011 TERM DATES

Term 1, 2011	Monday 31 st January to Friday 15 th April
Term 2, 2011	Monday 2 nd May to Friday 15 th July
Term 3, 2011	Monday 1 st August to Friday 7 th October
Term 4, 2011	Tuesday 25 th October to Wednesday 14 th December

Schools will be closed in 2011 on Saturdays and Sundays and on the following holidays:

- Good Friday – 22nd April
- Easter Monday – 25th April
- Easter Tuesday – 26th April
- ANZAC – 25th April
- Queen's Birthday - Monday 6th June
- Labour Day - Monday 24th October
- Canterbury Anniversary Day – 11th November

END OF TERM

Term 1 finishes for all students at **3.00pm on Thursday 1st April, 2010.**

Term 2 starts at 8.55am on Monday 19th April, 2010.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

The Parents Association will be holding a Sausage Sizzle on Wednesday 10th March, 2010. Still only \$1.00 and selling from 8.30am from the hall kitchen window.

If there are any parents that are able to help either with the cooking (starts at 10.45am hall kitchen) or with the handout of the sausages (hall kitchen 12.15pm) please come along, all help is much appreciated.

JUNIOR ASSEMBLY

The next Junior school assembly is on Friday the 12th March at 9.00am parents are very welcome to attend.

PSIS BANKING - WEDNESDAYS

The banking day is Wednesday again this year. If you do not have an account but would like to set one up, please go to the PSIS branch in Papanui. Once you have your bank book bring to school on Wednesdays and give to your class teacher.





DONATIONS

School donations can be claimed as a Tax Rebate, the office will issue receipts for this purpose.

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 the date on the Remittance Slip and place in Payments Drop Box (these do not need to be in an envelope, just the slip is fine). Please **DO NOT** give any money to Teachers. All payments must be paid at the Office. Please contact the Office for payment options. Please ensure all cheques are "crossed" and made payable to Cotswold School and one cheque per family is preferable (just include all relevant remittance slips with your cheque).

LATE ARRIVALS

Any children arriving late to school must report to the Office **BEFORE** going to their classroom please, even if the office is aware that you are arriving late.

DENTAL CLINIC

The Cotswold Clinic is closed for Term 1 2010. The Therapist and her assistant can be contacted at Marshland School. Ph. 385 4479.

TUESDAY TOUCH AT NUNWEEK PARK

Well done to all the children who have been involved in Touch at Nunweek Park on Tuesdays. It was great to see the school fronting up with 19 teams in this competition and having so many children actively involved. Congratulations to the following teams who gained top 4 finishes:

- Y3-4: Cotswold Crusaders
- Y5-6 Cotswold Dodgers and Rams

Special thanks to all the coaches and managers of our teams.

SUMMER HOCKEY AT NUNWEEK PARK

Well done to the Cotswold White Sticks, Blue Sticks, Sensation Sticks and Mini Sticks for their efforts on the hockey field during the season. You can all be proud of your efforts. Special thanks to the coaches of our teams.

WINTER WEEKLY SPORT

This year school hopes to enter teams in Hockey, Football, Netball and Rugby on Fridays at Hagley. We are restricted by the number of teams we can enter and parents are relied on to coach and provide transport. If you are interested in coaching please contact Mr Harper. Registration and consent forms will be issued in the next fortnight.

**Future Ferns Netball And Under 11 Netball)
Coaches and Parent support required!**

Y4-5 Future Ferns Netball

Fridays or Saturdays – Game days can only be determined when the coach is available. Children should be available for both days.

Registration and consent forms should be returned to Mr Harper by 10th March.

Subs - \$30, must be paid to the office by 22nd March. Uniforms will be issued once subs have been paid.

Under 11 Netball Year 6 Only

Saturdays only, this is a graded competition and the children will be placed in competition teams.

Registration and consent forms should be returned to Mr Harper by 10th March. Subs - \$45, must be paid to the office by 22nd March.

Uniforms will be issued once subs have been paid.

Nettabury 2010

Modified Netball Games for 'Preschoolers to Year 3'

Venue: **Christchurch Netball Centre, South Hagley Park**

Cancellations: **379 4489 after 9am**

No registrations required just turn up on the day. For more information contact
Peter Harper.

Y5-6 Basketball At The Ymca

This competition is played at the Bishopdale YMCA on Thursdays and Fridays, during Terms 2 and 3. Teams are restricted and interested children need to be prepared to play for the whole season. Basketball is a graded competition and trials will take place before the teams are selected and registered to play.

Registration and consent forms should be returned to Mr Harper by 10th March. Your Subs of \$45, must be paid to the office by 22nd March. Uniforms will be issued once subs have been paid.

NORTH-WEST ZONE SWIMMING SPORTS AND CPSSA TRIATHLON

Well done to all the children who tried out for these two events. You can all be proud of your efforts. We wish all the children involved in the swimming sports and triathlon all the best.

YEAR 5 BEACH ED AND SAILING

Well done to all the Year 5 students who participated in these 2 Outdoor Education experiences. It was great to see up and coming 'Gromets' at the beach and 'Future Team New Zealand' sailors displaying their skills in and out of the water.

Special thanks to the parents who supported these activities.



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



YEAR 6 CAMP

All our Year 6 students will have the opportunity to participate in a school camp. Details are as follows:

- Wainui YMCA Camp Site
- Sunday 28th March, 2010 to Wednesday 31st March, 2010

All Year 6 students have received information and permission forms regarding this camp.

PRESCHOOLERS LIST

We are currently updating our pre-schooler database. If you have a pre-school aged child who will probably attend Cotswold School when they turn five we would love to hear from you. This will allow us to accurately forecast our school roll for the next four years and therefore provide the Ministry of Education with accurate data on which our future staffing levels will be based.

If you have a pre-school aged child (born in 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009 or 2010), who will probably attend Cotswold School when they turn five please contact the school office (359-8035) with the following information:

- Child's name
- Child's date of birth
- Caregiver's name
- Caregiver's address
- Caregiver's phone no.

If you know of a person who does not normally get a school newsletter and has pre-school children likely to attend Cotswold School, we would appreciate it if you pass on the above information on to them.

LEARNING CONFERENCES

We have moved our end of Term 1 Learning Conferences from the end of Term 1 to Week 3 Term 2 – **Wednesday 5th May, 2010**. This will allow us to utilise a number of Assessment/National Standards comparison tools the Ministry of Education has promised will be available by the end of March giving parents a clear indication to their child's achievement level in relation to the National Standards. Further details regarding these Learning Conferences and booking details will be included in our next school newsletter.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

Our next full school assembly will be held on:

- Friday 26th March, 2010

Community News

PSIS CHILDREN'S DAY



Sunday 7TH March 2010 – 11am - 4pm

Come along and celebrate Children's Day a FREE community event. Pack a picnic lunch and bring along family and friends. Over 40 fun filled activities that are all FREE. So come along and join in on the excitement at the Groynes Park on Johns Road.

For more information contact 941 8999 or check the Be There website <http://bethere.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 of \$10 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: 0272784143

Email: easykeys@ymail.com

ROYDVALE SCHOOL FAMILY FAIR - Sunday 7th March. 117 Roydvale Avenue, Burnside. 11am-3pm. Favourite Irish band "The Corks" will be playing plus face painting, hair braiding, bouncy castle, raffles, lucky wheel, lucky-dip, fun rides and more. There will be stalls with amazing food. Also plants, books, toys, cakes, ... something for everyone. Adults will love the licensed drinks tent and coffee van too.

PROACTIVE MARTIAL ARTS PAPANUI OFFERS 1 FREE LESSON

This is a Freestyle/Mixed Martial Art taught in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Come along and have a look. Gain confidence, fitness and self defence. This is for anybody as we all work at our own pace. We also have a fantastic kids curriculum. We are at Cotswold School on Cotswold Avenue.

Class times: TUESDAYS AND WEDNESDAYS

PROACTIVE TIGERS 4+ yrs: 4.30 - 5.00pm

PROACTIVE PANTHERS 7+ yrs: 5.05 - 5.50pm

PROACTIVE XTREME 12+ yrs: 5.50 - 6.40pm

PROACTIVE FREESTYLE: 6.45 - 7.45pm

PROACTIVE KICKBOXING: 7.45 - 8.45pm

Please phone Jacque or Allister 3494946 for any enquiries.

GIFTED CHILD? Here's your chance to come and try out One Day School, New Zealand's longest running programme for gifted learners. There will be two age based sessions on **Friday 5 March 2010** at Kendal School, 53 Kendal Ave, Burnside, Christchurch. The session for 9-12 year olds runs from 9-12 noon, and the session for 5-8 year olds runs from 12.30-3pm. 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.





BALLET
Pre-School for 3-4 years of age
Beginners from 5 years of age
MODERN/JAZZ
Beginners from 7 years of age
HIP HOP
Beginners from 6yrs
ADULT JAZZ CLASS
Very reasonable fees
Avonhead & Hornby Areas
For more information
Please phone
Jacqui Tieleman 324 2227

HAREWOOD HOCKEY

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING HOCKEY AS A WINTER SPORT?
 If so join the Harewood Hockey Club. The club caters for Primary & Intermediate School children of all skill levels from beginners through to experienced players. Registration days for the 2010 season existing members are
 Sunday 14th of March
 Nunweek Park Woolridge Rd
 For more information contact
 Patrick Coupe Ph 355 1
 or email
 www.Harewood .co.nz

WINTER SPORT ?

Season for new and on Sunday 7th of March and Sunday 14th March from 10.00 am to 12.00 Midday (off Wairakei-Harewood Roads).
 For more information contact
 Patrick Coupe Ph 355 1490
 or email coupefamily@xtra.co.nz
 www.Harewood .co.nz

Terry Small, a.k.a. The Brain Man, is Canada's #1 Learning Skills Specialist. An experienced teacher of 28 years, he will be in Christchurch for his MIND YOUR BRAIN NZ Tour on March 17-18, 2010. Terry will be teaching audiences around NZ how to improve memory; boost creativity; enhance learning and retention; outwit Alzheimer's; improve reading skills; and, get rid of negative thoughts. He'll also teach students the success system for studying smarter, not harder. Terry's conferences are lively, humorous, and interactive, and are a MUST for teachers, students and parents - virtually anyone who wants to make the most of the supercomputer that is their brain! Venue for the conference is Parklands Baptist Church, 180 Queenspark Drive, Parklands, Christchurch. Early bird pricing of \$45 per adult applies for bookings made prior to March 7. **Spouse attends free.** After March 7, \$59 per adult. Discounted rates apply for teens and children. For more information and bookings, see <http://www.learnex.co.nz/Editable/conference/MindYourBrainChristchurchG.shtml> or email nsjswatson@xtra.co.nz.

ALL STAR CHEERLEADERS

All Star Cheerleaders is running Free American Style Cheerleading Classes in your area. Everyone is welcome no experience necessary. For more information call 0800 CHEERLEADER or www.allstarcheerleaders.co.nz.