



# CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## 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.

In this newsletter, there are some administration aspects to school that need to be attended to.

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

This year's theme is "**TIME FOR A CHANGE.**" We are all going to try to embrace this and there are some changes outlined in this newsletter in regards to school that we would like you to be aware of.

Each class will look at this theme in different ways, but a key message for all children will be...

### **"Effort and Attitude Determines My Abilities"**

#### **VisTab (Office Management):**

VisTab School Management is a simple and easy to use sign-in procedure for Cust School. It records the relevant information for pupils leaving during the day and visitors and relievers coming and going, allowing the school to access critical information for health & safety or in the event of an emergency evacuation.

It will help us record information on visitors, contractors and staff.

In terms of students, we encourage you to come in and try it out (it is very easy to use!), particularly when:

- Pupils leave the school for any reason, e.g. appointments, music lessons, sick leave.
- Students who are late - students fill in their details for lateness and if you choose the printer option it will print off a late pass.

#### **ICAS:**

In the past we have had children participate in the University of New South Wales Global ICAS tests. This year I would like to trial a New Zealand based version of these tests, organized by the University of Canterbury.

They are completed online and are cheaper. It will be interesting to see how they compare.

*Introduction: The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the Great KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand curriculum. The competitions are administered by the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM) which is a not-for-profit Centre at the University of Canterbury. The competitions are open to all Year 5-10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. It provides teachers, parents and students with an independent, comprehensive record of a student's performance. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 2 weeks of Term 2.*

# SCHOOL EVENTS

## MEET THE TEACHER – MONDAY, 12 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, 12 February to cover in more depth these items, discuss Cust School expectations, and also ask the teachers to clarify any details.

### Timetable

Rooms 1 & 3 (Years 0-2) 6.30pm  
Mrs Pester, Mr Marwick  
(in Room 1)

Room 2 & 4 (Years 3/4/5) 7.00pm  
Mrs String, Mr Foskett and Mrs Falconer  
(In Room 4)

Room 5 (Year 6), Room 6 & 7 (Years 7/8) 7.30pm  
Mrs Scott (in Room 5)  
Mrs Bell and Mrs Schuyt (in Room 6)

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, 5 March & Tuesday, 6 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.

Important Dates: (as I know them - some of these are to be confirmed)

- Friday 9 February – Technology starts for Years 7/8 @ Oxford Area School
- Monday 12 February – Meet the Teacher
- Friday 16 February – Eyre Cluster Non-Championship Swimming (Years 5-8)
- Tuesday 20 February – PTA Meeting
- Wednesday 21 February – BOT Meeting
- Thursday 22 February – Teachers Paid Union Meeting (to be confirmed)
- Friday 23 February – Eyre Cluster Championship Swimming (Years 5-8)
- Thursday 1 March – Junior Swimming Sports (Years 0-4)
- Monday 5 March / Tuesday 6 March – Parent Interviews / Three Way Conferences
- Thursday 8 March – Rakahuri Swimming Competition
- Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 March – Year 7/8 Wainui Camp
- Thursday 22 March – North Canterbury Swimming Competition
- Monday 26 March – Canterbury Duathlon
- Friday 30 March / Monday 2 April / Tuesday 3 April – Easter Holiday
- Thursday 5 April – Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming Competition
- Wednesday 11 April – Life Education
- Friday 13 April – Term One ends

Regards Robert

## CUST SCHOOL EOTC

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. <b>Consent required:</b> 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.  <b>Consent required:</b> 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.  <b>Consent required:</b> Parent/caregiver informed consent is required for each specific event.
4	Events occurring overnight, for example, school camp.  <b>Consent required:</b> Parent/caregiver informed consent is required for each specific event.

## 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.

## COMPLAINTS / BULLYING / CHILD PROTECTION POLICIES

Please find copies of Cust School's policies at

<http://www.cust.school.nz/bot.html>

## 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, 16 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, March.

### **Championship Swimming Sports – Cluster – Dudley Pool**

Friday, 23 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 Petal Carrol-Rossiter and happy 5<sup>th</sup> Birthday and welcome to Marco Williamson, Maya Thompson, Levi Thompson, Hazel O'Steen, Alex McLachlan, Mackenzie Haines and Sam Gartery.
- Room Two: Excellence awarded to Kyron for demonstrating great leadership skills, sharing his knowledge and assisting new Superstars! Awesome!  
Welcome to Cust School Luca Morrison-Dale. It is lovely to have you in Room 2. A Superstar already.
- Room Three: Welcome to Cust School Henry Neyland.
- Room Four: Well done to Taylor for showing success in Piko's tips for settling in Room 4 well.  
Student of the Week awarded to Dion for settling into Room 4.
- Room Five: Welcome to Cust School Tasi Syddall.  
Star Student awarded to Lily for showing amazing creativity and initiative. "You possess something truly worth seeking".  
Star Student awarded to Harper for showing amazing creativity and initiative. "You possess something truly worth seeking".  
Star Student awarded to Billie for being a great team player – willing to help every group. "You possess something truly worth seeking".
- Room Six: Welcome to Cust School Vaea – what an awesome start you've made to Year 8.  
Student of the Week awarded to Holly for a fantastic attitude and a great start to Year 8. Ka pai!  
Student of the Week awarded to Archie for demonstrating a great attitude and a fantastic start to Year 8.
- Room Seven: Student of the Week awarded to Katie for a fabulous start to our senior class, being organised and showing great focus.  
Great work awarded to Bailey for an awesome effort in working to improve your freestyle stroke at swimming.

## 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:.....

### LUNCH TIME BIBLE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The lunch time Bible in Schools programme will run again this year, beginning, Wednesday 28 February for Years 1-4.

If you would like your child or children to come to a half hour once a week lunch time Bible in Schools programme, kindly fill in the form below and return it to the school office.

The junior group will be held on a Wednesday from 12.30pm to 1pm. The senior group is likely to begin Term 2.

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Please return to School Office

I give \_\_\_\_\_ from year

\_\_\_\_\_ permission to attend the Bible in Schools programme for half an hour, once a week, during lunch time.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**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.

<b>NAME / STOP</b>	<b>AM</b>	<b>PM</b>
<b>Depart School</b>		<b>3.06 approx.</b>
<b>Start—Bennetts Corner</b>	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
Syddall	8.15	3.38
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	8.38	3.54
Peita-Kingi	8.39	
Gordon	8.42	4.00
School approximately	8.45	

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**SCOUTS.** Are you ready to join the adventure?

Your local Scout group, Waimakariri Scouts, meet at the West Eyreton Hall, corner of Earlys and North Eyre Roads during term time.

KEA SCOUTS aged 5 to 8. Meet on Mondays 4:30 to 5:30 - contact [virgeniadelima@gmail.com](mailto:virgeniadelima@gmail.com)

CUB SCOUTS aged 8 to 11. Meet on Mondays 6:00 to 7:30- contact [becs@scoltock.co.nz](mailto:becs@scoltock.co.nz)

SCOUTS aged 11 to 14. Meet on Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 - contact [Hamish.Kim@airnz.co.nz](mailto:Hamish.Kim@airnz.co.nz)

If you are interested in joining, come along and see what we do. Contact us before heading along, we might be out having adventures.

### **BABYSITTER AVAILABLE**

Responsible 15yr old girl looking for casual babysitting, holds first aid certificate.

I have experience looking after my brother and sisters (9yr,6yr,9mnth old).

Please call Hannah Keenan 0220860408.

### **OXFORD RFC JAB REGISTRATION 2018**

Clubrooms

Thursday 15 February: 3.30pm-6pm.

Sausage sizzle. Come along, register and have a sausage

Saturday 17 February: 10am-11am

Thursday 22 February: 4pm-6pm

Fees: U6-U10: \$60 (\$50 if paid on day)

Fees: U11.5-U18: \$75 (\$65 if paid on day)

Family fees: \$120 maximum Cash, cheque, eftpos

All fees paid on registration go in the draw to win a family pass to the Crusaders

New players please bring a copy of your birth certificate or passport

Please phone Sally 312-1616 with any enquiries

### **WAIMAK FOOTBALL CLUB**

School football competition Monday 19 February- Monday 26 March. If your child is keen, look on website and organise/enter your team. Entries to: [waimakunited@xtra.co.nz](mailto:waimakunited@xtra.co.nz) by Monday 12 February

### **CUST NETBALL CLUB**

Come and play netball in 2018 for your local club.

Year 3-8 player registration Tuesday, 20 February 3.30-4.30 pm Cust Netball courts, Mill Rd, Cust. Online registration details to follow.

Year 7-8 trials Tuesday, March 6 3.30-5pm at Cust Netball courts.

Any queries contact Katie on 0210493570 or Jill 0272112018

### **CUST/WEST EYRETON PLAYCENTRE**

Playcentre is a parent run cooperative. We believe that parents are the first teachers for their children. Your knowledge of your child and your skills and interests are valued. We believe that children learn best through play where they are encouraged in their strengths and interests. We are committed to whanau and community: supporting and encouraging each other.

Tuesday and Thursday sessions, 9.15am – 12.15pm held at Cust Community Centre

Wild Wednesday session, 9.30am – 12.30pm held at various outdoor locations.

Please contact Marina Blanchard if you are interested or have any questions. We would love to hear from you. Thank you. Contact 03 310 2460 or 027 267 1747

**WEST EYRETON YOUTH GROUP - 2018**

Primary Age Youth Group (Year 3 – Year 8)

Games, memory verses, Bible stories and supper.

Will be held Saturday nights at our home, 5 Washington Place West Eyreton (opposite the West Eyreton Hall), from 7pm – 8.30pm.

We may be able to offer a pick up and drop home service.

These are the dates for this term:

**February 10, February 17, March 10, March 24, April 7**

All welcome ☺

Please contact Aidan Blanchard (027 610 2460) or Marina (310 2460 / 027 267 1747) for details.

**SWANNANOA COUNTRY FAIR**

Sunday, 4 March, 10am – 3pm. Swannanoa Domain, Tram Road.

Over 150 craft and trade stalls, huge white elephant, live auction, raffles, country themed demonstrations and talks, food and drinks, cake stalls, helicopter rides, Fire Brigade hose splash, kids rides and games. Live music and all day entertainment.

Adults \$5 donation. Like us on Facebook. [www.swannanoacountryfair.co.nz](http://www.swannanoacountryfair.co.nz)