



Principal's Pen

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## Principal's Pen - Term 1 - Week 1, 2020

Stephen Harrison — January 31st, 2020

Kia ora koutou

Welcome to 2020. We look forward to welcoming all students and parents back to school on Tuesday 4 February, 2020. A reminder that school starts at 8.55am.

**The Fortnight Ahead**

**Term 1 – Week 1**

- Monday - Teacher Only Day
- Monday - Meet The Teacher
- Thursday - Waitangi Day

### **Term 1 – Week 2**

- Wednesday - Year 5 Sailing and Water Confidence
- Thursday - Year 5 Sailing and Water Confidence
- Friday - Junior School Assembly
- Friday - Year 5 Sailing and Water Confidence
- Friday - CPSSA Weekly Summer Sport
- Friday - Christchurch Junior Cricket

### **The Weeks Notes**

#### **Meet The Teacher**



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We will be holding Meet the Teacher meetings for all classes on **Monday 3 February, 2020.**

The aim of these meetings is to allow teachers the opportunity to give parents an outline of

- Class Routines and Expectations
- Class Programme
- Home Learning
- Contact Details

Parents will also have the opportunity to view their child's classroom, look at resources, their child's books etc, and to ask any questions.

The “Meet the Teacher” timetable is as follows:

- **1.30pm – Rooms 13 & 14; A - D**
  - Cameron Anderson
  - Kate Maloney
  - Dani Clarke
  - Jean-Marie Cain
  - Tracey Jourdain
  - Linda Wroth
- **2.00pm – Rooms E - H; 16 - 18**
  - Jackie Moriarty
  - Jo Holdem
  - Nina Vailu'u
  - David Guthrie
  - Liz Lapthorne
  - Nicola Campbell-Fox
  - Ashleigh Macdonald
- **2.30pm – Rooms 15, 19 & 20; 10 - 12**
  - Kristin Dudley
  - Michelle Baskerville
  - Nathan Fortune
  - Bex Green
  - Anna Douglas-Bray
  - Peter Harper & Saskia Sandford

### **2020 Starting & Contact Details**

School opens for all students on Tuesday 4 February, 2020. [Click here to view further information](#) regarding office holiday hours, enrolments, starting details for staff and contact details.

### **Coronavirus**

As you will have seen in the media the situation is rapidly evolving internationally concerning the Coronavirus. Our school is closely monitoring information being provided by the [Ministry of Health](#), in regard to the Coronavirus (2019-nCoV).

There are no confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV in New Zealand to date but the likelihood of importing a case is high. The risk of an ongoing outbreak in New Zealand remains low, but the Ministry of Health is monitoring the situation closely.

This is a new virus and its specific nature is currently unclear, however it appears that you can have the virus at an early stage and not be showing any symptoms. This incubation period is currently considered to be 14 days.

The health of students and staff is a priority for all and we ask all parents/caregivers and staff to take the following steps:

- Any student who may be at high risk of exposure because they have recently been to China or have been in close contact with someone confirmed with the virus, we ask:
  - They delay the start of their school year for 14 days and voluntarily stay away. The 14-day delay should be calculated from the date of entry to New Zealand.
  - Advise the school office so we are aware of the situation and can code the student's absence accordingly.
- As always, anyone who is unwell should not be at school. If you have a particular concern about your child, please contact Healthline at 0800 611 116 or your GP for medical advice. Healthline has translators and interpreters available 24/7 in 150 languages and they do have Mandarin and Cantonese speaking staff available.

If a student still attends school while showing symptoms they will be sent home on the grounds they may have a communicable disease (Section 19 Education Act). The student will be required to stay away for the infectious period of the specific disease.

For those of you concerned about possible infection, the Ministry of Health has provided practical information on their website which we encourage you to read - [Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health website](#). Included in there is some advice (for travellers) to help reduce the general risk of infection:

- Avoiding very close contact with people showing symptoms
- Frequently washing hands
- Avoiding close contact with sick live farm animals or wild animals
- Practicing cough etiquette (maintain distance, cover coughs and sneezes with disposable tissues or clothing, and wash hands).

Should the situation change, as we do with other infectious diseases such as measles, mumps and influenza, we will follow our pandemic plan for managing the illness.

Links to Further Information:

- [致家长和照管人的重要信息 Important information for caregivers and parents \(simplified Chinese\)](#)
- [Novel coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\) guidance – Ministry of Health](#)
- <http://www.primaryhealthresponse.org.nz/>
- <http://www.primaryhealthresponse.org.nz/plan-prepare/other-infectious-risk/>

### **Waitangi Day - School Closed**



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Cotswold School will be closed on Thursday 6 February, 2020 - Waitangi Day.

### **2020 Student Stationery**



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Student Stationery can be purchased online from eenymeeny – [www.schoolpacks.co.nz](http://www.schoolpacks.co.nz) . Stationery ordered from eenymeeny is delivered free to your home. This link will also give you access to stationery lists should you wish to purchase stationery from another source.

## **2020 Parent Information & Reference Guide**

Our Parent Reference Guide has been designed to give you some general information about the school as well as to explain some of the more specific points that we feel will interest you.

The 2020 Parent Reference Guide is attached to this article and **can also be accessed by clicking here.**

## **Cotswold School News & Event Notification**

Stay up to date with school news and event notifications by bookmarking or linking to:

- School Website - <http://www.cotswold.school.nz/>
- School News & News Updates - <http://eepurl.com/dtfvu1>
- Flexibuzz School App - Download Free From Your App Store
- School Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Cotswold-School/233533376663508?ref=hl>
- School Twitter Feeds - <https://twitter.com/CotswoldNZ>
- School YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVltGTix5Dqw95ddkIM6ERg>
- School Flickr Site - <https://www.flickr.com/photos/125866060@N02/albums>

## **Medication/Inhalers**

If your child requires medication (including inhalers or cream) whilst at School please ensure an adult has provided this to the School Office and completed the necessary forms. Children cannot have inhalers or medication in their class or school bag.

Please check your epi-pens and inhalers for expiry dates.

## **Sunhats To be Worn in Terms 1 and 4**

A reminder that a navy bucket or wide brimmed hat is compulsory for all students during Term 1 and 4.

## **Student Activities 2020**



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Outlined below are major activities our students will be involved in during 2020. While this list does not include all activities, it does include the major activities for 2020 and the parent contribution we are asking in order for the activity to proceed.

## Term 1

### **Sailing & Water Confidence Activities – Year 5 - \$65**

- Our Year 5 students will learn to sail with the KORE Sailing School and be involved in water confidence activities at Lake Rua. Trained sailing and water instructors will be working with the children with these activities.
- Parent assistance will be required.
- These activities will happen from Wednesday 12 February to Friday 14 February, 2020 - different dates for each class.

### **Beach Education - Year 4 - \$18**

- Our Year 4 students will be having a Beach / Water Safety Experience at Waimairi Beach.
- Trained lifeguards will be working with the children.
- These activities will happen on Thursday 20 February & Friday 21 February, 2020 - different dates for each class.

### **Camp – Year 6 - \$250.00**

- Our Year 6 students will attend a four-day camp to be held at the Waipara Adventure Centre from Monday 16 March to Thursday 19 March, 2020.
- This amount covers camp fees, food and transport.

## Term 4

### **Swimming – Year 2 to 6 - \$50.00 (TBC)**

- All Year 2 - 6 students will be involved in a concentrated swimming programme at Jellie Park during Term 4, 2019 – Monday 9 November to Friday 20 November, 2020.

## **School Donation 2020**



Thank You — Stephen Harrison

The Board has set the 2020 school donation at \$150.00 per child to a maximum of 3 children – i.e. \$150.00 for one child, \$300.00 for two children and \$450.00 for three or more children.

During 2019 we used the money received from the school donation to provide additional learning support programmes for all our students.

To date we have received \$28,000 in donations and we have spent in excess of \$258,000 providing additional learning support for our students. This has had a very positive impact on student achievement. We will continue to use the money received from donations during the 2020 school year to provide additional learning support for our students. This will include both book and people resources.

While school donations are not compulsory, we do appreciate the commitment made to our school by a large number of our parents who make the requested donation. We also appreciate and acknowledge a number of donations made by parents over and above that requested and for special school activities like camps and swimming.

A School Donation request will be sent to parents early in Term 1. A receipt will be emailed for your donation which qualifies for a Tax Rebate. Please keep this receipt in a safe place.

Please take time to read the [2019 Learning Support Report](#)

## **2020 Term Dates**



2020 Term Dates have been confirmed as follows:

- Term 1: Tuesday 4 February to Thursday 9 April
- Term 2: Monday 28 April to Friday 3 July
- Term 3: Monday 20 July to Friday 25 September
- Term 4: Monday 12 October to Thursday 17 December

School will be closed in 2020 on Saturdays and Sundays and on the following holidays:

- Waitangi Day – 6 February
- Good Friday – 10 April (School Holidays)
- Easter Monday – 13 April (School Holidays)
- Easter Tuesday – 14 April (School Holidays)
- ANZAC Day – 25 April (Observed 27 April - School Holidays)
- Queen's Birthday – 1 June
- Labour Day – 26 October
- Canterbury Anniversary Day – 13 November

## **Rebuild Update**



A reminder that we are in Stage 2 of our rebuild programme. Please look at the attached plan and plot the easiest route to your child's 2020 classroom.

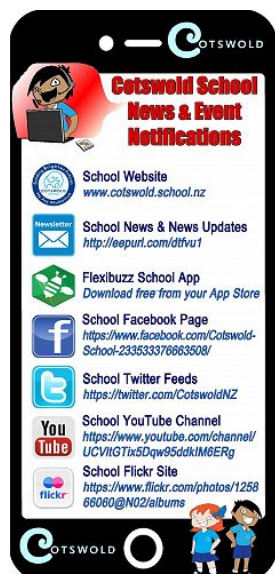
### **School Newsletter & School Updates - Subscribe**

To stay in touch with school news, events, notifications and regular updates [click here](#)

### **Keeping Up To Date**

Please refer to the attachment at the bottom of this article – **“Keeping Up To Date At Cotswold”**. A printed copy of this information can be collected from the school office.

### **Gallery**



### **Attachments**

Coronavirus  
Chinese Translation Message To Parents  
Rebuild - Stage 2 Access

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