CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday, 10 February, 2017 - Week Two —Term 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK
WELCOME BACK

It is great to see the children already working hard in their classes and routines have been established quickly. Fantastic to see so many children ready for school with their uniforms (and hats), stationery and swimming gear. Thank you for preparing the children so well, it makes our job a lot easier.

In the first newsletter I sent last week I mentioned a lot about the start of the year and upcoming events, some of which I will explain in more detail. Teachers have also sent out class newsletters outlining how their class will operate this term and what the programme should look like.
If you have not got a copy, there are some in the office

Please ensure the return slip, contained in this newsletter, is returned promptly and don't hesitate to ask any questions.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
After a thorough review at the end of the year Cust School children again were achieving well in comparison to the national data.

Writing:	Cust School	88%	at/above National Standard
	National Data	71%	" " "
Reading:	Cust School	87%	" " "
	National Data	78%	" " "
Maths:	Cust School	84%	" " "
	National Data	75%	" " "

From these results, and from the achievement challenges that the Puketeraki Community of Learners have set, we have a few school goals that we would like to achieve,

- lift the achievement of our students in the cohort after 1 year at school At or Above the national standard in reading
- lift the achievement in Years 1-8 of all of our boys below / well below the national standard in writing
- lift the achievement of all of our Year 7 & 8 students At or Above the national standard in mathematics

How will we achieve these?
It is going to be a busy year for us. We have a number of projects that we are involved in.
As well as continuing to review/improve our school practices by looking at learning support and teaching practices, we are involved in 3 professional learning programmes:

1. Accelerating Literacy
2. Digital Technologies
3. Community of Learners

I will, over the year, give more details on what these mean to Cust School and what is actually involved.

Regards
Robert

SCHOOL EVENTS

MEET THE TEACHER – MONDAY, 13 FEBRUARY – 6.30 – 8.00pm

Over the last week teachers should have emailed you a class newsletter, explaining class programmes, expectations and goals for the class.

There will be an opportunity to 'Meet the Teacher' on Monday, 13 February to cover in more depth these items and also ask the teachers to clarify any details.

Timetable

Rooms 1/2/3 (Years 0-3/4) 6.30pm
Mrs Pester, Mrs Stringfellow and Mrs Winson and Mrs Smith
In the multipurpose room (with an opportunity to go back to classes after)

Room 5 (Years 4/5) 7.00pm
Mrs Falconer and Mrs Scott

Room 4 (Years 5/6)
Mr Foskett 7.20pm

Room 6 (Years 7/8) 7.40pm
Mrs Bell and Mrs Schuyt

I know there are a few clashes with different children in different rooms but this timetable keeps the evening manageable and as always don't hesitate to contact the teacher if there are any questions.

In Week Six (Monday, 6 March & Tuesday, 7 March) there will be an opportunity for you to sit down with your child's teacher (and your child) to discuss goals, the start of the year and any testing completed.

BEACH EDUCATION – MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY – YEARS 0-4
TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY – YEARS 5-8

Venue: Waikuku Beach – 9am – 3pm. All children will travel by bus.

Cost of activity and bus will be added to your activity fee.
Gear: Warm clothes, hat, wet suits (if your child has one), towels, good lunch and morning tea, sunscreen, drink etc.

Please Note: Beach Ed will not be cancelled if the weather is unsuitable as there will be a full wet weather programme.

WE NEED PARENTS TO HELP WITH THIS DAY. Please contact the school office or email jennifer.thompson@cust.school.nz

Teacher Aide:

TEACHER AIDE POSITION – CUST SCHOOL

We have the potential to employ a teacher aide,
for 10 hours a week, Terms 1 and 2, with a possibility of the hours continuing in Terms 3 and 4.
If you are interested, or know someone who might
be interested in this, please contact me so we can discuss further details.

IMPORTANT DATES
Friday 10 February – Technology starts for Years 7/8 @ Oxford Area School
Monday 13 February – Meet The Teacher
Friday 17 February – Eyre Cluster Non-Championship Swimming (Years 5-8)
Monday 20 February – Beach Education – Years 1-4
Tuesday 21 February – Beach Education – Years 5-8
Friday 24 February – Eyre Cluster Championship Swimming (Years 5-8)
Wednesday 1 March – BOT Meeting
Thursday 2 March – Junior Swimming Sports
Monday 6 March – Rakahuri Swimming Championships
Monday 6 March / Tuesday 7 March – Parent Interviews / Three Way Conferences
Thursday 23 March – North Canterbury Swimming Competition
Monday 27 March – Canterbury Duathlon
Thursday 6 April – Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming Competition
Thursday 13 April – Term One ends

CUST SCHOOL EOTC
PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) is the name given to all events AND activities that occur outside the classroom, both on school grounds, and off-site.

Our students participate in a wide range of learning opportunities within and outside the school grounds. Senior students participate in a wide range of sporting events outside the school throughout the year. All class teachers are encouraged to provide extension and enrichment opportunities for their students. These learning opportunities sometimes require travel outside the school.

The school uses a process to identify and manage risks at every level of activity and this process is monitored by the board and the principal. We recognise four levels of activities, each with specific requirements regarding parental/caregiver consent.

Level	Activity
1	At school, or within the immediate local environs, for example, sports events, fun days, nature studies. **Consent required:** Blanket permission provided on enrolment.
2	Off-site events occurring entirely in school time and finishing no later than 4pm, for example, zone sports, team sport events, class trips to the museum. Parents are advised of the finishing time if it is later than 3.15pm. **Consent required:** Blanket permission provided on enrolment, but parents are informed that the event is to occur.
3	Off-site or on-site events occurring in one day involving risk assessed to be greater than that associated with the average family activity, for example, water activities (apart from swimming sports), rock climbing. **Consent required:** Parent/caregiver informed consent is required for each specific event.
4	Events occurring overnight, for example, school camp. **Consent required:** Parent/caregiver informed consent is required for each specific event.

UPDATE OF PERSONAL AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS DETAILS

As required at the beginning of each year our records on emergency contact details etc are updated. Can you please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible, so we can cross check our information

A reminder that if they change throughout the year please advise the school office. Thank you.

FAMILY NAME:…… Home phone No……..

Email address:……..

Mum's cell phone No…… Dad's cell phone No……

Residential Address:……..

Postal Address:……..

Other Emergency Contact:……

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM PERMISSION (EOTC)

I/we give permission for our child(ren) ……

to participate in level 1 and 2 Education Outside the classroom activities.

I/we have provided the school with up-to-date medical and other information on the school enrolment form and will notify the school of any changes to that information.

Name:…… Signature:…….. Date:……

CUST SCHOOL DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

An updated copy of this is on the school website – School Information – Parent Information – Cust School Digital Technology Agreement and in the office.

I understand that these guidelines for responsible use are to be followed when using any technology whilst at school or whilst on any school activity. I am aware that this may include the use of a device that the school does not own.

I understand that if I breach this responsible use agreement, I may lose access to school ICT services including the use of the internet, on school owned devices or any personally owned device used at school.

Student Name:……..... Signature:…….. Date:……

I have read the student declaration and have talked with my child about what it means to them. I am happy that my child understands what this means, and that they are capable of working within the guidelines.

Parent Name:…….. Signature:…… Date:……

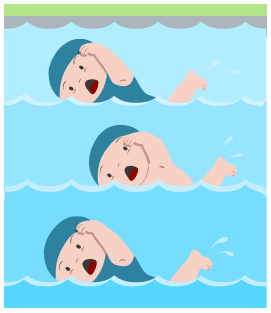
SWIMMING

Swimming Sports (Years 5-8 only)
To compete in the Eyre/Oxford Cluster Swimming Sports (at Dudley) there are recommended times, set by North Canterbury Sports, which the children have to achieve. Over the last few weeks we have been training and timing the children so they should know if they are competing at this event. They might not know exactly what events but this will be sorted out.
Any questions please ask Eddie Foskett.

Non Championship Swimming Sports – Cluster – Dudley Pool
Friday, 17 February, 11am – 2.30pm

This event allows all other children to compete in competitive swimming events but over 25m/widths.

Note: Year 4 children will be involved in Junior Swimming Sports on Thursday, 2 March.



Championship Swimming Sports – Cluster – Dudley Pool
Friday, 24 February, 11am – 2.30pm.

This event allows our best swimmers to compete in a competitive swimming sports with the goal of being selected to compete at the Rakahuri and North Canterbury Swimming Championships.
Note: Children must be Year 5 as a minimum. All events are 50m so are for our capable swimmers.

CERTIFICATES

ROOM ONE: Welcome to Cust School Fleur.
Welcome to Cust School Liam.

ROOM TWO: Excellence awarded to Alistair for starting the year with great energy and enthusiasm. We love to see you involved in being a great Year 4 Alistair.
Excellence awarded to Aaron for really stepping up into his role as a model Year 4 and leader in Room 2. Keep up the great work.

ROOM THREE: Welcome to Cust School Kirah.
Welcome to Cust School Harry.
Welcome to Cust School Scott.

ROOM FOUR: Well done to Connor L. for showing success in Piko's tips for setting goals in Room 4.
Well done to James for showing success in Piko's tips for using knowledge to solve problems.
Welcome to Cust School Blake.

ROOM FIVE: Welcome to Cust School Caitlin.
Welcome to Cust School Ethan.

ROOM SIX: Student of the week awarded to Harriet for awesome leadership and maturity – great start to 2017.
Great work awarded to Toby for fabulous effort and attitude – what an awesome start to 2017.

ROOM SEVEN: Student of the week awarded to Archie for beginning the school year with very high standards of work.
Student of the week awarded to Lauren for beginning the school year with very high standards of work.
Welcome to Cust School. A great start to 2017 at Cust School Paige.

2017 YEAR 8 SCHOOL BASED HPV VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common viral infection which can cause several cancers affecting both men and women later in life. Early HPV immunisation offers the best protection against contracting this virus. Starting 2017, **both girls and boys** in Year 8 will be offered free HPV Vaccination through the school based programme. A new updated version of the vaccine (Gardasil 9) will cover more strains of the virus, providing cover with 2 doses rather than 3 with Gardasil 4.

The vaccination will continue to be available within the GP Practices, however, we encourage you to participate in the school based programme. Girls and boys who have partially started the process with their GP will have the option to complete the course through the school based programme.
To enable students to receive the vaccination at school, parents will need to complete the consent form which will be sent home with the student along with supporting information during the first weeks of term one. Please check with your child or the school to ensure you receive the consent form and information pack.
For more information about the vaccine, contact Public Health Nursing Service at
03 383 6877 Ext. 99469 or 99698, talk to your doctor, practice nurse or visit www.health.govt.nz/hpv.

SCHOOL BUS

For your information below is the latest bus timetable. Please be aware that these approximate times are as accurate as we can be but do vary slightly on some days.

NAME / STOP **Depart School**	**AM**	**PM** **3.06 approx.**
Start—Bennetts Corner	7.54	3.10
Cnr Oxford/Tippings Roads	7.57	3.15
German Rd before Leslies Rd	8.05	3.25
Wyatt	8.10	3.27
Linton	8.13	3.35
Cnr Catherwoods / Davis Roads	8.18	3.40
Evans		3.42
Reid & Winson	8.20	3.43
Roberts	8.21	
Thompson	8.22	
Prain	8.24	
Hayfield Terrace Families	8.32	3.50
Chapman	8.35	
Baggott	8.36	3.52
Gartery	8.37	3.53
Keenan / McRobbie Peita-Kingi	8.38 8.39	3.54
Gordon	8.42	4.00
School approximately	8.45	

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PIANO, OR VIOLIN OR GUITAR LESSONS
I am possibly able to take a couple of new private piano, violin, or guitar students at Cust School.
For those who may not know me, I have a degree in Performance Music and have played as a professional musician here and overseas. I have enjoyed teaching for well over two decades now - although I suspect I have become an even better teacher since becoming a Mum!
I teach at Cust School during the school day which is very convenient if you, like us, have a busy after school schedule!
Emma 03 310 2512 and 027 2999580

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Great condition. Well maintained. Excellent gears.
Fits up to age 11
Price negotiable.
Ring Kate any evening on 3125594.

CHURCH 360 LAUNCH
Swannanoa School Hall, Sunday 19 February, 10am, come celebrate with us, morning tea & sausage sizzle provided, contact Rory 03 312 0973, www.church360.nz

Children will participate in a series of football games, during the Global football festival on Saturday, 11 February. From 12.30pm – 4pm. Register now as spots are filling fast.

Age: 6-12 years old
Cost: FREE!
When: Saturday 11 February
Time: 1-4pm
Where: Christchurch Football Centre, 466 Yaldhurst Road, Yaldhurst, 7676

To register please e-mail Emily.Toase@ccc.govt.nz