



# CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It has been a busy week – one of those weeks where everything happens at once.

On Monday and Tuesday the school had their two yearly Beach Education visit. It appeared that the children had a really good time each day and thoroughly enjoyed themselves, particularly when it came to swimming and boogie boarding in the afternoon. Many thanks to all the parents who came and helped out on the day. Even though there were some comments regarding the water temperature (it was fairly cold and rough at times) I know that deep down they did enjoy it and had a few laughs. (Anyone with any photos can they please advise the office).

On Monday Miriam and I attended the “launch” of our Community of Learners – Puketeraki (Rangiora Community of Learners).

### OUR VISION

Our vision is to create a Community of Learning in the heart of the wider Rangiora District where learning is engaging, relevant and responsive to the needs of all students.

We will strive to produce lifelong learners who participate and contribute positively.

### Our students will be...

taught to Collaborate, Communicate and Create.

We will do this by building highly effective working relationships between our teachers, our students, our parents and our communities. We will ensure that all students have their learning needs met.

We will enable students, parents and whānau to develop educational pathways to success.

### We aim to:

- 1) Build a new community of learning
- 2) Raise the achievement levels for all learners in the community
- 3) Improve the outcomes for at-risk and priority learners
- 4) Develop teacher/educator capacity across the learning community
- 5) Improve educational pathways

We are in the initial phases of this project, with a lot of ideas being floated on how we might meet the above goals. Miriam is our “within school teacher” who will support staff as we challenge ourselves to raise student achievement in particular areas. These are in our Charter, which is being reviewed by the Board of Trustees and sent to the Ministry.

One of these goals is based around Literacy and to support the teaching and learning we are in the third year of a Ministry contract – Accelerating Learning in Literacy (ALL). Both Miriam (this ties in well with her “within school role) and Linda attended a two day workshop which provides the context for the school to trial proactive teaching methods.

We also have had Ros away for a few days as she tends to her husband, Russell, who has had a double hip replacement. We hope everything goes well.

On Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 March, we will be having Parent Interviews/Three Way Conferences. This is an opportunity for you (and your child) to sit with the teacher(s) and discuss the start of the year, any testing that has been done and setting of goals. As in previous years booking of times will be completed on line. Bookings are open now.

## **SCHOOL INTERVIEWS – 3 WAY CONFERENCES**

These will be held in Week Six, on Monday 6 March and Tuesday 7 March.

To assist in the allocation of interviews we are again using the online booking system. To allocate a time for interviews you need to:

1. Go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
2. Enter the event code unique to our school **q4qq4**
3. Click on I am someone else, and
4. Enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address and how many bookings i.e. number of children at school
5. On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet, from the drop down box.
6. Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.
7. When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And if something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews whenever you want.

**REMEMBER SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM ON THESE TWO DAYS**  
**MONDAY, 6 MARCH & TUESDAY 7 MARCH.**  
**The bus will commence its run at 2pm also.**

**Please Note** – If you can't book an appropriate time, please contact the class teacher for an alternative time.

## **SWIMMING**

Today we had a large number of children competing at the Eyre Cluster Championship Swimming competition. The children performed extremely well. From these results we are now selecting a team to compete at the Rakahuri Championships on Monday, 6 March. More details to come.

## **JUNIOR SWIMMING SPORTS (YEARS 0 – 4)**

**THURSDAY, 2 MARCH**

**CUST POOL STARTING AT 1pm**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS / IMPORTANT DATES**

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

Regards  
Robert

## **FROM THE BOT CHAIR**

The Cust School Board of Trustees would like to formally invite members of the Cust School Community to our presentation of the New Cust School Charter and Strategic Plan. We will be meeting in the Multi-Purpose Room on Tuesday, 7 March at 6:30pm. An agenda for the evening will be produced closer to the time. This is an opportunity to see and hear how these important documents were produced and how they will define the direction of the school's teaching and learning programme in the years to come.

### **ROOM ONE:**

We welcome Poppy Kearns to school, her family are new to the district.

Monday was a great day at the beach. Even though the weather was a bit foggy/misty we had a great time learning about water and sun safety, the role of the life guard and a swim in the sea. Many thanks to those parents who were able to come, your help was most appreciated.

We have been completing some activities in class to reinforce our learning at the beach.

Next Thursday we have the Junior Swimming Sports at the Cust Pool starting at **1pm**.

3 Way Conferences are on Monday 6 and Tuesday 7 March. Remember to book a time to discuss your child's learning with me.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Kennys

### **ROOM TWO**

Many thanks to all the parent helpers at Beach Ed on Monday - we didn't see any sun, but had a great day regardless!

Also my thanks to Margaret Aplin who has looked after R2 in my absence on Tuesday/Wednesday and will be in again for me next Monday/Tuesday.

Remember swimming sports next Thursday (pp Friday), and 3 Way Conferences Week 6.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Ros

### **ROOM THREE**

Kia ora,

Wow, what a hot week! On Monday we participated in the Beach Education programme at Waikuku Beach. We had a great time learning about the role of a lifeguard, rules for staying safe on the beach and sun safety. The day was topped off with a cooling play in the sea. It was well enjoyed by all the students and we thank the parents who came along to help for this. Here is a piece of recount writing done by Andie:

*On the 20th of February we went to Waikuku Beach. Walter wore the lifeguard clothes and it was funny! We learned about sun safety. We did races. We built sandcastles.*

You will have noticed that a Studyladder username and password has been sent home in your child's homework book. This is not compulsory homework but a great way to engage your child to practise their literacy and numeracy skills digitally. Have fun with it!

We have also just started 'Show and Tell Tuesdays' where your child is able to bring something from home that they'd like to share with the class.

Enjoy the weekend and keep cool.  
Kathryn and Carolyn

### **ROOM FOUR**

Kia ora,

Another very busy week in Room 4. The week started with a great trip to the beach for Beach Education. The weather played it's part. The children learnt about beach safety, sun smart and played a variety of games on the beach. The day ended with a great swim in the ocean.

On Friday I took 40 children to the Eyre Cluster Championship. Cust did really well and we have had a number of children qualify for the Rakahuri Swimming Sports. I will publish results early next week.

In class we have been continuing on with our Statistics Unit. This week we have been looking at Time Series graphs. In writing the children have been practising story starters and we have started our reading programme.

Have a great weekend.  
Eddie

## **ROOM FIVE**

A big THANKYOU to Mrs Watson and Hannah for holding the fort this week. Miriam, Ros and I are looking forward to launching the ALL programme with the staff this Wednesday. Many schools are involved in this but there are many out there that are unable to access such worthwhile professional development. We consider ourselves privileged to be a part of it. Watch this space.

In reading the children will be moving into a mix of continued journal / novel and novelette work with the focus on improving comprehension and vocabulary. Many children are very capable readers, but find it very challenging to transfer their understanding of what they have read into written form. These skills take time. In Maths we are focussing on basic facts and number -place value and addition ( standard and working form). Hannah is working on Statistics and reviewing number/basic facts to keep continuity. Swimming will be coming to an end in a few weeks and routines will settle. All PAT (Progressive & Achievement Tests) have been completed so we will be able to discuss results during Goal Setting interviews in a week or so.

Have a great weekend  
Kind regards  
Linda & Hannah

## **ROOMS SIX AND SEVEN**

On Tuesday we had an enjoyable and informative day at Beach Ed. Many thanks to the parents and caregivers who were able to come and join in on the day. The children refreshed, revised and built further on their prior knowledge about water safety. Plenty of games on the beach, ending with an invigorating swim (for those brave enough to brace themselves against the surf) meant that the day was a success!

We continue with our focus on Statistics in Mathematics. The children have the challenge of being a "Data Detective" next week. This will entail each student conducting their own statistical investigation, using the skills they have been taught and practised using over the past 4 weeks. All work required for this task has been clearly explained to the class. They will have four in class maths sessions to work on this. Their goal is to have their completed assignment ready for marking by Mr Schuyt by the end of next week. We are looking forward to seeing how the class can use "PIKO's TIPS for Success" to complete and present this.

Our reading assignment for this term is proving very motivating!! It is wonderful to see the tremendous enthusiasm and focus our classes have for reading. Each week, we are spending time sharing together what we have been doing. This helps all the pupils to feel proud of their own work and achievements. There is a wide variety of types of activities being completed. This allows others to see the strengths and talents their peers have also. They can then in turn teach each other skills, some adding "depth" to their written comprehension, or developing better ICT skills to produce high quality work. Miriam and I are also conducting workshops daily in this time to focus our teaching to specific needs. Keep up the awesome effort Year 7 & 8, we will enjoy being able to share samples of our efforts with parents at our 3-Way Conferences in Week 6.

Good luck to all those swimming on Friday at the Championships!

Have a great weekend.  
Kind Regards Miriam & Annmaree

## **NOTE**

A reminder about naming school uniforms, in particular 2nd hand uniforms, as there is already a build-up of unnamed jumpers etc in the lost property box on the verandah.

## **CUST COMMUNITY COOKBOOK**

In time for the Cust School 150th Jubilee in November, a PTA sub-committee are revising the 'world famous in Cust', Cust Community Cookbook. We will retain many of the old favourites from the 2004 version, but would like your help in submitting some more new and delicious recipes. In particular soups, salads, fish dishes, smoothies, sweets, GF, food intolerances and handy household hints. We can't guarantee that your recipes will all be published, but we will try our best!

Please limit recipes to up to 3 per family, and either email them through to Kathryn [atkathrynkingsbury@hotmail.com](mailto:atkathrynkingsbury@hotmail.com), or leave at the school office. Cut-off date for recipes is 1st May.

Thanks  
Kathryn, PTA

## CERTIFICATES

- ROOM ONE:** Great work awarded to Howard. Lovely to see you participating and enjoying Beach Ed.  
Great work awarded to Corbin. Lovely to see you participating and enjoying Beach Ed.  
Welcome to Cust School Poppy.
- ROOM TWO:** Great work awarded to Caspar for showing leadership and good sense at Beach Ed.  
Great skills Caspar.  
Student of the Week awarded to Harvey for awesome leadership and great communication with younger students at Beach Ed.
- ROOM THREE:** Welcome to Cust School Finlay.  
Great work awarded to Andie for a wonderful recount on Beach Ed.
- ROOM FOUR:** Great work awarded to Emily for improvement in her literacy skills.  
Great work awarded to Charlie for showing sportsmanship.
- ROOM FIVE:** Great work awarded to Caleb for writing a wonderful recount about your summer holiday.  
Great detail.  
Great work awarded to Lisa for being a great role model in Room 5. Well done for always sharing your knowledge with the class.
- ROOM SIX:** Student of the Week awarded to Will for showing excellent focus in Maths during our Statistics Unit and basic facts.  
Student of the Week awarded to Lucy for showing excellent focus in Maths during our Statistics unit.
- ROOM SEVEN:** Great work awarded to Finn for using Piko's Tips for Success and showing independent and mature work habits.  
Well done to Holly for showing success in Piko's tips. Great organisational skills – for setting goals and showing confidence and persistence to get activities completed.

## PTA News

### Playground update

The swing set has been ordered and will be installed before the end of Term 1.

We plan to add to the existing playground:

- a climbing wall with notches and hand holds.
- timber balance beams and posts to walk along
- rope swing and structure to swing from/to
- timber ramp with a secure rope and/or hand holds
- diagonal metal parallel bars
- horizontal bars at different heights
- climbing net through existing trees
- deck
- extension to the barked area

We are looking for someone who would be willing to oversee the construction and any other people able help with the construction (or any part of). PTA would pay for materials and labour.

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact us at [custschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:custschoolpta@gmail.com) or Deb 0274289016

Cust School's PTA is an active group of parents and teachers who meet monthly on a Tuesday evening (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month)

All Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend these meetings.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 21 MARCH at 7:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

The role of the PTA is to:

- Raise funds to provide improved facilities and educational opportunities for members of the school community.
- Bring the school community together through the organisation of social activities.
- Provide a link between students, parents/caregivers, Board of Trustees, Cust School and the wider community.

Pre-loved uniform sales are available for a gold coin donation.

For more information/contact details: Website: [www.cust.school.nz](http://www.cust.school.nz) (School Info Tab)

Facebook: Cust School Parent Teacher Association Email: [custschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:custschoolpta@gmail.com)

Cust School PTA Bank Account: 03 1783 0502131 03

# ICAS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

## WHAT IS ICAS?:

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools is conducted by Educational Assessment Australia, UNSW.

Ten countries now participate in ICAS. In Australia and New Zealand there are over 1.7 million entries.

While ICAS testing is some time away **it is time to get the enrolment of our students underway.**

If you would like your child to participate, please fill in the form below and return the **form and payment** to the school office by Friday, 24 March. We need three or more entries for each assessment or the price becomes extremely prohibitive.

If you would like to find out more the website is [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au)

All students entering ICAS testing receive a certificate acknowledging participation. Students are eligible for awards including High Distinction, Distinction and Credit Certificates and ICAS medals.

Sitting Dates for 2017 (Years 4-8)

- Digital Technologies 23 May
- Science 30 May
- Spelling 14 June
- Writing 12-16 June
- English 1 August
- Mathematics 15 August

Students will be given practice papers to work on before the tests, or you can use 'Practice Online'. Go to [www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation](http://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation)

Regards  
Robert Schuyt

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### ICAS Competition Entry Form (to office with payment by 24 March)

NAME:.....

Year Group:.....

**Please circle the ICAS papers your child will be sitting.**

Digital Technologies \$8.50      Science \$8.50      Spelling \$10.50

Writing \$19.50      English \$8.50      Mathematics \$ 8.50

Payment attached / paid online (*please circle*)

Total \$.....

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## **BOT Agenda**

### **Cust School**

Meeting of the Board of Trustees  
to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 1 March 2017

1. Apologies
- 1a. Election of BOT Chairperson

### **Order Paper**

2. The Chairperson makes the recommendation that the following be accepted unless suspended:
3. **Minutes**  
Minutes of the previous Board of Trustees meeting.
4. **Correspondence Outwards**
  - 4.1 That the Correspondence outwards be approved.
5. **Correspondence Inwards**
  - 5.1 That the Correspondence Inwards be approved.
6. **Principal's Report (Curriculum)**
  - 6.1 That the Principal's Report be received.
    - LWDT
    - Student Achievement
    - Principal's Charter Update
7. **Documentation & Self Review Report**
  - 7.1 That the Documentation & Self Review Report be received.
    - Donations / Activity Fee
    - Charter
    - 2016 Reporting
    - School Doc's Advisory
    - NZSTA
8. **Personnel Report**
  - 8.1 That the Personnel Report be received.
    - Principal Appraisal
9. **Property Report**
  - 9.1 That the Property Report be received.
    - Block 1 Update
10. **Finance Report**
  - 10.1 That the Finance report be received.
  - 10.2 That the accounts be received.
11. **Health and Safety Report**
  - 11.1 That the Health and Safety Report be received
12. **Staff Representatives Report**
  - 12.1 That the Staff Representative's Report be received.

**Date of next meeting:** 5 April 2017

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **CUST TOY LIBRARY**

Next to the Cust community Centre, open Monday 9-10:30 and Sat 10-11:30. Only \$30 yearly membership, friendly committee members and a great range of indoor and outdoor toys. Come and check us out!

### **ORCHESTRAL EXTRAVAGANZA**

Featuring orchestras from Rangi Ruru Girls' School, Christ's College and St Margaret's College.

Wednesday, 22 March, 7.30pm.

Christ's College Assembly Hall. Free admission. No bookings required.

### **OXFORD AGRICULTURAL & PASTORAL ASSN.**

Annual Show – Saturday, 1 April.

Schedules are available from the Oxford Service Centre, Oxford Butchery or by sending an A5 stamped SAE to the Secretary, 9 Matai Place, Oxford. Children who are interested in entering exhibits must note that -

**entries close 28 February with the Executive Officer.**

Many new sections, classes and sponsorship. Details are in the school office.

Craft and trade space application forms are available from Christine, phone 021 2351169, email:

[secretary@oxfordapshow.co.nz](mailto:secretary@oxfordapshow.co.nz) or [www.oxfordapshow.co.nz](http://www.oxfordapshow.co.nz)

### **CUST NETBALL**

Thanks to all who have registered for Cust netball. To assist us in organising teams and planning coaches and practices, online registration will close on 26/2/17.

Please let all interested players know. Any questions contact Katie on 0210493570.

<http://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/34246?returnUrl=https://www.facebook.com/Cust-Netball-Club-282586445453425/>

Cust Netball AGM 7pm 2/3/17 St James Church Hall, Main Road Cust. Everyone welcome.

### **WANTED**

Grazing Land in the Cust area. Any sized block considered.

Please Phone Simon 0274 437 888 Home: 310 2143

### **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.