



Cotswold School

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Principal's Pen - March 2019 Newsletter

Kia ora koutou

A special welcome to the following students and their families who have joined the Cotswold Learning Community at the start of Term 1 2019:

- Lennox Kingi
- Lars Welford
- Samuel Wellacott
- Reuben Thackwell
- Chayvannah Smart
- George Lowe

It's pleasing to see how well our students have adapted to our new "modified" environment. The good news is that our rebuild is running to schedule and we hope to be back in the Administration Block by the start of Term 2. This will then allow the fencing around the Administration Block to be

removed freeing up movement around the school. We have had some challenges with telephone, email and internet services over the last couple of days and we thank you for your patience as these are resolved.

It's hard to believe that we are now in Week 6 of an eleven week Term. Our children have experienced a variety of activities outside the classroom environment with more planned as the year unfolds. Thank you to all parents who have supported our children and assisted our staff with the following activities:

- [Top Team Challenge](#)
- [Beach Education](#)
- [Year 5 Sailing and Water Activities](#)
- [Year 5 and 6 Swimming Sports](#)

Congratulations to:

- Kiri Terry who was elected to the role of Board Chairperson at the February meeting of the Board of Trustees. A huge thank you to Martin Cudd for his leadership of the Board over a number of years. We will have the opportunity to formally thank Martin at a later date.
- Heather Baker who was re-elected President of the Parents Association.

A huge thank you to the **Parents Association** who recently **approved \$31,979.40** to be used to purchase 60 new iPads. All our students will benefit from this purchase. We really appreciate this support and encourage all parents to continue to support Parents Association activities, from which all our children benefit.

We wish all Year 6 children, teachers and camp parents well as they head to Camp Waipara next week for a four day camp. Camp Waipara provides children with experiences outside the classroom that reinforce learning by enabling students to make connections between what they have learnt in the classroom and the world beyond the classroom. Education Outside The Classroom experiences also give students opportunities to demonstrate the key competencies identified in The New Zealand Curriculum; particularly managing self, relating to others, and participating and contributing.

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This report analyses eight key issues and makes detailed recommendations. The eight key issues are:

- **Governance** - The Board of Trustees self-governing model is not working consistently well across the country.
- **Schooling Provision** - The nature, type, provision, and accessibility of meaningful schooling for all New Zealanders is inadequate.
- **Competition and Choice** - Unhealthy competition between schools has significantly increased as a result of the self-governing school model. It has also impacted on the ability of some students and whānau to exercise choice.
- **Disability and Learning Support** - Students with learning support requirements should have the same access to schooling as other students
- **Teaching** - The quality of teaching is the major 'in school' influence on student success but our teacher workforce strategies lack the necessary support, coherence and coordination.
- **School Leadership** - Leadership is central to school improvement and yet we have few formal and planned structures to develop and sustain school leaders. In this section we concentrate on the role of the principal/tumuaki because of its vital importance in schooling success.
- **School Resourcing** - The overall resourcing for the compulsory schooling sector is currently inadequate to meet the needs of many learners/ākonga and those who work in it.
- **Central Education Agencies** - A number of significant structural issues and policy settings make it difficult for the agencies to be as effective as they might be.

A quick way to become informed is to [read the summary](#) of the report or [view the video](#). I encourage all of you to do this.



Information regarding Measles Outbreak - March 2019

There is currently a measles outbreak in Christchurch affecting un-immunised or partially immunised infants, children and adults.

Since 26 February 2019, the number of cases in the latest Canterbury Measles outbreak has been steadily climbing and as at 5 March there have been ten confirmed cases, with more likely to be confirmed over the next days and weeks.

Some children who have yet to complete their MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccinations, but four are adults aged between 27 and 50 who have had only one measles vaccination, which was standard practice between 1969 and 1990. Cases have now spread throughout Christchurch.

Measles is a highly infectious disease and is more serious than many people realise. Symptoms include fever, cough, red eyes and a runny nose, and then a rash which develops after about 3 days. About one in ten people with measles need to be hospitalised and 30% will develop complications.

Please refer to the attached documentation from the CDHB which was forwarded to all Canterbury primary schools to circulate to their parent community.



Paid Union Meetings - March 2019

NZEI have notified us that they are holding a round of joint paid union meetings for all teachers covered by the Primary Teachers Collective Agreement and all principals covered by the Primary Principals Collective Agreement during the week of 18 March 2019.

The Employment Relations Act gives union members the right to attend two paid union meetings a year (the March meetings are the first in 2019) but also requires that schools remain open during paid union meetings.

Cotswold teachers will be split into two groups and attend meetings on separate days to ensure we maintain enough staff onsite to keep our school open. These meetings are being held on the following days:

- Monday 18 March at 2.00pm
- Thursday 21 March at 2.00pm

Cotswold School will remain open on these dates.



Board Election

Every three years state and state integrated school communities elect their parent and staff trustees to help govern their schools. Right now boards around the country are preparing to hold their 2019 triennial school board of trustee elections.

Key event dates are as follows:

- Close Main Roll - Wednesday, 8 May 2019
- Call for Nominations by Friday, 10 May 2019
- Close Supplementary Roll - Wednesday, 22 May 2019
- Nominations Close - Friday, 24 May 2019

- Voting Papers Sent by - Wednesday, 29 May 2019
- Election Day - Friday 7 June 2019
- Count Votes - Thursday, 13 June 2019
- Board Takes Office - Friday, 14 June 2019

Click here to view a video details ["What does a board of trustees do?"](#)

Current Board members are more than happy to meet with you to discuss the role of the Board and what is involved in being a parent representative on the Board. Please email [Marie Bianco](#) so she can arrange for your contact details to be given to a Board member. Current Board members are:

- Martin Cudd
- Shelley Liken
- Scott Rainey
- Jane Rushworth
- Kiri Terry



Tomorrow's Schools Review

Be Informed - Have Your Say

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Sports Round Up - March 2019

A summary of all things sport happening at Cotswold

COTSWOLD YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING SPORTS

A big WELL DONE to all the Cotswold Year 5-6 students who participated in the Swimming Sports at Jellie Park Swimming Pool. It was great to see you all giving your best and can all be proud of your efforts. Well done to the students who gained top 3 placings. Special congratulations to the students who have been selected to represent our school at the North-West Zone Swimming Sports. Thanks to the Cotswold parents and supporters who assisted with the event on the day. Thank you also to the family and friends of the Cotswold community who supported our swimmers.

Senior Results:

25m Freestyle 1st 2nd 3rd

- Year 5 Girls Michaela Afoa, Lily Burrows, Ella Jackson
- Year 6 Girls Poppy Burns, Taylah Latham, Lucy Mullen
- Year 5 Boys Heath Blackburn, Frano Chaplin, Dallas Fox
- Year 6 Boys Lockie Rayner, Jamie Seaton, Cooper Gibson

25m Backstroke 1st 2nd 3rd

- Year 5 Girls Ella Jackson, Lily Burrows, Breanna Harkerss,
- Year 6 Girls Miki Hongo, Taylah Latham, Emma Allan
- Year 5 Boys Heath Blackburn, Ryan McMillan, Dallas Fox
- Year 6 Boys Lockie Rayner, Jamie Seaton, Hayato Arnold

50m Freestyle 1st 2nd 3rd

- Year 5 Girls Sophia Langton, Mica Temple, Kelly Keogh
- Year 6 Girls Briar Chamberlain, Sienna Bayliss, Isabella Prince
- Year 5 Boys Jordan Yang, Jacob Wilson, Lochlan Mcpherson
- Year 6 Boys Sena Vesty, Jamie Cockburn, Jay Xuan Tan

50m Backstroke 1st 2nd 3rd

- Year 5 Girls Mica Temple, Sophia Langton, Lily Bobadilla
- Year 6 Girls Sayler Hedgcock, Ella Buchanan, Isabella Prince
- Year 5 Boys Lochlan Mcpherson, Charlie Norgate, Jordan Yang
- Year 6 Boys Sena Vesty, William Sandford, Jamie Cockburn

50m Breaststroke 1st 2nd 3rd

- Year 5 Girls Sophia Langton, Mica Temple, Lily Bobadilla
- Year 6 Girls Briar Chamberlain, Sayler Hedgcock, Siena Bayliss
- Year 5 Boys Charlie Norgate, Brayden Gardiner, Jordan Yang
- Year 6 Boys Sena Vesty, William Sandford, Jay Xuan Tan

Novelty Race Champions

- Kick Board – Girls - Chloe Moir, Boys - Liam Sillifant
- Rubber Duck – Orisi Terei
- Rubber Ring – Ava Hurcomb

House Points *(taken from top 3 placings across all events)*

- Green 133 1st
- Red 121 2nd
- Blue 70 3rd
- Gold 36 4th

Champion House Green, Green the Dream Team

NUNWEEK PARK TOUCH

It's been another active touch season with over 170+ Cotswold children contributing in a positive way and giving their all in this competition. We are proud of you all. Special congratulations to the Cotswold teams who are all involved in play-offs. Final results to be advised. Special thanks to all the coaches and managers of our teams. Your commitment is much appreciated.

Final Game Dates:

Final Round

- Year 0-2 – Tuesday, 5 March

Play-offs

- Year 3-6 – Tuesday, 5 March (Semi Finals)
- Year 3-6 – Tuesday, 11 March (Finals)

ALL YR 3-6 TEAMS WILL HAVE A GAME ON, TUESDAY, 11 MARCH. Coaches will notify teams of who and where their teams will be playing.

NUNWEEK PARK SUMMER HOCKEY

It's been great to see 5 Cotswold hockey teams fronting up on Monday afternoons in this competition. We are proud of you all. Special thanks to all the coaches and managers of our teams. Your commitment is much appreciated.

OUTDOOR EDUCATION

YEAR 4 BEACH ED AND YEAR 5 SAILING and WATER ACTIVITIES

Well done to all the Year 4 and 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. A big SPECIAL THANKS' to the parents who supported these activities

BRING BACK BULLRUSH

Back by popular demand....Year 2-6 Boys and Girls Bullrush - Consent form for Bullrush can be completed on line on the Cotswold Website. See Mr Guthrie or Mr Harper for more information.

CROSS COUNTRY

We will start practising for the school cross country near the end of the term. Children wanting to compete for a place in the zone team may start earlier. The zone distance run is 2km

YEAR 5-6 WINTER WEEKLY SPORT

This year the school hopes to enter teams in Hockey, Football, Netball, Rugby and Table Tennis on Fridays at Hagley Park and the Canterbury Table Tennis Stadium. We are restricted by the number of teams we can enter and parents are relied on to coach and provide transport. For more information please contact Mr Harper peter.harper@cotswold.school.nz or ph 359 8035 extn 812. Registration and consent forms will be issued to interested children in week 6-7 and need to be returned to Mr Harper by 22 March.

YEAR 3-4 and YEAR 5-6 FUTURE FERNS NETBALL

Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 Future Ferns Netball – Christchurch Netball Centre

Registration and Consent Forms will be issued to interested children in Week 6-7. **Consent forms need to be returned to Mr Harper by 8 March and subs paid by the 22 March.**

For more information see Mr Harper. peter.harper@cotswold.school.nz

Yr 5-6 YMCA BASKETBALL

Year 5-6 Basketball – Bishopdale YMCA

Registration and Consent Forms will be issued to interested children in Week 6-7. **Consent forms need to be returned to Mr Harper by 18 March and subs paid by the 22 March**

For more information see Mr Harper. peter.harper@cotswold.school.nz

WAY 2 GO

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

- [Year 5-6 Swimming Sports Participants](#)
- Year 1-6 Nunweek Touch Teams and Finalists
- Year 4-6 Senior Duathlon Participants
- [Year 4 Beach Ed Participants](#)
- [Year 5 Sailing and Water Confidence Participants.](#)
- Cotswold Kids – 2019 Weetbix Tryathon
- Cotswold Year 6 Cricketers – CHCH Junior Cricket Development Teams – Liam McLennan, William Sandford, Lincoln Davanney and Jamie Cockburn



Senior Duathlon

It was wonderful to see all Year 4 - 6 children involved in the Senior School Duathlon today - Wednesday 6 March, 2019.

A huge thank you to Mr Harper and his team, parents and Traffic Management New Zealand for the work they have done to ensure the success of this activity.

[You can access photos of this event using this](#)

[link: https://www.flickr.com/gp/125866060@N02/8J8ur8](https://www.flickr.com/gp/125866060@N02/8J8ur8)



Junior School Athletics Day 2019

Friday 22 March (Postponement Friday 29 March)

This year we will be running two different rotations. One rotation for the Year 0-1 students and one rotation for the Year 2-3 students.

After 15 minutes at each station the students will rotate to the next event. The rotations will start at 9.30am and will run through until 11.15am (7 rotations in total).

Timetable for athletics day 15 minutes per station:-

- 9.30am-9.45am - Round 1
- 9.45am-10.00am - Round 2
- 10.00am-10.15am - Round 3
- 10.15am-10.30am - Round 4
- 10.30am-10.45am - Round 5
- 10.45am-11.00am - Round 6
- 11.00am-11.15am - Round 7
- 11.15am end of the athletics day

Requirements for the day:

- Hats and sunscreen
- Sports clothing (preferably the children's house colours)
- A named drink bottle
- A can do attitude

Postponement of the event: In the event of postponement we will notify the parent community via [Flexibuzz](#).



Year 6 Camp.

Year 6 will be on camp at Waipara Adventure Centre from Monday 11 March to Thursday 14 March. A big thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help and to the Year 6 teachers. Best wishes for an awesome time to children, parents and teachers.



Charter & Strategic Plan 2019

Our **school charter** details our aims for the school, and our proposed methods for achieving them. Its ultimate aim is to provide the best learning outcomes for each student.

The board of trustees develops the charter as its major policy statement and the guiding document for the school. It contains detailed information about:

- Our values and vision
- Our commitment to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi
- Our strategic plan: aims, objectives, and priorities
- Our long-term, and annual targets and goals.

The board is responsible, with the principal, for developing the charter. The principal, as manager of the school, is responsible for implementing it.

Our strategic plan, developed by the board with the principal and teaching staff, is embedded in the charter. The strategic plan covers curriculum, assessment, and professional development, and sets annual targets for student achievement.

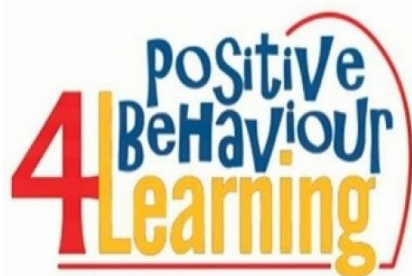
Cotswold School has adopted a planning and reporting process that ensures a culture of continuous improvement. It is based on an annual process of evidence-based self-review.

Self-review involves investigating evidence about student outcomes and current ways of doing things to find out where improvement is needed.

Planning for school improvement requires schools to set goals and targets for better student outcomes and to make the changes that are necessary to bring about those improvements. The changes might be school-wide or they might be specific to particular classrooms and students. Implementing improvements will often require a school to make different decisions about the way it uses available resources.

Student achievement data is reported to the board of trustees and the Ministry of Education as a Statement of Variance in the annual report each year as part of the school's self-review schedule of compliance.

A copy of the Cotswold Charter & Strategic Plan can be accessed below.



Positive Behaviour For Learning (PB4L)

Cotswold is pleased to have been accepted into the PB4L programme. Andrew Simpson, Michelle Baskerville and Nathan Fortune have been appointed as leads for this programme. We are in the process of recruiting a team from across the school to assist. This programme looks at ways to strengthen the learning environment through a positive school climate and support for pupils and staff. It is research

and system based and has been used with great success at numerous NZ schools. The process is continually developed and improved over a number of years. The first phase of gathering data for a baseline is currently underway.



Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 11 April. These ten minute interviews will begin at 1.00 pm. You will receive a link to the booking form at a later date.



Rebuild Update - 6 March 2019

The concrete floor of the new classroom block was poured on **Saturday 2 March, 2019.**

Access to and from school may be limited for short periods during the school day tomorrow (Thursday) as the steel framing for the new classroom block is delivered to site.

Children will start to see the steel framing lifted into place from Friday.

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World Down Syndrome Day - 21 March 2019

"Leave No One Behind"

This year, the theme for World Down Syndrome Day was "Leave No One Behind". It is an opportunity for us to focus on ensuring all people with Down Syndrome have opportunities to live fulfilling lives, included on a full and equal basis with others, in all aspects of society.

We are asking our students to support this theme by wearing mufti that includes brightly coloured odd socks and making a coin donation to the New Zealand Down Syndrome Association.



Gumboot Friday - 5 April 2019

On Friday 5 April, Cotswold School will be taking part in Gumboot Friday to raise money towards helping kids get free and timely mental health support.

Gumboot Friday on 5 April is a nationwide campaign where every cent goes directly to those at need.

All children are encouraged to wear gumboots and mufti clothes to school and bring a gold coin to donate to the cause. At Cotswold, we are also promoting creativity and encourage children to decorate their gumboots. There will be a competition to decide on the best pair of 'gummies'!

Having depression is like walking through mud every day. So on Friday 5 April 2019, we're asking you to show your support. Put your gumboots on, give a gold coin, and take a walk in their shoes for a just one day.

It's a fun way for kiwis to join in the mental health conversation, while raising money to provide FREE and timely counselling for any kid in need.

The day is part of the I am Hope campaign promoted by New Zealander of the Year, Mike King. You may have also seen people on Facebook add the 'I am Hope' slogan to their profile photo. That initiative alone has raised \$100,000 from Kiwibank with \$1 from every profile update going directly to help children to get free mental health support.

More information is available from the website: <http://www.iamhope.org.nz/gumbootfriday>

It's all for a great cause so #gumbootup Cotswold!

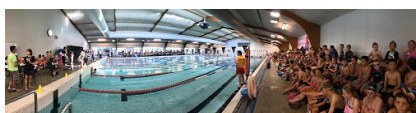


Year 4 Beach Education Thank You

This exciting Outdoor Education activity was held at Waikuku Beach during February 2019.

Thank you to Surf Life Saving NZ Lifeguards who ran the programme and to all parents and teachers who assisted with this programme.

[You can access photos of this event using the following link - https://flic.kr/s/aHsma8uhzB](https://flic.kr/s/aHsma8uhzB)



Swimming Sports Thank You

Thank you to everyone who assisted with our Year 5 & 6 Swimming Sports at Jellie Park Pool on Wednesday 20 February, 2019.

Thank you also to all the parents and grandparents who came and supported our children.

You can access photos of this event using the following link: <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmB3WzsA>



Tōtaranui Community of Learning Newsletter

February 2019

Kia ora koutou

Our local Schools and Early Childhood Services have joined together to form Tōtaranui Community of Learning otherwise known as the Tōtaranui Kāhui Ako. The purpose of this community is to develop a strong learning pathway for all of our students. It will require the schools to work together to strength teacher practice and share resources, all of which will result in better teaching and learning for our young people.

Our Schools are:

- Redwood Primary
- Papanui Primary
- Northcote Primary
- Bishopdale Primary
- Cotswold Primary
- Casebrook Intermediate
- Papanui High School

Our Early Childhood Services are:

- Cotswold Preschool and Nursery
- Kidsfirst Kindergartens Cotswold Avenue
- Kidsfirst Kindergartens Northcote
- Kidsfirst Kindergartens Redwood
- Organic Kids
- Gumdrops Early Childhood Centre
- Redwood Early Education Centre

- Kindercare Learning Centres - Sawyers Arms

The Tōtaranui Community of Learning will be run by an Executive Team comprising of:

- Sharon Keen Principal of Casebrook Intermediate
- Jeff Smith Principal of Papanui High School
- Stephen Harrison Principal Cotswold Primary School

The team is assisted by an Executive Assistant, Chris McShane

Monthly the Tōtaranui Community of Learning Executive Team will post updated information on what is happening across the Community of Learning in all our school newsletters. Many activities will be learning related, but we will also be seeking community engagement and at times be celebrating student successes.

You can learn more about us at our Website totaranui.org.nz

If you wish to contact Tōtaranui Community of Learning please email Chris McShane at tccl@casebrook.school.nz or phone 027 6622 712

Hei konā mai

Tōtaranui Community of Learning



Introducing Mana Ake Wellbeing Team

The Mana Ake Wellbeing team work within our Community of Learning. Mana Ake – Stronger for tomorrow is a Government response to enhance wellbeing and promote mental health in children in Years 1 to 8 and their family/whānau by increasing collaboration between

agencies and schools, and providing additional workers to increase the capacity of the pastoral support network.

The focus of Mana Ake is on early intervention, seeking outcomes of:

- Children supported by their whānau, schools, and community to stand tall and confident in their unique identity and to engage with their school and community.
- Healthy, safe, and resilient whānau.
- School communities supported to strengthen wellbeing for children and whānau.
- Better connection and collaboration across the system.

The Mana Ake team can support:

- Children – creating groups for children to build self-esteem and resilience, individual work with children, work with children and their families.
- Parents/whānau – providing workshops, advice and guidance, support in the home, support to access community resources.
- School systems – identifying opportunities and approaches to enhance wellbeing, including consistent messaging for parents/whānau to support school wellbeing goals.
- Teachers – supporting class-wide approaches to promoting wellbeing, and supporting children where mental health concerns have been identified by providing information and advice for teachers.

Each school within a cluster will have a Mana Ake liaison person. School cluster pastoral support network representatives, including the Mana Ake team, will participate in regular (at least once per term) pastoral support network meetings to:

- identify trends, opportunities and challenges.
- review and plan service delivery across the cluster.

Our Mana Ake team is made up of Craig Sage, Leanne McDougall, Amber Roozendaal and Kate Walkinshaw and they will be based at Casebrook Intermediate but will be working in all the primary schools in the Tōtaranui Community of Learning.

Mana Ake workers will share goals and intervention approaches with children, families, schools and other pastoral care team members, as appropriate, to ensure everyone is informed about how best to support the child and their family/whānau.



Teacher Only Day - 31 May 2019

Tōtaranui Kāhui Ako Teacher Only Day All Tōtaranui Kāhui Ako schools have planned a combined Teacher Only Day on Friday 31 May, 2019. This date is the Friday before Queen's Birthday - we hope families may be able to plan a four day weekend rather than the traditional three day weekend.



Absence

Cotswold School has a responsibility every day to account for all students who are enrolled. We ask for students and parents to support us in achieving this, preferably in advance of attendance checks.

It is a Ministry requirement to have a written explanation of a student's absence. This allows for the correct attendance code to be assigned.

When your child is absent from school the school must be notified. You can do this by:

- By our online form - <https://form.jotform.co/cotswold/absence-form> , OR
- Leaving a message on the absentee line 03 359-8035 option 1. Please state your name, your child's first name, surname, their room number and reason for their absence.
- Absences can also be sent via the Cotswold School app. Download the Flexibuzz app for free on iPhone or Android. Open the app and search for Cotswold School.

Not reporting your child's absence either before or on the morning of their absence will result in an SMS being sent via our student early notification system and if necessary a phone call to follow up. This is a safety measure.

All our "Reporting An Absence" options are open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

If the absence is for more than one day, please advise this in your message. If the absence is three days or more a medical certificate is required.

Students Leaving Early or Arriving To School Late

Leaving during the school day or arriving to school late? Please notify the school of this in advance where possible.

Signing In/Out Using the Vistab Device

Student lateness will now be recorded through the vistab device. This device can be found on the main reception counter. All our students names are already entered in the system so it will recognise a student once he/she signs in/out. This system keeps a log of all students that leave the school for any reason. In an emergency we will know exactly who should be at school and who has checked out.

Parents must sign their child out.

Reporting a Student's Absence That Is Not Sickness Related

The Ministry of Education requires the school to record such absences in the attendance system as 'notified but unjustified'. Parents are asked to try and plan their family holidays during the set school holidays. Requests for special leave during the school term should be directed in writing to:

- Junior School: Paula Fleming-Connell - paula.flemingconnell@cotswold.school.nz
- Senior School: Andrew Simpson - andrew.simpson@cotswold.school.nz



Sunscreen

As part of our Sun Smart programme, Cancer Society sunscreen will be available during the summer terms to children who need it. If you do not wish your child to use this sunscreen please inform the classroom teacher, or [click here](#).



Thank You to the Parents Association

The Board and staff wish to thank the Parents Association who recently approved \$31,979.40 to be used to purchase 60 new iPads.

We really appreciate their support and encourage all of our parent community to continue to support the Parents Association activities. All our children benefit from their

fundraising activities so please support their upcoming fundraisers.



Parents Association News - March 2019

This year we are fund-raising for upgrades for the re-build of our school.

We are excited to announce our grant to the school for over \$31,000 to purchase 60 new Apple iPads (9.7", 6th Generation,

32GB Wifi – Space Grey). These will start appearing in the classrooms shortly. Thank you to everyone who helped us fundraise so we can support the school in this endeavour.

Mufti-Day and Easter Chocolate Raffle

We are having an Easter Chocolate Raffle and require donations of chocolate.

We are having a mufti-day on **Friday 29 March**. No set theme but chocolate donations are very much appreciated and can be dropped off outside Room 1.

Chocolate donations can be anything Easter themed, or a traditional chocolate bar, block or box. Please no expired or unwrapped items. **We'd like Room 12 only to bring us reusable shopping bags (instead of chocolate) so we can put our chocolate into hampers.

One A4 sheet of paper with ten spaces on it as entries into the raffle will be sent home with your eldest child on **Monday 18 March**. The tickets are to be sold at \$2 each. All money and tickets need to be returned to the red lock box in the office foyer by **Wednesday 3 April**. Raffles will be drawn on Monday the 8th of April and all winners notified before the Easter Break.

Pizza Lunch

These will be held on the following dates for Term 1 – **Thursday the 14 March**, and **Thursday 11 April**.

We'll sell tokens at the hall kitchen window (8.30am-9.00am) and your child can redeem their token for pizza outside the school hall at the start of lunch.

All slices (Hawaiian, Beef and Onion, Ham and Cheese, Vegetarian, and Gluten-free Cheese or Hawaiian) are \$2 each. We cannot omit ingredients from these pizzas; they are standard pizza choices from Dominoes.

Entertainment Book - Cotswold School is fundraising with Entertainment!

Your support really helps so we're thrilled to let you know about special bonus Early Bird Entertainment Membership Offers for loyal supporters. See attachment below.

Look out for order forms in your child's bag in the next few weeks and get behind this great cause!

Pre-order the NEW 2019 | 2020 Entertainment Membership and receive bonus offers you can use right away!

Stuck on You

Please check out <https://www.stuckonyou.nz/affiliate/fundraiser/COTSWOLDSCHOOL>

We will be receiving a percentage of sales through this link. It's an opportune time with the new school uniform to order some clothing name labels so those uniforms, if lost, can make their way back to their owner!

EZ Covers

Check out www.ezcovers.com

We have signed up to receive a % of sales, so if you're interested in making your children's exercise books look smart and are tired of the drama of Duraseal then check them out!

Our major fund-raising event this year will be a Quiz Night, held in late September. More information to follow through out the year, but please keep us in mind if you have anything we can raffle off, or may have a use for. Thanks

Next Meeting

This will be held on **Tuesday 26 March**. Located in the school staffroom in the office block. We start at 7.30pm, and generally finish around 9.00pm.

Everyone is most welcome to come along - all major roles (ie President, Treasurer and Secretary) within the committee have been finalised so there is no pressure whatsoever to take on a huge responsibility, we don't assign jobs unless you volunteer and there is no need to join the committee, everyone is most welcome to sit in and see what we do!



Parent Advisory - Momo

Netsafe has received reports relating to young people who have been exposed to a harmful online "game" known as the Momo Challenge. Although we have not received any reports of young people in New Zealand taking part in the "challenge", we are aware that some young people have seen content relating to Momo and have been very upset by the content and imagery.

Netsafe encourages anyone that comes across content relating to the Momo Challenge or other similar 'challenge' content to immediately report it to the social media site or website that it's on. In New Zealand, it is against the law to incite another person to take their own life. If somebody is targeting a young person to play this "game", or attempting to incite suicide, you should contact the Police and Netsafe for help, and a mental health service for support. Netsafe can also provide advice for any parents who are concerned about this challenge. If young people are expressing feelings about self-harm or suicide then this should be followed up with appropriate mental health support.

Netsafe's advice for parents about exposure to upsetting content:

- Have a conversation with young people about what to do if they do come across upsetting content online
- Let your child know that they can come to you when they find something upsetting and they won't get in trouble
- Stay calm if they do come to you – don't assign blame, reassure them that it's not their fault and don't punish them for seeking help
- Normalise their feelings – let them know that it is normal to feel scared, confused or upset
- Don't over-react by taking away the technology – this may make them less likely to talk to you if something else happens

- For young children in particular, consider using parental controls to block out specific keywords like "Momo"
- If you or your child comes across this type of content report it to the platform that it's on
- If your child is expressing any concerning feelings, follow up with mental health support
- If you know that a young person has been engaging in this challenge, report it to the Police and Netsafe, and contact a mental health service for support.

For more advice about children viewing upsetting content online, visit the [Netsafe Upsetting Content page](#). Please also refer to the attachment [What Parents Need to Know About Momo](#).

Contact Netsafe

Need help or advice? Contact us.

- Text 'Netsafe' to 4282
- Email help@netsafe.org.nz
- Call us toll free on 0508 NETSAFE (0508 638 723)
- Online report form at netsafe.org.nz/report

Our helpline is open from 8am – 8pm Monday to Friday and 9am – 5pm on weekends.

Mental Health Support Services:

- **Need to talk?** – Free call or text 1737 any time for support from a trained counsellor.
- **Lifeline** – 0800 543 354 (0800 LIFELINE).
- **Youthline** – 0800 376 633, free text 234 or email talk@youthline.co.nz or online chat.
- **Samaritans** – 0800 726 666.

Article Source [MOMO CHALLENGE ADVISORY FEBRUARY 2019](#)



Classroom Access - Moving Around Our School

Our rebuild is well underway and while this is very exciting, it has thrown up some challenges in relation to how staff, parents and children move around the school.

I have attached a plan of access ways around the school for Term 1. Please take time to look at this and plan the best way for you and your children to get to the classrooms you need

to access. The access around our administration block has been reduced for Term 1. We love seeing parents using our grounds, meeting and talking with other parents but in fairness to all, please do not do this in the accessway around the administration block.



Sunhats

During 2017 the Cotswold School Board of Trustees changed the type of hat required as part of our school uniform to a NAVY bucket style hat.

The Board have agreed that for safety of all students any **cords MUST BE REMOVED** to avoid the hat becoming a choking hazard.

In order to comply with our school's Sunsmart status all school hats must have at least a 6 cm brim. These hats are available at Mainland Uniforms, Wairakei Road.

We would appreciate your assistance by ensuring your child's hat has had the CORD REMOVED and that it has been NAMED.

Sunhats are compulsory during Terms 1 & 4. All pupils who do not have a sunhat will be required to sit on the veranda on the east side of our school hall.



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>



End of Term 1

A reminder that Term 1 finishes at 3.00pm on Friday 12 April, 2019.

Term 2 gets underway at 8.55am on Monday 29 April, 2019.



2019 Term Dates

2019 Term Dates have been confirmed as follows:

- Term 1: Wednesday 30 January to Friday 12 April
- Term 2: Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July
- Term 3: Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September
- Term 4: Monday 14 October to Tuesday 17 December

School will be closed in 2019 on Saturdays and Sundays and on the following holidays:

- Waitangi Day - 6 February
- Good Friday - 19 April (School Holidays)
- Easter Monday - 22 April (School Holidays)
- Easter Tuesday - 23 April (School Holidays)
- ANZAC Day - 25 April (School Holidays)
- Queen's Birthday - 3 June
- Labour Day - 28 October
- Canterbury Anniversary Day - 15 November



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Community News - March 2019

NB: Community News is added unedited. This is a community service and in no way means Cotswold School endorses groups advertising in the Community News section

MCDONALDS YOUTH DUATHLON ORGANISED BY GARDEN CITY ROTARY

Registrations open now.

The 2019 McDonald's Duathlon to be held at Hagley Park on Sunday, 7 April 2019. This event is run by volunteers from Garden City Rotary Club.

Entries are open to 7 -15 year olds and the duathlon includes a run, bike and run. Entrants can look forward to receiving a Competition Medal, Gift Pack of sponsors' products and a competition T-shirt.

7 - 10 Years - Run 1km, Cycle 4km, Run 500m

11 - 15 Years - Run 2km, Cycle 8km, Run 1km

This community event is held by Garden City Rotary Club. To enter go to www.gardencityrotary.org.nz

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Motivationz Rugby is running it's preseason training programme for 6-11 year olds from Monday the 11th, 18th, 25th March 1st and 8th April (5 sessions in total) at Burnside Park from 4-45pm. The cost is \$80. This will be great to compliment your club or school training and help you improve as a player.

Our focus will be on:

- Tackling and safety into contact.
- Running with ball in hand
- Correct catch and passing technique especially bad hand.

We will be practicing the latest and the most safe and effective techniques.

We would love to hear from you, email Anthony anthony@motivationz.co.nz with your child's full name, DOB, address and contact phone number.

O'Callahan Dance Studio

Your local studio offering Ballet, Jazz, Musical Theatre, Lyrical and Acro classes from four years of age with Exam and performance opportunities for all.

Fun, friendly and encouraging family environment with free trial lessons available.

ocdancestudio@hotmail.co.nz

0273352759

Cnr Knowles St and Nancy Ave

Ngāi Tahu Learner Support Grants. Students registered with Ngāi Tahu are eligible to receive 'Learner Support Grants'.

All whānau with students who identify as Ngāi Tahu are invited to attend a hui at Casebrook on the 28th of March at 6.30pm. Tahu Stanley, Kaitoko Mātauranga for Ngai Tūāhuriri will be presenting to whānau about the many amazing opportunities Ngāi Tahu have for them. These opportunities encourage growth and development of a strong cultural, Ngāi Tahu identity and can help in many ways. An example is "Tahua Taunaki" a \$450 grant for any registered Ngāi Tahu child attending school to receive extra tuition.

Attached are whakapapa registration forms as well as learner support fund application forms.

If you would like to find out more please contact Taniora Leys tleys@casebrook.school.nz or Tahu Stanley directly tahu.stanley@ngaitahu.iwi.nz.

More information in attachments below

"GirlGuiding NZ is looking for fun, energetic leaders that will provide positive support to girls aged 5 – 17 years old while delivering exciting programmes once a week.

Group meetings run for up to 2 hours once a week during school terms. We have developed an amazing programme that uses fun, adventure and friendship to build girls' confidence and life skills to help grow the next generation of female leaders. All support and training is provided by a dedicated team to help you do a great job. You can choose the age group you work with and you can take on a level of commitment that suits.

You just need to bring a drive and a passion to empower girls and lead them towards a bright future! If this sounds like you, find out more information here <https://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/leaders-volunteers>. Alternatively, you can email Andrea on andrea.mcclean@girlguidingnz.org.nz to talk about the different options."
