



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“TIME FOR A CHANGE”

“Effort and Attitude Determines My Abilities”

Don't tell me how talented you are. Tell me how hard you work

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I must admit I really enjoy this term (not because of the weather!), but there are a few events that happen that show the true character of different children.

Our Tip this term is “Be Independent” and one of the things I have talked to the children about is Being Confident (giving things a go / working hard). It also includes being resilient and being organised. At school, we provide many opportunities for children to do this through class work, debating, homework, sport etc.

When thinking about this TIP (Key for Success) and having observed children in different settings (for over 30 years), I have 2 groups of children I admire:

1. Naturally talented – there are children who are naturally talented at particular things. They can be talented in music, sports, maths, languages, but also in social aspects, and they are able to use this talent to achieve exceptionally well. You look at them in awe as they effortlessly run, swim, draw, problem solve, lead, communicate, learn new concepts etc.
2. Journey(men/women) – these are children who might not be gifted but absolutely try their hardest. They work hard and put in their best effort to achieve their goal. It is harder for them to achieve well, but they do because of the effort and determination they show. I think I admire these the most, because you never hear them complain and there are never any excuses from them (or their parents.) They give things a go even when they know it's going to be very hard. They show resiliency in the face of adversity and independence, not relying on others – **they just do it.**

Here are some examples around the school (and community) of this..

1. Debating: We had one team competing in the North Canterbury Schools Debating competition. Having been successful in round one, our team lost, by countback, in a close debate to Ashgrove. They had to debate the moot “It is better to be a follower than a leader.”
Do you agree?
Well done to these children who have to research, write, edit, practise and deliver their speeches in a very short turnaround – certainly showing independence and confidence.
2. EPro8 Challenge: Last week we had two teams represent our school at this competition. This is an interschool science and engineering competition. It is designed to give students a fun and rewarding introduction to science and engineering. At each event, teams competed with other schools in our area to try and finish a variety of interesting science and engineering based challenges. While there is obviously a science / engineering focus, the 2.5 hour event requires a huge amount of concentration, communication and team work (which reflect our TIPS). Our teams did very well, getting first and third, and qualifying for the semi-final to be held later this term.

3. Cross Country: Cross Country:

We also had our annual Cross Country at the Domain on Monday. As usual highly competitive and the true Cust spirit of 'Being Your Best' came forth. Whilst it is expected all children participate in this and do their best, we also acknowledge that there are winners (this is part of life and sport).

Results – Top 3 from each age group

Results: (first three places)

Year 1 & 2 Boys

1st Harry Merritt
2nd Angus Letton
3rd Jed Croft

Year 1 & 2 Girls

1st Kate McAllister
2nd Charlotte Nesbit
3rd Olivia Mehrtens

Year 3 & 4 Boys

1st James Trimboy
2nd Oscar O'Steen
3rd= Corey Kennedy
3rd= Kyron East

Year 3 & 4 Girls

1st Ruby Taylor
2nd Anna Gartery
3rd Elizabeth Shore

Year 5 Boys

1st Riley Winson
2nd Takoda K-Leyendecker
3rd Connor Smith

Year 5 Girls

1st Estelle Letton
2nd Louisa Croall
3rd Liz Egington-Abbott

Year 6 Boys

1st James Gartery
2nd Harry Smith
3rd Oli Taylor

Year 6 Girls

1st Billie McLachlan
2nd Hannah Lawler
3rd Sophie Bell

Year 7 Boys

1st Aidan Lapslie
2nd Blake Packham
3rd James Baggott

Year 7 Girls

1st Katie Parris
2nd Lilly Evers
3rd Lucia Croft

Year 8 Boys

1st Archie Prain
2nd Otto Densem
3rd Finn Smith

Year 8 Girls

1st Tinehsa Benson
2nd Lauren Whittaker
3rd Holly Frost

There is a team selected now who will go on to compete on the same course against our cluster schools next Monday. From here there is an opportunity to compete against North Canterbury schools. Well done to all our children and thanks to Mr Foskett for 'running' this event. Also thanks to everyone who came and supported the children.

School Donations and Activity Fees:

A reminder about School Donations and Activity Fee. There are still a number of families who have not paid the activity fee component for Term One.

Term 2 invoices were sent out on Wednesday.

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*).

Positive Puberty Evening:

Many thanks to everyone who turned up for this evening – a bigger turnout than I expected!

While the adults might have not learnt anything new, I am sure the children will have. It was also a good starting point for you to discuss this natural process of change with your children. For the senior classes, we will be covering the points made by Anne over the next few weeks.

Parent Evening Monday 25 June

Learn and Explore the Parent Portal alongside your child/ren

Based on the results of our recent survey, we would love for you and your child to join us for a hands-on workshop focusing on getting the most out of the parent portal. Sarah Whiting, from CORE Education, will be leading the session and will talk to us about what the portal is, how it can be used as well as providing you will the space and time to purposefully explore and interact with it, alongside your child.

Regards
Robert

Term 2 Calendar

Monday 28 May

Monday 4 June

Tuesday, 5 June

Wednesday 6 June

Wednesday 20 June

Friday 22 June

Friday 29 June

Monday 2 / Tuesday 3 July

Friday 6 July

Cluster Cross Country

Queen's Birthday

Teacher Only Day

North Canterbury Cross Country

Canterbury Cross Country

School Disco

NZ Playhouse

Three Way Conferences

Term 2 Ends

ROOM ONE

What a great day for the Cross Country. We were so proud of the effort the children put into their running and thank you for coming to support them. Also thanks to Eddie for organising the event.

It is lovely to see the progress the children are making with their goals in Literacy and Numeracy. The help, support and interest you give your child at home with their homework is noticeable at school. Thanks.

Have a lovely weekend,
Margaret and Kennys

ROOM TWO AND ROOM FOUR

Kia Ora,

What a great Cust Cross Country day to start the week! All our students did themselves proud and it was inspiring to see everyone complete the course all doing their absolute best. Also, many thanks for the wonderful community support – another memorable Cust day!

This week we have started back in Number again for maths, with an ongoing focus on basic facts. It is vital that Y4/5 students become both accurate and fast when using basic facts, and practise should be a regular component of their daily homework. Year 3's are getting a head start on tables in preparation for testing in Y4 onwards, and it is great to see many of them already confidently using their 2-10x and families of facts.

All children in Rooms 2 & 4 are continuing to work on a variety of reading programmes including novel studies, daily guided reading groups and associated skills based tasks and in preparation for completing mid year assessments, Linda has started taking Running Records (testing reading) with some pleasing results.

With ongoing assessment over the following weeks there will be some slight disruption to normal programmes. If your child says they have no home reader to read, please just choose a favourite one from home to share.

As we move onto Number in maths Mr Foskett will continue to provide extension, Mrs Falconer will work with Consolidating Number and will continue with Subtraction problems, and the use of algorithms as a problem solving strategy. Mrs String will continue with Number knowledge & Strategies to Stage 5 of the Numeracy Project.

Kia pai tō mutunga wiki
(Have a great weekend)
Eddie, Linda & Ros

ROOM FIVE

Great effort on the Geometry tests this week. Good to see everyone pushing themselves through the challenges of calculating angles and learning all the geometry rules. We have now started back on Number starting with Number knowledge including learning about factors and multiples.

We have continued to create amazing art works some of which are on display in the office. This is an incredibly creative, artistic class who have fabulous ideas. The dot art is now being completed and have all turned out very unique. Well done talented artists!

In writing, we have been learning about the language features of poetry. We have had a great time writing our own alliterations and will soon start writing different types of poetry.

Have a good weekend!
Hannah

ROOM SIX AND ROOM SEVEN

Kia ora,

Fantastic effort to all who competed in the Cust School Cross Country on Monday. You should all be very proud of yourselves for the effort and determination you showed both in the training leading up to the day and at the event itself. Thank you to all the whanau who were able to support the children and assist with transport to and from the domain.

Do you have any spare newspapers at home please?? We are in need of as many as we can get in our senior classroom. Just plain old regular newspaper all donations gratefully received.

Our Year 8 Debating team competed this week at Ashgrove School, we congratulate you on your efforts there are some challenging competitors in the North Canterbury region.

At Music this week we used a variety of types of drums creating rhythms to 'Counting Stars' by One Republic. There were tin cans, bongos and two brand new large drums. We were able to buy these new 'sit on' drums for our school this week, with the funds raised by our PTA. We all appreciate being able to have such wonderful resources for our students to enjoy and enhance learning. It sounded amazing!! There are some future professional musicians among our senior students.

Have a great weekend.
Nga mihi nui,
Miriam, Annmaree and Robert.

CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Great work awarded to Phoebe for great running in the cross country. Excellence awarded to Freya for excellent cross country result (4th).
- Room Two: Well done to Andie for showing success in Piko's tips for showing fantastic resilience in Cross Country. We were all proud of your effort. Great work awarded to James for awesome running. James you are our hidden cross country star!
- Room Three: Excellence awarded to Katelyn for being a positive, confident class member. Excellence awarded to Harry for working hard in class, especially in Maths group.
- Room Four: Excellence awarded to Elizabeth for fantastic results in her "Time" assessment in Maths. Excellence awarded to Ruby for improvement in her numeracy skills and doing well at the school cross country.
- Room Five: Star Student awarded to Lisa for working hard on your novel study to put detail into your answers. Star Student awarded to Finley for good effort and strong understanding of geometry. Star Student awarded to Harper for showing growth mindset with geometry. Great effort and attitude.
- Room Six: Excellence awarded to Vaea for amazing work in our charcoal drawing unit. Well done Holly for showing success in Piko's tips for fabulous organisation skills – what an inspiration to our class.
- Room Seven: Great work awarded to Blake K. for using initiative, showing maturity. Great work awarded to Emma for excellent focus in Mathematics.

ROOM THREE

Kia ora Parents/caregivers

It was great to see you at the Cust Cross Country. Room 3 can hold their heads up high as I thought they ran with great determination. I have had a couple of concerns regarding the level of difficulty of the spelling words. I will send out a letter this week to give some transparency of how the spelling words relate to what is being done in class.

Have a great weekend
Kind Regards
James

PTA NEWS

CUST SCHOOL DISCO – FRIDAY 22 JUNE – CUST COMMUNITY CENTRE

Juniors and Pre-schoolers' 5.30 -7 pm

Theme – come dressed as your favourite character

Seniors – 7.30 – 9.00pm

Tickets will be available before and after school
From Monday, 18 June outside the office.

Cost \$5 per ticket, includes a goodie bag

Food, drinks and glow-sticks available to purchase at the venue (cash only).

Next general meeting and AGM: Tuesday, 26 June.

If you would like to join the PTA Committee or become a Friend of the PTA email: custschoolpta@gmail.com

Pre-loved uniform sales are available for a gold coin donation.
Available in the room across from the office.

For more information/contact details:

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ENTERTAINMENT™ BOOK 2018-2019

This year Entertainment Books are promoting membership by sending a book home for families to peruse. On **Monday (28 May)** a book will come home in an envelope with your (eldest) child. There will be a letter explaining the two types of membership...book or digital...and payment options.

If you do not wish to purchase please return the book in the white personalised envelope and deposit back in the white named box in the school office by **FRIDAY 1 JUNE**.

Encourage family, friends, neighbours and colleagues to look through the book....you only need to use it twice and it will have paid for itself!

For every book sold Cust School PTA receives \$14 towards its fundraising efforts.
Thank you for your support.

Any queries please contact Kate Powell on 027 229 5026

FISH AND CHIPS, AMERICAN HOTDOGS – THURSDAY, 7 JUNE

SUSHI SUSHI SUSHI

Hello everyone. After having been up in the North Island for the first part of the year, I am now back! This means our Cust School Bible in School's programme will recommence sushi making - next Thursday 31st May.

Encourage your children to bring along a few dollars to buy a healthy lunch. By doing this they will at the same time be supporting this kaupapa, which provides quality goods and items for impoverished people in Eastern European countries.

In the past, funds we've raised have purchased blankets, toiletries, stationery and vegetable seeds to help poverty stricken people in Eastern Europe.

The price is 50c per slice of sushi. We offer Chicken Teriyaki and Vegetarian options with either brown or white rice. Our plan is to continue making sushi every second week (alternating with the fish 'n chips).

Looking forward to continuing this work throughout the remainder of 2018.

Nga mihi nui

Gina Taggart

Cust Bible in School's senior teacher