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Dear Parents

The 2011 school year is drawing to a close. When I look back to the start of the school year, it seems so long ago and at times it is difficult to comprehend some significant events that have broken the normal flow of school weeks and terms. While I don't want to dwell on these events I do want to acknowledge the work of our wonderful staff during these events and the 2011 school year. It is a pleasure and a privilege to lead an amazing team that in all situations, irrespective of their own family needs and living situations, stayed focused on the safety of our students and ensured a quality programme continued for all of our students even in the most trying of circumstances. Thank you to our dedicated staff team. You have worked incredibly hard this year to ensure our students have been provided with the best possible learning programmes and environment. It has been a year of seismic proportions – earthquakes, snow storms, National Standards and now "Charter" schools! I have appreciated your commitment to ensuring the safety of our students is paramount and as a school at all times committing to ensuring we make decisions that are going to positively impact on our learning environment and student achievement levels.

To our students – what a year! I love the way that each of you has stayed focused on your learning this year. Yes we've had earthquakes and snow but each of you has come back to your place of learning, you have focused on your teacher, listened, followed directions and stayed committed to learning and making Cotswold School a wonderful learning environment. Thank you – you are my heroes!





Thank you to our parents and school community for their support throughout 2011. The offers and actions of support and caring we received in February and June clearly showed us what a wonderful community it is we serve. Thank you. Thank you also for your assistance with the wide variety of activities that are planned for our students. These are not possible without your support and we look forward to this continuing in 2012.

To our wonderful Parents Association – thank you. You're a wonderful group that achieve so much on behalf of us all. I've appreciated your support and commitment this year and thank you for taking the time to be involved. The staff would also like to thank you for the "portable shower" you provided for them at market day! They also commented that they felt it was only fair that they share this wonderful facility with all Parents Association Committee members at our next Market Day!

A huge thank you to the Cotswold School Board of Trustees - Jonathan Owens, Craig Perriman, Liz Haines, Barry Gray, Aaron Taylor and Tracey Jourdain. 2011 has brought many challenges in ensuring our school got back to "business as normal" as soon as possible. Thank you for your commitment to the role of governance. Thank you for making yourselves available and the way in which you supported our staff. Special thanks to Jonathan Owens for his commitment to his role as Board Chair.

The end of any school year is cause for both celebration and sadness. On Thursday we celebrate and share with our Year 6 students as they graduate from our school. These students have provided outstanding leadership for all students at Cotswold this year. To stand from a distance and watch our senior students buddy up, support and mentor our younger students through 2011's challenges has been very gratifying. I take this opportunity to thank you and wish you well for your future learning journey.

For a number of families the graduation of their Year 6 child signals the end of a direct association with our school. Thank you for your commitment to our school and the support you have provided during the time your children have been at our school.

We have several staff that leave us at the end of this school year. Special thanks to Lynda Spittle, Karen Mudaliar, Margaret King and Andrea Muir. We have appreciated your commitment to our school and students and we wish you each well in your future roles.

THANK YOU COTSWOLD. I wish everyone a happy and restful Christmas and look forward to working with students and parents returning to Cotswold in 2012.

STEPHEN HARRISON
Principal

END OF TERM

School will close for the term at 12.00 noon on Wednesday 14th December, 2011.

2012 TERM DATES

Term 1, 2012	Monday 30 January to Thursday 5 April
Term 2, 2012	Monday 23 April to Friday 29 June
Term 3, 2012	Monday 16 July to Friday 28 September
Term 4, 2012	Tuesday 15 October to Friday 14 December

School will be closed in 2012 on Saturdays and Sundays and on the following holidays:

- Waitangi Day – 6 February
- Good Friday – 6 April
- Easter Monday 9 April
- Easter Tuesday 10 April
- ANZAC Day – 25 April
- Queen's Birthday – Monday 4 June
- Labour Day – Monday 22 October
- Canterbury Anniversary Day – 16 November

YEAR 6 GRADUATION

The graduation ceremony for our Year 6 students will be included in our final full school assembly for 2011. This will be held on Thursday 8th December, 2011 starting at 9.10am. Students will be presented with a Leaving Certificate. Parents are welcome to attend. The assembly will be followed by a morning tea for parents and Year 6 students.

BOOK AMNESTY

At the beginning of Term 1 we are having a stock-take on the school's Guided Reading books, so we know what we have and what we need to buy. Some sets of 12 books purchased during



2011 now only have 8 copies left. Could you please have a thorough search around home and return **any** reading books you find to your child's classroom teacher.

Thank you.

Jean-Marie Cain and Kristin Dudley

MEDICATION

Please remember to collect any medication your child has stored in the school office. Any items not collected **by 12.10pm on Wednesday 14th December 2011** will be disposed of. This includes asthma inhalers. New consent forms for 2012 will need to be completed in the new school year.

PSIS BANKING

The last banking day for this year was today, Wednesday 7th December 2011. We will re-start for the 2012 year on Wednesday 8th February.

Many thanks to Rebecca, our parent helper, who takes the children's banking to PSIS each week, you do a wonderful job and your assistance is very much appreciated.

CPSSA KIWIS LEAGUE TAG TOURNAMENT

Special congratulations to our Year 5-6 Kiwi League Tag Team who defeated Rolleston in what was a 'Rippa' of a final to claim 1st place in this year's Kiwi League Tag Tournament at South Hagley Park. This was the second year we were involved in this tournament and we are very proud of the teams' achievement. It was also great to see Te Wairau, from Canterbury Rugby League at our assembly to present our Kiwi League Tag winners with their medal and certificates. Thanks to the parents who supported the kids on the day.

COTSWOLD SENIOR ATHLETIC SPORTS

Well done to all the Year 4-6 children who participated in the school Athletic Sports earlier in the term. Thanks also to all the teachers who were involved and the positive community support.

- Champion House – Gold
- Relay Champion – Blue
- Team Support Champion - Blue
- Age Group Champion – 8 Year Old Boys



Individual Champions

- 8 Year Girls – Isabelle Orr - Blue
- 8 Year Boys – Tommy Scott - Blue
- 9 Year Girls – Ella Downing - Red
- 9 Year Boys – Jack Fraser - Blue
- 10 Year Girls – Catrina Hurring - Gold
- 10 Year Boys – Harry Scott - Blue
- 11 Year Girls – Mikayla Willis - Red
- 11 Year Boys – Byron Heath - Gold

NORTH-WEST ZONE AND CPSSA ATHLETICS SPORTS

Well done to all the children who represented the school at the North-West Zone and Canterbury Primary School Athletic Sports. You can all be proud of your efforts.

A big 'Hey, Hey' and Thumbs Up' to **Brooke Joyce** who blew us away with the following results at the CPSSA Athletic Sports:

- 1st 50m and Discus
- 2nd Shot Put

A big thank you to the parents who provided transport and supported the team at these events.

School Results

9 Year Old Girls

- Emily Jameson – Zone 2nd 80m, 3rd Relay, CPSSA 80m
- Abbi Williams – Zone 3rd Relay
- Taryne Poole – Zone 3rd Relay
- Ella Downing – Zone 3rd Relay

9 Year Old Boys

- Jack Fraser – Zone 1st 1000m, 2nd Relay, CPSSA 1000m
- Keegan McGregor – Zone 3rd 50m, 2nd Relay, CPSSA 50m
- Regan Sheahan – Zone 2nd Relay
- Alex Foote - Zone 2nd Relay

11 Year Old Boys

- Ryan Barnes – Zone 1st 60m, 3rd Relay, CPSSA Final, 100m
- Byron Heath – Zone 2nd 60m, 3rd Relay, CPSSA 60m
- Tyler Bramao – Zone 3rd Relay
- Jack Phillips – Zone 3rd Relay

11 Year Old Girls

- Brooke Joyce – CPSSA 1st 50m, 2nd Shot Put, 1st Discus



COTSWOLD SCHOOL ... BRIGTHTER FUTURES



SUMMER HOCKEY AND BASKETBALL JAMMERS

'Nice 1' to all our Summer Hockey and Y3 – 4 Basketball players who have been involved in Summer Hockey at Nunweek Park and Basketball at Bishopdale YMCA. Your hard working efforts during game time have been pleasing to see. A big 'Slam Dunk' to the Cotswold Crocs and Coyotes who finished 1st and 2nd in the Basketball Jammers competition. Special thanks to the coaches of our teams.

ACTION CRICKET

Well done to all the children involved in this competition. Special congratulations to Cotswold A and David Guthrie who qualified for this year's Action Cricket finals.

Thanks to the coaches and to the parents who supported the teams and provided transport.

CPSSA VOLLEYBALL

Great going to all the children involved in the CPSSA Volleyball competition. Your 'digging' and 'smashing' efforts have been noted. Special thanks to Miss Fraser and to the parents who supported the teams and provided transport

YEAR 2 – 6 SWIMMING AT JELLIE PARK

Well done to all our children who participated in this year's swimming programme at Jellie Park. You made a positive impression with the swimming instructors for your efforts in the water and behaviour. Special thanks to the parents who supported our class groups travelling to and from the pool. Congratulations to Rooms 10 and 21 who picked up the 'Big Splash' Award for their all-round efforts at the pool.

SPORT 2012

Year 3, 4 and 5 children interested in playing sport for school in Term 1, 2012, have been issued registration forms before 9 December.

Sports include:

- Year 5 – 6 Weekly Summer Sport (Kiwi League, Teeball and Volleyball)
- Year 3 – 4 Basketball (Venue TBC)
- Year 5 – 6 Milo Cricket (Girls Only)
- Year 3 – 6 Summer Hockey (2011 Registration, concludes Term 1, 2012)
- Year 1 – 6 Touch (2011 Registration, concludes Term 1, 2012)

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

WAY 2 GO

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

- CPSSA Kiwi League - Cotswold 1st
- Canterbury Under 12 Basketball Rep – Jayden Cameron
- Canterbury Under 11 Touch Reps – Jayden Cameron
- Christchurch Ice Skating Squad – Anna Douglas 3rd Oceana Champs
- Motor Cross Year 6 – Mitchell Lyons, Jackson Rushworth, Jack Hardy, Brice Folter
- Motor Cross Year 2-4 - Oliver Rushworth, Ben Hardy, Avalon Smith
- Canterbury Gymnastics – Catrina Hurring Canterbury Team 2nd at Nationals.

STATIONERY SALES

- Stationery packs are to be purchased online this year at www.cessl.org.nz
- Parents can order via fax, phone or mail.
- Payment can be made by credit card or cheque.
- Stationery is freighted to your home or work. NB: The delivery charge is \$3.00, not "Free" as stated in our 2012 School Information Booklet.

2012 STARTING DETAILS

School Office

The school office will be open as follows:

- Thursday 26th January, 2012 – 9.00am to 12.00pm
- Friday 27th January, 2012 – 9.00am to 3.00pm

Normal office hours of 8.30am to 3.15pm resume on Monday 30th January, 2012.

Enrolments

The Principal will be available for the enrolment of new students at the following times:

- Thursday 26th January, 2012 – 9.00am to 3.00pm
- Friday 27th January, 2012 – 9.00am to 3.00pm





Please contact the office to make an appointment. Further enrolment information including a map of our school zone, is available from our school website www.cotswold.school.nz

Start Dates

- Office Staff – Thursday 26th January, 2012
- Management Team – Wednesday 25th January, 2012
- Teaching Staff - Thursday 26th January, 2012
- All Students – Monday 30th January, 2012

Cotswold's

Potato Growing Weigh In Day!

**Friday 9 December
7.50am – 10.30am
Cotswold Gardens**

- Bring your potato plant which you have grown in the original numbered black bag.
- Please cut off the potato plant tops at home before you come, leaving just a short top stem.
- We will tip out the soil and potatoes at the weigh in.
- All potatoes will be weighed and weight recorded, you will take your potatoes home with you.

Winners will be announced in the afternoon and parents contacted to collect prizes.

GOOD LUCK!

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1st to 5th Prizes, Spot Prizes, Sweet treats

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COMMUNITY NEWS

A large amount of Community News is included with our “online” version of the school newsletter. Please refer to our website www.cotswold.school.nz

Community News

NZ BLOOD SERVICE

NZ Blood Service will be collecting blood on the **20 December** at the **Bishopdale Reformed Church 90 Highsted Road, 2pm to 7pm**. The Blood Service needs new donors, if anyone can come along to donate blood and save up to three lives they can call **0800GIVEBLOOD** or visit www.nzblood.co.nz

SKIDS AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

sKids Burnside is offering aftercare with a pickup service to Burnside Primary. Contact Lee-Ann on 021 0784064 for more information.

THE HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY IS NOW TAKING ENROLMENTS FOR 2012.

We hold weekly classes that improve verbal communication and confidence, through DRAMA. The students learn basic skills and perform to an audience twice per year. Our classes are age appropriate: 5 - 8 years, 9 – 11 years and 12 – 16 years, and we use various venues throughout Christchurch and Canterbury. For more information visit www.helenogrady.co.nz or phone 359 6546.

CHRISTMAS AT WIGRAM

Hey kids! Want to start your summer holidays off with a bang? Parents - would you like some extra time for last minute Christmas shopping and preparations? 'Christmas at Wigram', the Air Force Museum's week long Christmas-themed holiday programme for 5-12 year olds, kicks off on the 20th December, and runs right through until Christmas Eve. We'll have loads of festive fun from Christmas crafts and games, to Christmas-themed missions. There may even be a visit from Santa himself!

Phone our Public Programmes team on 343 9504 or email programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz, to make your ½ day (\$25), day (\$35) or week-long (\$170) booking now. Places are limited so you will need to be in quick!

ADVENTURE & EDUCATION AT STEWART ISLAND

School Holidays!

Adventure for Year 6-9 students

23-27 January 2012

Live on board a 14 metre yacht

Sail – Snorkel – Kayak - Trek

- EXPERIENCE -

Five day adventure of discovery at Stewart Island.

'Live in', tailor-made adventure, school holiday experience.

Only 10 bunks available on this voyage and these are filling up fast!

An Important Message From

**Papanui High School
Adult and Community
Education Department**

**We are now enrolling for Term 1 Courses
Beginning Week of 7 February 2012
For Course information please**

Telephone the Office 352 0701

Visit the Website www.papanui.school.nz

SURFKIDS

Childrens Surf Programme

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

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

Ages 8-14 years.

December / January Holidays

19-24 Dec, 27-31 Dec, 16-20 Jan, 23 -27 Jan 10am -12pm

Cost : Pre booked \$28 per day or \$125 for five classes

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Venue : Scarborough Beach, Sumner, cnr Stoke St and Esplanade

For more info go to www.surfcoach.co.nz or phone Aaron on 0800 80 SURF (78 73)

PATRICIA PAUL SCHOOL OF DANCE A.R.A.D. - your local dance school.

R.A.D. Ballet from 3 years / Jazz, Hip Hop, annual performances. Enrolments now being taken for 2012.

End of Year Show December 17th & 18th. All enquiries 372 9191 **or email** info@studioone.co.nz

MUSIC TUITION

Mervyn Blanchard

M.Ed., High.Dip.Tchg, LTCL, (Performer's) ATCL, (Teacher's) AIRMTNZ (Registered Music Teacher)

Teacher of Piano and Theory

Vacancies Now Phone 352 6466

PLAY FOOTBALL 2012

Nomads United AFC will be accepting registrations for the 2012 season late February 2012 for the winter season starting March/April 2012. Any enquires contact Rose Imms on 3516574 or roseimms@xtra.co.nz.

PINEHOLLOW SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Cost \$30 per day per child.

Contact Jacque at j.paul@clear.net.nz or
03 9811257 or 0277491629.

You're their lifeguard - Keep your Child safe at the pool this summer!



Over the Summer School holidays many families will be enjoying all the fun and excitement local swimming pools have to offer.

Water Safety NZ and NZ Recreation Association would like to remind families about the Pool Alone policy that public pools in New Zealand are required to adhere to:

Children under 8 must be actively supervised by a caregiver 16 years or over.
Actively supervised means watching your child at all times; Able to provide immediate assistance*

Lifeguards are an important safety feature, but they are not intended to replace the close supervision of parents or caregivers.

Tragically many drowning deaths occur in the few seconds that parents are distracted. The role of a lifeguard is to ensure people are safe in the water - they are not babysitters.

Remembering this when you take your family for a swim will help our pools to remain safe and fun places for everyone to enjoy.

*Please note that some pools have a stricter policy than the one above






TREASURES OF THE SEA

AT THE AQUARIUM THIS SUMMER

Open Daily 10am-4.30pm

*The sea is full of wonderful treasures – some yet to be discovered!
What is precious to you? Seashells? Paua? Seahorses?
Be a treasure hunter at the Aquarium this summer.*

Treasure Trail

Follow the clues on the marine treasure trail to find the hidden booty and claim your share.

Dig for Treasure

Get your hands dirty like a treasure hunter - or a marine scientist. What treasures can you uncover?

Seashells Galore

I see seashells on the seashore, but how many seashells will you guess for? Enter the seashell competition at the aquarium.

Film – Research Treasures

New discoveries can be priceless to research. What secrets of the sea have our marine scientists uncovered, and what do they treasure?

Feed the seahorses

Every day at 4pm the seahorses will be treated to their favourite food. Our other creatures are fed every Wednesday and Saturday 2-3pm.

ROV Dive for Treasure

Peek at the sharks beneath the surface through the lens of our underwater ROV (remotely operated vehicle) camera. Sunken treasures may be uncovered! Every Thursday in January at 2pm.

Local Treasures

What treasures can be found on the coast of the Otago Peninsula? Join a biologist for a shore or coastal forest walk. Every Tuesday in January at 2pm.

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### **The Aquarium is open every day from 10am - 430pm (Closed Christmas Day)**

Self-Guided Visit: Child \$6, Adult \$12.50, Family \$25

10.30am Guided Tour: Child \$11, Adult \$21.50, Family \$49

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NZ Marine Studies Centre and Westpac Aquarium, University of Otago
Hatchery Road, Portobello, Dunedin, New Zealand

Email: marine-studies@otago.ac.nz

Phone: 03 479 5826

See our website: www.marine.ac.nz

LIVING SPRINGS SUMMER CAMP

8 - 13th Jan 2012

Age 8 - Year 8

go to www.livingsprings.co.nz under 'What's New' or ph 03 329 9788 for all the details.

IMAGINE YOUTH THEATRE COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PROJECT AUDITIONS: Monday December 19th, 10 - 11.30 am, Friday December 23rd 3.30 - 5 pm EVERYONE who has a passion to perform is welcome to audition. Experience welcome but not essential. Ring Helen on 3655 227 to register for an audition.

IMAGINE Youth Theatre brings vibrant imaginative theatre to Christchurch families twice a year! After record audiences in July with JACK AND THE BEANSTALK, we bring Christchurch families rollicking summer entertainment with THE GOLDEN GOOSE!

Professional performers with children, bring you the tale of the princess who has never laughed - UNTIL Dumpling cavorts by with a crazy procession of unwilling hangers-on! Middleton Grange Theatre, 11 am and 1 pm, 19 - 28 January, every day except Sunday. Bookings: 3655 227 Tickets \$9, \$8 concession for groups of 20 or more.

PLAYBALL - A PRE-SPORT PROGRAMME FOR CHILDREN AGED 3-7.

Playball is specifically targeted towards children aged 3 years and older, and began at Cotswold on Monday 31st of October, 2011. Playball will be offered as an optional after-school programme every Monday, from 3:00pm – 4:00pm. Sessions will be held on the school grounds.

Cotswold School is kindly providing the venue for this activity. However the sole responsibility for the Playball programme and participants rests with Alastair Malcolm and the Playball staff.