



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Thursday, 13 April, 2017 - Week Eleven —Term 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Well, it is the end of Term 1 (it seemed very long this year!) and there are a good number of children who need a bit of rest and relaxation to recharge the batteries.

It has been a busy and successful first term and I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead – these challenges make my job interesting and fun.

One of the challenges is the growing roll throughout the school. The senior staff have been reviewing how we can best meet the needs of the children, given staffing and physical constraints. We have a number of options available to us, none of which are massive changes.

So, as we look forward to Term Two there might be a few possible changes to some of the teaching and learning that might occur at school in order to meet the children's needs. They are minor and will not involve many children. We are just looking at utilizing our extra staffing and strengthening our learning support programme and time more effectively – targeting specific needs so we can catch things early.

Another success for Cust! Last Friday we had a number of children compete in the Huxster Mountain Bike Relay at McLeans Island. Well done to Billie McLachlan (and her cousin from Cashmere, who was an honorary "Custie" for the day) as they won the Year 5/6 Girls Relay.

ANZAC Day – Tuesday, 25 April – Memorial Service at Cust Community Centre, 10.00 am.

Following the service there will be wreath laying and Last Post at the Cust Memorial. Wreaths will also be laid at the West Eyreton Memorial Hall gates. All would be most welcome to attend.

We will remember them.

A reminder about School Donations and Activity Fee. There are still a lot of families who have not paid the activity fee component for Term One. If you have any questions in regard to them please contact the school office, otherwise prompt payment would be appreciated. (*Cust School Board of Trustees Bank Westpac account No. 03 1592 0074218 00*).

Term Two Events: (Up to Week 6)

Monday, 1 May

Wednesday, 3 May

Friday, 5 May

Monday, 8 May – Wednesday 10 May

Monday, 15 May

Tuesday, 23 May

Thursday, 25 May

Tuesday, 30 May

Thursday 1 June

Friday, 2 June

Monday, 5 June

Wednesday, 7 June

Term 2 starts

Year 7/8 Girls Self Defence starts

NZ Playhouse presents....."Puss in Boots: Pet Detective"

School visits to Art Gallery / Museum

Numeracy Parent Evening

ICAS Digital Technologies

School Cross Country

ICAS Science

Eyre Cluster Cross Country

Cust Teacher Only Day

Queen's Birthday

North Canterbury Cross Country

Lastly enjoy your holidays and.....

while it is nice to plan treats and entertain your children 24/7 remember...boredom is educational for children. You do not need to entertain your children all the time. Some boredom is good for children because it teaches them self-reliance and to entertain themselves.

This is a good concept to embrace wholeheartedly during the school holidays as it may save your sanity more than once.

Regards
Robert

ROOM ONE

It is nice to be back and see lots of smiling faces. Many thanks to Margaret Alpin for taking the class in my absence. With colds, coughs and tummy bugs floating around, I think the holidays have come at just the right time!

Happy Easter and have a restful break,
Kennys

ROOM TWO

This week we have focused on trying to complete a variety of classroom activities including our measurement unit on Time, our writing "A day in the life of..." and our mural depicting life in Canterbury 150 years ago, and as you will have noticed spelling/tables homework finished for the term in week 10. Many thanks for the supportive comments on 'Seesaw' - the children always enjoy reading your replies, and as well it opens up communication for you at home to discuss what is happening in the classroom from week to week.

It has been lovely having Miss W in Room 2 teaching and assisting for the past 5 weeks and the children have all enjoyed her friendly and supportive manner. We wish her well with her future teaching career.

Next term will not only be busy as usual, but we have the onset of winter to contend with as well, so have a lovely restful and relaxing holiday. Hopefully the weather will play its part and we can enjoy some lovely Cust Autumn days - fingers crossed!

Ros

ROOM THREE

Kia ora koutou,

I enjoyed spending Monday in Room 3 while Mrs Winson was away. It was a thrill to read some interesting weekend recounts after all the work we have been doing this term on the use of adjectives to make our writing more detailed for the reader. From time to time some of the older children have shared their writing with Room 3 and this has inspired some very creative language in our class. We are lucky at our school to have such strong connections between the senior and junior children. Another time when this is fostered is on wet days when many of the senior students make themselves available to help out in the junior classes at break times. The junior children look forward to these opportunities and as a result they always have some older buddies that they can go to if they need help in the playground.

All of the children are continuing to develop a love of books through reading and being read to, both at home and at school. It would be great if this could continue over the holidays with perhaps a trip to the local library. Membership is free and due to the large selection of books on offer the children can choose several to take home for their own enjoyment. Books can be renewed easily online to avoid overdue charges.

Many children have enjoyed making little booklets in class during the term. These are simply a few pages stapled together. This could be a school holiday activity in which they can continue to practise writing. The children could share these with the class next term.

Thank you for your support this term while we have worked on getting to know the children, what their strengths and interests are and how we can best meet their learning needs.

We both wish you all a relaxing and happy Easter break and look forward to seeing you all in Term 2.

Nga mihi nui,
Carolyn and Kathryn.

ROOM FOUR

Kia ora

Another very busy week in Room 4. This week the children have been writing stories using visual stories from a programme called the Literacy Shed. The children have had to write recounts of what they have watched and alternative endings. In numeracy we have continued on with our grids. The children have been practising the four operations. We will be revisiting this next term.

Thank you to all the parents who have popped in for chats about their child's learning this term.

Have a great Easter break and an awesome holiday with your wonderful children.

See you next term.

Eddie

ROOM FIVE

What a hive of industry it has been this week as Room 5 have been bringing Novel Studies and Pouakai Research Presentations to a conclusion.

The children have worked very hard and have completed some impressive dioramas, poster and googleslide presentations about the great eagle.

They well and truly deserve a rest.

Next term in topic we will be looking at Early Life in Cust and Mrs Scott will look at Early Exploration of NZ. This is in preparation for our School Jubilee later in the year.

We would both like to wish you all a happy and safe Easter break and look forward to seeing you next term.

Kind regards

Linda & Hannah

ROOM SIX

Room Six and Seven have been involved in some awesome community learning opportunities recently. After applying for positions using CVs and application letters, one team of dedicated children have been helping the Cust Preschool children make poi. This has been a fantastic exercise in research, practice, and patience as they have figured out the method themselves, and then transferred their learning to instruction, with a willing, but very young team of helpers.

We have also been watching our old school fort undergo some extensive renovations. A team of boys have been interviewing the builders in stages, taking pictures, and describing the process (including technical terms and information) to the rest of the class. We will use this info to write explanations about what is happening in our playground, and why. For our research, we would love to know when the original school fort was built. If any ex-pupils know, please pass the information on!

We have also been tying up the loose ends of our 'Piko's TIPS' reading unit, and finishing our digital animations or comic strip retells of traditional stories. Feel free to come and have a look.

Have a great break,

Miriam Bell

PTA NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT™ BOOK

The eldest child in each family has been given today an envelope to take home offering you the opportunity to purchase the 2017/2018 Christchurch Entertainment™ Memberships. Please refer to the letter inside for further information. A sample book is available to view in the school office. Still only \$65 giving you over \$20,000 of value. Contact Kate Powell 027 229 5026 for further information.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 16 May at 7:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

For more information/contact details:

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CLASS CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Excellence awarded to Grace, Charlotte, Danielle and Olivia. Congratulations. You got all your spelling right this term. Well done.
- Room Two: Excellence awarded to Kyron for excellent knowledge and work with time and measurement. Excellence awarded to Eva for impressive time and measurement skills. Spelling Superstar awarded to Estelle, Harvey, Caspar, Bianca and Ruby for Term 1.
- Room Three: Great work awarded to Mia for improvement in written output this term. Keep it up. Great work awarded to Ashleigh for improvement in fluency and expression in Reading.
- Room Four: Well done to Katie for showing success in Piko's tips for working hard in all curriculum areas. Well done to Emma for showing success in Piko's tips for a huge improvement in her numeracy skills.
- Room Five: Student of the Week awarded to Lily for being a focussed, helpful learning buddy in topic. Student of the Week awarded to Riley for writing a super legend and using simile in his writing. Student of the Week awarded to Sophie for writing a super legend about "The Creation". Student of the Week awarded to Liz for great listening and thinking in reading.
- Room Six: Well done to Harriet for showing success in Piko's tips for fantastic effort, initiative and attitude coaching the Year 5-6 hockey team. Well done to Quade for showing success in Piko's tips for fantastic effort, initiative and attitude coaching the Year 5-6 hockey team.
- Room Seven: Well done to Otto for showing success in Piko's tips for great skills in participation in 'Fitness Team' relays, co-operating sharing, caring and including others.

SUSHI – Thursday, 4 May

The Cust School Bible-in-School seniors will have sushi available for sale again at lunchtime, commencing in Week One, Thursday 4 May (first week back)

FISH AND CHIPS

Commencing in Week Two (Thursday, 30 April) children will be able to order fish and chips for lunch. This will be on alternate Thursday's. Thank you to the Cust Hotel for providing this service. More details next term.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ANZAC POPPIES

You will have received an envelope with some poppies in that we distribute on behalf of the Cust-West Eyreton RSA. Please return the envelope with your donation per poppy, or any unwanted poppies to the school office. It would be appreciated. Thank you.

RANGIORA HOCKEY CLUB

The Rangiora Hockey Club have spaces in their Kiwi Sticks boys hockey teams. These are for Year 5 and 6 boys. Should your son wish to play, please contact the Rangiora Hockey Club at rangiorahockey@hotmail.com

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who have expressed their messages of sympathy to myself and family at the recent loss of my mum. She was a great mum, mother-in-law, grandmother and great-gran to us and she is really missed. It was much appreciated. Jennifer

HUNTAWAY PUP FOR SALE

One female available. 7 weeks old. Must go to a good home of 10 acres or more. Phone Rebecca Gartery 3125788 or 0274544932.

NEW 'MONDAY CAFE' GROUP TO MEET IN CUST ON APRIL 24TH

A new group called 'Monday Cafe' has recently started for people in the Cust area to meet others informally for company and friendship. The aim is to encourage and involve people who live on their own, are new to the area or home during the day. Organisers Judy Smith and Sandra saw a need in the community and initiated the group, which meets monthly on the 4th Monday of the month at the St-James-on-the Cust church hall from 10am to 11.30am.

Monday Cafe welcomes people of all ages who would like to come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some homemade baking at no charge. There is a play area in the hall and children are welcome. The guest speaker for April 24th is Bernard Kingsbury, local Cust historian. It is a good way to meet other locals, so come along if you are interested in meeting others in the community. For further information phone Sandra on 03 310 2074, or come along to the next meeting on April 24th.