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Dear Parents

Welcome back everyone. A special welcome to new students and parents who have recently joined our school community. Welcome also to Alex Kenward and Felicity Lilburne who joined our support staff towards the end of Term1.

A reminder to all parents that we are holding Parent/Teacher interviews on Thursday 5th May, 2011. If you have not made an appointment time and would like one please contact your child's class teacher.

Our school roll currently stands at 520 students. We are continuing to experience growth from within our current enrolment zone and need to accurately forecast our school roll for the next four years to provide the Ministry of Education with accurate data on which our future staffing and accommodation levels will be based and to assess whether we need to amend our current enrolment scheme. We need your help in ensuring we have the names and contact details of all pre-school aged children living within our school zone (or who currently have siblings enrolled at our school) who will probably attend Cotswold School when they turn five. If you haven't already notified us of a future enrolment please contact the school office – 3598035. If you know of a person who lives within the Cotswold School Zone who does not normally get a school newsletter and has pre-school children likely to attend Cotswold School, we would appreciate you passing on the above information to them.

Thank you.

STEPHEN HARRISON
Principal

**THANKS
FOR
YOUR
SUPPORT
COTSWOLD**





2011 TERM DATES

Term 2, 2011 Monday 2 May to Friday 15 July

Term 3, 2011 Monday 1 August to Friday 7 October

Term 4, 2011 Tuesday 25 October to Wednesday 14 Dec

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

- Queen's Birthday – Monday 6th June
- Labour Day – Monday 24th October
- Canterbury Anniversary Day – 11th November

QUEENS BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

School will be closed on Monday 6th June 2011 for Queens Birthday.

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

We will be holding our next full school assembly on Friday 27th May, 2011 starting at 9.10am.

TERM 2 INVOICES

Invoices for student activities for this term should be going home with your child/children by the end of this week or next. If you do not receive your child's invoice please contact the school office for a copy. Included in the invoice will be the following items:

- **St Johns Safe Kids Programme \$2.00**
This programme comes to Cotswold on the week 11-15 July and teaches children about simple first aid skills.

PAYMENT OF INVOICES

If you have more than one child, one cheque would be appreciated. (Cheques for each child are not necessary). Automatic Payment Remittance Slips do not need to go into an envelope - please just place in the Payments (Silver) Drop Box Please, please do **NOT** staple or cello tape cheques to the remittance slip.

Please do **NOT** give money to Teachers for Invoice Payments. These are to be placed with your Child's name Room number

and the amount you are paying in the silver payments box in the Office. Plastic bags are provided. Please do NOT put loose cash in this box.

AUTOMATIC PAYMENTS

Please check you have your child's correct Room number when you make these payments. Because these change each year please remember to amend your details on your bill payment. Thank you for your co operation in these requests.

DONATION RECEIPTS

Please, it is important that you keep these for claiming your Tax Rebate. Sorry, we cannot issue receipts for previous year/s.

JUNIOR SYNDICATE ASSEMBLY TERM 2

Listed below are the classes that are on presenting assembly this term. Children will also be awarded certificates relating to our Cotswold School Values. Your child's class teacher will inform you if your child is to receive a certificate at our Junior Syndicate Assembly.

We look forward to seeing you there!

6 th May	No Assembly
13 th May	Room 8
20 th May	Room 5
27 th May	Full School Assembly
3 rd June	Room 6
10 th June	Room 3
17 th June	Room 10
24 th June	Room 7
1 st July	Full School Assembly
8 th July	Room 4
15 th July	No Assembly





CAN YOU HELP??

We would love to have some volunteers to listen to children read from 8.45am - 9.30am each morning. This could be parents or grandparents!

If you are able to help please let your child's class teacher know.

Your help is always much appreciated.

Many thanks.
Paula Fleming-Connell.

JUNIOR CROSS COUNTRY

The junior school cross country will take place on **Monday 23rd of May (Week 4 term 2)** postponement date is **Tuesday 24th of May.**

We will also be hosting a **champ's** race for the top **3 boys and girls** from each class on a separate day (**Tuesday 31st May p/p 1st June**) to find the champion for each year group.

Below are the approximate times and for each class.

Rooms	Approximate Times
Room 1	09-30
Room 2	09-40
Room 3	09-50
Room 4	10-00
Room 5	10-10
Room 6	10-20
Room 7	10-30
Room 8	10-40
Warm Up	11-30
Room 9	11-40
Room 10	11-55
Room 11	12-10
Room 12	12-25

On the cross country day we are encouraging children to:

- Wear suitable clothing/foot wear related to their house colour
- Bring a named drink bottle
- Bring some warm clothing to wear before and after their race.

SENIOR CROSS COUNTRY

Students in Rooms 16 - 25 will be involved in a Cross Country as detailed below:

- Wednesday 18th May, 2011
- Postponement Date: Thursday 19th May, 2011

Event Programme

<u>Approx 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 8 & 9 Years Zone (Year 4,5)	2 km
	Boys 8 & 9 Years Zone (Year 4,5)	2 km
	Girls 10 Years & over Zone	2 km
10.30	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 8.30am. **Please do not ring the school office for this information.**

PRE-SCHOOLERS LIST

We are currently updating our pre-schooler database. If you live in the Cotswold School Zone and have a pre-school aged child who will probably attend Cotswold School when they turn five we would love to hear from you. We are continuing to experience growth from within our current enrolment zone and need to accurately forecast our school roll for the next four years to provide the Ministry of Education with accurate data on which our future staffing and accommodation levels will be based and to assess whether we need to amend our current enrolment scheme.

If you have a pre-school aged child (born in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010 or 2011), 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 lives within the Cotswold School Zone who does not normally get a school newsletter and has pre-school children likely to attend Cotswold School, we would appreciate you passing on the above information to them.

If you live in the Cotswold School Zone and have a child starting school this year that you have not yet completed an enrolment form for, **please contact the school immediately**. We are currently completing New Entrant class placements for children entering in Terms 3 & 4, 2011.

We will be sending out pre-enrolment forms later this term for 2012 new entrant children living within the Cotswold School Zone.

A full description and map of our current enrolment zone can be viewed on our school website www.cotswold.school.nz.

STUDENT VOICE DONATES TO THE QUAKE

On behalf of the Student Voice we would like to thank you all for your support in donating gifts to the children at Freeville School. The students were very excited about their gifts, as many have lost their homes and their school has suffered significant damage. Donating gifts to the children of Freeville School gave us the opportunity to be Cotswold Carers and productive members of the wider community, helping those in need.

Thank you to the students and adults who helped wrap the gifts, we are very grateful for the time you gave up.

Once again, thank you for your generous support.

Bayley Vaeluaga and Brayden Cottom Student Voice Student Leaders

HELP REBUILD CHRISTCHURCH

Jaimee and Mikayla from Room 25, along with the Cotswold Student Voice, are having a 'Help Rebuild Christchurch' day on **Friday 20th May, 2011.**

To help raise money for the rebuilding of Christchurch, the school will hold a red and black mufti day for a gold coin donation to our coin trail. Once you have placed your coin on the trail in the hall before school, you will be given a sticker designed by us to show your support.

All the money will be given to the Red Cross to help rebuild our town.

**Thank you so much.
Mikayla and Jaimee**

WAY 2 GO

'Way 2 Go' to the following Cotswold Teams who have achieved well in the world of sport.

Summer Hagley Sport

- Volleyball – Cotswold B - 1st
- Volleyball – Cotswold A - 2nd
- Kiwi Tag – Cotswold A - 3rd
- Teeball – Cotswold A - 3rd





Year 3-4 Basketball Jammers

- Division 1 – Cotswold Crocs - 1st
- Division 1 – Cotswold Coyotes - 3rd
- Division 2 – Cotswold Cobras - 2nd
- Division 2 – Cotswold Comets - 3rd

FUTURE FERNS NETBALL - Y5-6 YMCA BASKETBALL

Good luck to the children and thanks to the parents and staff involved in these two competitions. **Subs need to be paid by Friday 6th May.**

YEAR 5-6 CPSSA HAGLEY WINTER SPORT

Thank you to the children who have signed up for this competition. Team spots are full. Thanks to parents and staff who are coaching and managing our teams. Thanks also to the parents who are providing transport. We still require extra transport. Please contact Mr Harper – peter@cotswold.school.nz if you can help in this area.

NETTABURY 2011

Modified Netball Games for 'Preschoolers to Year 3'

- Venue: **Christchurch Netball Centre, South Hagley Park**
- Time: **10am to 11am on Sundays**
- Dates: **15th May – 10th June 2011 (No Nettabury Queens Birthday Weekend)**
- Cancellations: **379 4489 after 9am**

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

CANTERBURY SQUASH

Canterbury Squash will be working with our Year 4-6 children during the first 2 weeks of term. The children can look forward to developing new skills and trying their hand in the 'Micro Squash Court'.

CANTERBURY PRIMARY SCHOOLS' GYMNASTIC AND RHYTHMIC GYMNASTIC COMPETITION

If you have a daughter or son, (**8 years or older**) who belongs to a Gymnastic or Rhythmic Gymnastic Club and would like them to enter, or find out more information, about these two competitions please see Mr Harper by May 21st.



COTSWOLD GARDENING CLUB

Cotswold Gardening Club has once again entered the McCain Veggie Patch.

To earn points for our school, please collect each barcode from packs of McCain frozen vegetable or Purely Potato.

- 400g – 800g = 5 Points
- 1kg – 2kg = 10 Points

We send these off and collect points which we exchange for gardening equipment.

Please put your McCain frozen vegetable or Purely Potato barcodes in the collection box at the school office.

**Many thanks for your support.
Cotswold Gardening Committee**

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

A reminder that we are holding Parent/Teacher Interviews on **Thursday 5th May, 2011**. All parents will have the opportunity to attend a ten minute interview with their child's class teacher. During each interview, your child's class teacher will outline how your child has settled into their new class, results of recent assessments particularly in reading and social/behavioural positives or development needs. Teachers will also discuss a common goal that can be worked on at home and school. I encourage all parents to take the opportunity to meet with their child's class teacher. While online booking of interviews has now closed, parents can still make an appointment time for Thursday by contacting their child's class teacher.





Please note: On Thursday 5th May, 2011 school will continue for all students until 3.00pm as normal.

Community News

DRAMA – BOOK NOW FOR AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES IN T2
The Helen O'Grady Drama System is the largest worldwide drama school of its kind. Our extensive curriculum helps students with their verbal communication and confidence. Our qualified teachers have extensive speech and drama training and make every lesson fun! We hold classes in different venues around Christchurch. Please phone 359 6546 to book.

RANGI RURU GIRLS' SCHOOL OPEN DAY 2011
Rangi Ruru invites parents and their daughters to visit us and learn more about a Rangi Ruru education. **Open Day, Monday 9 May from 1pm to 4pm.**

Principal's Addresses are at 1.15 and 2pm in the school church, St Andrew's at Rangi Ruru.

For more information on Rangi Ruru, including 2012 Scholarships, email a.workman@rangiruru.school.nz or visit www.rangiruru.school.nz.

We look forward to seeing you. Rangi Ruru Girls' School, cnr Hewitts Road & Merivale Lane, Merivale, Christchurch.

VIOLIN/VIOLA LESSONS

- Anne Robinson BA(hons) PGCE DipNCOS AIRMT
- Violin/viola lessons
- Redwood area, \$20 per half hour
- Music theory up to grade 8
- Beginner piano lessons
- Phone: 352 3495
- Cell phone: 021 322 604
- E-mail: annejohnrobinson@gmail.com

BARNARDOS IS HERE TO HELP

Home Based and Centre Based Care for children 0-5yrs
We currently have spaces available in Belfast, Northwood, Bishopdale, Fendalton, Papanui, Riccarton, Hoon Hay, Halswell and Hornby now

- Work and Income subsidies and 20hrs ECE available.
- (**Also recruiting for Educators in all suburbs of Christchurch, earn an income while home for your family. Inquire now on the number below!)
- Family Support
- Parent Education – In home/or group
- Groups for children experiencing stress following the earthquakes, to help build resilience

Phone us now on 0800 KIDSTART (0800 543 782) or email kidstart@barnardos.org.nz

THE INTERNATIONAL DOG BITE PREVENTION "TEACH A CHILD, SAVE A DOG" EVENT

Come along and participate in the fun and interactive programme on how to be a Dog Detective on Sunday May 15th at the Foundation of the Blind (96 Bristol Street) starting at 10am until midday.

Entry fee: Koha

For more info: www.nakeddog.co.nz/doggone.htm

PLEASE HELP WE NEED NEW BLOOD

The New Zealand Blood Service will be collecting blood on the 25 May, from 2-7pm at the Bishopdale Reformed Church Hall.

Please make an appointment today to Save Lives!

0800GIVEBLOOD www.nzblood.co.nz



COTSWOLD SCHOOL CALENDAR

2 May - 24 July 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 May	3 May	4 May	5 May	6 May Junior School Assembly
Senior School Squash				
9 May	10 May	11 May	12 May	13 May Junior School Assembly CPSSA Rugby Fun Day
Senior School Squash				
16 May	17 May	18 May Senior School Cross Country	19 May p/p Senior School Cross Country	20 May CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport Junior School Assembly
23 May BoT Meeting Junior School Cross Country	24 May p/p Junior School Cross Country	25 May	26 May	27 May CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport F/S Assembly Junior Disco Y1-3
30 May	31 May JCC Camps Race	1 Jun p/p JCC Champs Race	2 Jun	3 Jun CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport Junior School Assembly
6 Jun Queen's Birthday	7 Jun Zone Cross Country	8 Jun	9 Jun	10 Jun CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport Junior School Assembly
13 Jun	14 Jun	15 Jun	16 Jun	17 Jun CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport Junior School Assembly
20 Jun CPSSA Gymnastics - Artistic	21 Jun	22 Jun CPSSA Cross Country	23 Jun	24 Jun CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport Junior School Assembly
27 Jun BoT Meeting CPSSA Gymnastics - Rhythmic	28 Jun	29 Jun	30 Jun	1 Jul CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport F/S Assembly
4 Jul	5 Jul	6 Jul	7 Jul	8 Jul CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport Junior School Assembly
11 Jul	12 Jul	13 Jul	14 Jul	15 Jul CPSSA Weekly Winter Sport Junior School Assembly
St Johns Safe Kids Programme				
18 Jul School Holidays	19 Jul School Holidays	20 Jul School Holidays	21 Jul School Holidays	22 Jul School Holidays