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West Otago Cross Country - Tuesday 4 August

Dear Parents/Caregivers

The 2020 West Otago Cross Country is to be held on **Tuesday 4 August, with the first race starting at 1.15pm**. This year, we are going to hold the cross country at **Susie and Fraser Fletcher's dairy farm which is located about 400m up Kempthorne Road, just out of Heriot**. If travelling from Tapanui, drive past Heriot School and take the first road left and then continue to the right up Kempthorne Road.

Following the final race (usually around 2.15pm), there will be a prize-giving, unless the weather is wet in which case the certificates will be given to each school to present at a later date.

The postponement date will be the following day. It is unlikely, however, that the event will be postponed due to the weather. We are hoping that we will create some West Otago teams to attend at South Otago Cross Country at Clinton at a later date.

There will be a toilet available at the course but we will be encouraging all children to use the toilets before they leave school to minimise the need to use the facilities there.

Please make sure all children have a water bottle on the day. All children are to wear their sports uniforms which will be issued to them. They will need something warm to wear before and after their race. They will also need something to wear if the weather is wet, such as a jacket.

The children will walk from school across to the Fletcher's farm, leaving at about 12.40pm. We will arrive in plenty of time for a briefing and to be ready for the start of the first event. Below is the order of races and very approximate times.

Start races at	1.15pm - 9 years
	1.25 pm - 7 years
	1.35pm - latest 6 and then 5 years
	1.50pm - 8 years
	2.00pm - 10 years
	2.10pm - 11 years
	Prizegiving 2.20pm

At the conclusion of the races, you may take your child/ren home. We ask however that you see your child's class teacher and ensure your child is signed off the list before leaving.

Please note that we are on a functioning farm and there are multiple hazards in their yards. We ask that you park outside Heriot School and walk the 600 metres to the course. If you have mobility issues, let us know and we will arrange parking at the shed inside the farm gates.

There is also a creek beside the paddock so preschoolers need to be supervised and kept an eye on during the event. Everyone will gather in the middle of the starting paddock away from hazards and we ask that you remain there during the event.

Kind Regards

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Sports Coordinator