



# CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**BE YOUR BEST**  
**Kia Rawa Pai**

## SCHOOL THEME: CREST - TO REACH THE TOP

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings to all the kura families

Tēnā koutou e ngā whānau o te kura

## RESPONSIBILITY

**“Winners take responsibility. Losers blame others.”**  
**- Brit Hume**



## TEACHER ONLY DAY

**FRIDAY 3 JUNE – SCHOOL CLOSED**

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY MONDAY 6 JUNE – PUBLIC HOLIDAY**

## **STAFFING:**

Firstly I would like to announce and congratulate Rupert Jackman who has been appointed and accepted a position of Community Engagement Officer for the Antarctic Heritage Trust beginning at the start of Term 3. This is a great opportunity for him and we wish him all the best.

As from the beginning of Term 3, Mrs Schuyt will be teaching Room 1 Monday to Thursday mornings and all day Friday. While I will be teaching Room 1 in the afternoons.

Mrs Bell will teach Room 6 fulltime and the rest of the school organisation will stay the same.

If there are any questions, please feel free to ask.

## **CROSS COUNTRY:**

This Wednesday we had a number of children compete at the Eyre/Oxford Cluster Cross Country (schools involved: Cust, Swannanoa, West Eyreton, Oxford). The results below are a testament to how fit our children are and their motivation to "Be Your Best". From these results, there are approximately 6 children who will compete at the North Canterbury Cross Country Championships next Wednesday.

As you are aware fitness is a priority for Cust and the reason it is a priority is that it has two major benefits:

1. Improves the health of the children.
2. Improves learning (fit children can concentrate better!)

There is an expectation and culture where the children from day one of their schooling are involved to some degree. Our children are fit and active, both outside and inside school and we will continue to promote this.

### Results (Top 10)

#### Year 5 Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Fitz Letton

#### Year 6 Girls

1<sup>st</sup> Charlotte Nesbit  
3<sup>rd</sup> Kirah Galbraith

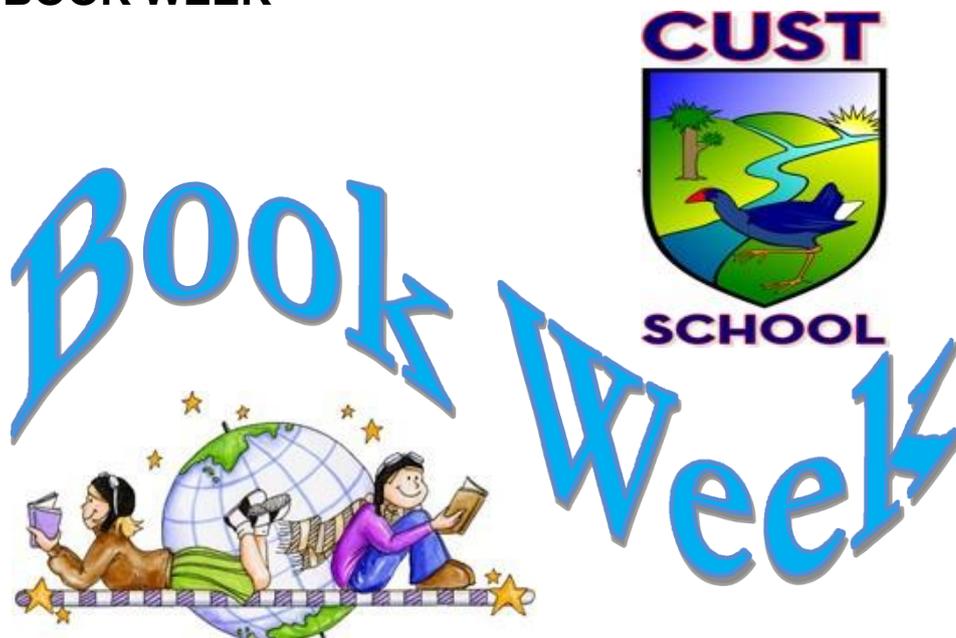
#### Year 7 Boys

1<sup>st</sup> James Trimbo

#### Year 8 Boys

1<sup>st</sup> Lachie Mcleod

# BOOK WEEK



...

Is happening at

Cust School!

13-17 June

## BOOK FAIR: Scholastic Book Fair

Did you know that you can **turbo-charge** the development of a culture of reading at your school with a **Book Fair**?

Book Fairs build the **excitement** and fun of reading in a **pop-up bookshop** event at your school. When a school hosts a **Scholastic Book Fair**, they bring students, teachers, families and the community together at their school to **celebrate reading**, and **raise funds** for books and resources for the school.

### How you can be involved?

**Book Character Parade.** Help your child to choose and organise a costume based on a book character. Come and join us for the parade on - **Thursday 16 June at 9:20.**

**Bring your family and friends to the parade!!!**

Visit the library after the parade to browse the Book Fair, be a BUDDY reader and have some morning tea.

Encourage your child to enter a Book Week **competition.**

Visit the **Scholastic Book Fair** and buy a book to donate to the school library or buy something to take away (Cust School will get a % of the sales!). The book fair will be in the **school library.**

**Starts—Monday 13 June**

**Open each day 8:30—9:30 and 2:30—3:30**

**Closes—Friday 17 June 10:00.**

Support your child with their reading (see next weeks' newsletter for ideas).



Ngā mihi,

Robert



## REPORT FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia Ora

Autumn has finally hit us with Jack Frost making his appearance these past few weeks. My family has certainly been enjoying lighting our fire in the evenings!

We as a board have just had our first meeting for Term 2. Robert reported back on student progress, and as a board we would like to acknowledge that the management and staff have had a very unsettled Term 1 with numerous disruptions and absentees. We would like to thank them for keeping school as normal as possible for our tamariki, whilst continuing to teach to a very high standard. We're all looking forward to school life settling down to the new 'normal' in Term 2! September 2022 will see a new board of trustees being elected in by you our community, and soon you will see some information coming into your emails. We're excited to be running our elections electronically this year, so keep an eye on your emails for further updates. If you are at all interested in standing for election, our board meetings are open to anyone to attend and are an excellent opportunity for you to find out just what it is we do. Please feel free to contact any of our board members for further information, we'd love to chat with you!

Nga Mihi

Tracey George

Chairperson

Cust School Board of Trustees

### **Cust School Policy Review:**

#### **HEALTHCARE and BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT**

1. Visit the website <https://cust.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (cust) and password (piko).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORM:**

I have included the Cust School Uniform Policy, as we are beginning to see children come to school who are in breach of this policy.

Please take note of the expectations – I have highlighted several aspects which we have seen creep into the school.

## SCHOOL DONATION AND ACTIVITIES

Recently you will have received, via email, the receipts for the 2021 tax year. I hope you have found this useful when making your tax return.

You would also have received an updated statement showing the position of your child's account. I have added any stationery that your child may have come in and received from the office stationery, for which they are given a sheet, that does not always make it home.

Payment can be made into the Cust School bank account 03 1592 0074218 00 (please reference your payment so I can code it correctly i.e. school donation, or stationery, or basketball etc. If you wish to make an arrangement, in regard to payments, please contact me

Any questions or queries please ask.

Regards  
Jennifer

# CUST SCHOOL Uniform Policy



## Cust School - Uniform Procedure

At Cust School we have introduced a compulsory uniform. This will enhance the sense of school community, an important ingredient in creating an effective learning environment.

Students are expected and encouraged to take pride in their uniform and general appearance. If a parent has philosophical objections to their child wearing the uniform options available, they are free to apply to the board of trustees for a dispensation. Financial advice and support is available from the principal to parents who have concerns about clothing costs.

### **Purpose: -**

- \* To establish a sense of identity, equality and pride within the school population.
- \* To provide a visual recognition of allegiance to Cust School.
- \* To clarify the exact requirements of the compulsory School Uniform, so that parents and teachers have a common understanding of standards and methods of enforcement.

### **Guidelines**

- \* All students are required to wear clothing that falls within the following stated options:
- \* The school colours are Red and Navy
- \* All clothing is to be named
- \* The manner in which the uniform is worn, is subject to school enforcement

The uniform is available from The Warehouse.

Merino jerseys are available from [www.merino Wool for school.co.nz](http://www.merino Wool for school.co.nz)

The PTA has some second-hand uniform items for sale.

**No jewellery is permitted except for wristwatches, a plain stud or keeper in each pierced ear. No rings are allowed. No students may wear make-up, coloured nail polish, or stick-on tattoos.**

Hair must be clean and tidy, and kept off the face.

If a student has a legitimate reason for not wearing part of the uniform, parents are asked to supply a note stating the reason and the estimated time frame of the breach.

If a student breaches our dress code without such a note, we take the following steps:

1. The student is asked by the teacher to explain the breach.
2. second breach, we send a letter home reminding parents of their obligations regarding the uniform.
3. After a third breach, the principal is notified and parents are invited by phone to attend an interview to discuss uniform requirements.
4. After further breaches, we invoke our formal discipline plan.

## Uniform

### Boys (summer and winter)

Plain red polar fleece vest or jersey / Plain red merino jersey

Plain navy shorts (knit or cotton drill/cargo)

Plain navy track pants

Red polo shirt (short or long sleeved)

Red skivvy

*The Cust School logo is optional for polar fleeces, skivvies and polo shirts. (The logo is available from the school office).*

Practical, flat-soled shoes/boots, or sandals in terms 1 and 4

Blue or white sports socks (preferably)

Navy full brimmed sun hat or bucket style sunhat in terms 1 and 4 (Named)

Sports: navy shorts and navy T-shirt (with Cust printed on back and logo on front – available at school office).

Optional navy and red sports jacket (available from Mainland **Uniforms**).

### Girls (summer and winter)

As above, plus:

Plain navy culottes or blue gingham culottes

Navy shorts (cargo shorts okay)

Blue gingham dress with white collar and zip front

*Note: our blue gingham has a red stripe to match other parts of the uniform.*

Navy tights

**All uniform items must be clearly named.** The manner in which the uniform is worn is subject to school enforcement.

## **CLASS CERTIFICATES**

- Room One: Well done Freya for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – for always putting in 100% effort and impressing me with her maturity and attitude!  
Well done Hunter for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – for putting in independent work at home to master his spelling feature knowledge! Ka rawe Hunter.
- Room Two: Well done Amelie for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – Amelie you put 100% effort into everything you do and show great kindness and empathy to those around you.  
Well done Amie for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – Amie you have settled into Room 2 so well and I am very impressed at your independence and level of work.  
Well done.
- Room Three: Well done Jaxon for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – for producing highly enjoyable and interesting writing in preparation for his speech.  
Well done Cayden for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – FOR TRYING REALLY HARD TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS FULLY IN HIS READING COMPREHENSION. Ka pai to mahi
- Room Four: Well done Henry for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – for showing improvement in handwriting.  
Well done Luella for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – for continued improvement in reading.
- Room Five: Well done Archie for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – Archie I love the way you are showing Piko's Tip for this term – Independence. You are organised, resilient and confident. Well done.  
Well done Maella for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – Well done for saying your speech in class without any adult help.  
Well done Eva for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – I have been very impressed with your training for the Cross Country and your race on Wednesday. Well done
- Room Six: Well done James for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – fantastic organisation and time management skills. You are a mature learner.
- Room Seven: Well done Eva for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – for writing a speech from the heart. You are a quiet, caring, considerate and valued member of our class. Please don't change!!

## **CLASS NEWS**

### **ROOMS ONE AND TWO**

Kia ora koutou,

This week in the middle syndicate it has been a busy one! We have continued to work on our papier mache sea creatures, they are looking fabulous already. We are continuing to work with non-fiction texts within reading and are really pleased with the children's note taking and summarizing skills, and answering with our APE model.

Our study of our Oceans is starting to take shape. We have spent time this week learning about Argo Floats - perhaps take some time to have a discussion about this with your child around the dinner table.  
We are beginning the start of our decimals unit within maths - this involves a lot of new learning and we will be supporting them well through this process. Please keep pushing the practice of basic facts!

We would like to congratulate the children on their amazing effort at Cross Country last week - they had trained hard and showed great resilience. We are looking forward to hearing our students share their speeches next week - please refer to our email earlier in the week regarding the presentation times.

Have a great weekend,  
Rupert and Shannon

### **ROOM THREE**

Kia ora koutou,

This week has been a busy one in Ruma Toru with some new items on our daily agenda. With the completion of cross-country last week, (well done Superstars, you were all awesome!) daily Jump Jam has started and will continue to give us a bright and energetic start to the day for the next few wintery months.

Last week we also completed our Maths strand unit on Time and this week will begin a short series of lessons on learning to identify and use money.

In writing we are continuing to write/practise our speeches in preparation for the upcoming speech competition. Once again, many thanks for all the support from home. We really do appreciate your assistance, especially with typing up and making cue cards.

Your children may have mentioned the current use of PM reader cards in reading and on some occasions may not have an actual reader for homework. This is because we are having a focus on reading for meaning and often our group sessions are reading and discussing these cards so that students can complete the associated comprehension and retell tasks. Any reading is great reading, so please just encourage your children to read a library or home book should this happen.

Finally, we have completed our 'Whare Tapa Wha' looking at all the ways we can take care of our general wellbeing. Ask your child to tell you about it, or better still, show you our creation in the breakout room.

Let's hope this amazing weather continues for a while, but when it finally breaks sending along some inside footwear for school may be a good idea.

Have a lovely weekend,  
Nga mihi nui  
Warm regards,  
Caroline and Ros

### **ROOMS FOUR AND FIVE**

Kia Ora Families

Last week it was great to see all the children do their best at the school Cross Country. All the children in Room 4 and Room 5 confidently ran the whole way. Thank you to all the whanau who were able to come and support the event.

In writing the classes have been preparing their speeches. They have been working very hard on their topic 'Me'. Room 4's speeches will be coming home next week for them to practice. Many thanks to the Room 5 whanau that have been working diligently to help their children learn their speeches. Room 4 and Room 5 will be holding their class Speech Competition on Thursday 2 June at 9:00 am in the break out space between Room 4 and Room 5. You are all welcome. Please wear a mask if attending.

In topic we have been continuing our 'Sun Smart' unit. This week in Room 4 we been writing up our experiments that we did with ice cubes. Next week we are going to do experiments with shadows. In Room 5 we have been learning about the Planets.

As the days are getting cooler, your child can bring a long a pair of slippers to wear in class if they would like. Please don't rely on them coming home every day however!

Have a great weekend.  
Eddie, Kennys, Linda, Margaret, Kate, Emma

## ROOMS SIX AND SEVEN

The senior cohort of the school have been busy over the previous 3 weeks writing and practicing their speeches. This year the Year 7's were faced with the theme of "responsibility" whilst following tradition, the Year 8's were able to construct a speech of their own choosing. Their hard work culminated yesterday with some fantastic examples of public speaking. All students should be very proud of their efforts! Thanks also to all of the parents who were able to come along and support the kids. It was much appreciated!

We will revert back to persuasive writing next week.

In maths we have continued exploring measurement, in particular perimeter, area and volume. Next week we will be completing the Term 2 e-Asttle during class time.

The students have been working hard during reading, tackling some challenging texts before breaking them down and analysing each of them within their various working groups. The reading E-Asttle will also be undertaken next week.

We are continuing to explore the world of microbes during our topic unit with the children displaying a never-ending supply of enthusiasm for their learning. The hands-on experiments are a real hit!

We hope you are all well and encourage you to touch base with us if you have any questions or concerns.

Andrew and Miriam.

## LITTER FREE LUNCH

Kia ora Cust School whanau!

We are the "Year 7 and 8 Litter Free Lunch Squad", and last week we launched our new video channel that shows you and your children how to make waste-free lunch options that are:

- Healthy
- Easy
- Affordable

We would love you to watch these 20 second videos that we share with you and try them together at home. If you make one of our creations, send a photo to Mrs Bell ([miriam.bell@cust.school.nz](mailto:miriam.bell@cust.school.nz)). We will draw a name out from those who do this every second week in assembly, and the winner will get to star alongside us in the next video!

Our first video is how to make mouse traps:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R\\_HvKyVgaMTtJIXTHK78bXHhO1r0Rov-/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R_HvKyVgaMTtJIXTHK78bXHhO1r0Rov-/view?usp=sharing)

Have fun,

From the Litter-Free Lunch Squad

## FISH AND CHIPS, AMERICAN HOT DOGS, PIES – Thursday, 9 June

All orders need to be in the office by **9.00am**. No late orders as we will not be going down to the hotel.

**NOTE: the prices below AS THERE HAVE BEEN SOME INCREASES.**

Please also note the following:

All envelopes (no scraps of paper and notes left on the counter are acceptable), are to be clearly labelled with names (please put full names as we have several children at school with the same Christian names)

- Correct money (as no change will be given)
- No add-ons of drinks, as this service is solely for the items listed below from the Cust Hotel.

Prices are as follows

1 scoop chips	\$2.50	½ scoop chips	\$1.50
Hot Dog	\$3.00	Fish	\$3.00
Sausage	\$3.00	American Hot Dog	\$3.50
Mince Pie	\$6.50	Mince & Cheese	\$6.50
Hash Browns	\$2.00		

**Further dates are 23 June & 7 July. (Every second week Term Two.)**

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### KIDSBASE TOD PROGRAMME

Kidsbase will be **OPEN on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** and offering an action packed, fun filled day of activities whilst your school is closed for a Teacher Only Day.

Four different booking options are available and everyone is welcome.

This is being communicated to you early in the hope that it will assist you with your childcare planning and encourage our programme to be well supported on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Bookings for the Teacher Only Day are open now so simply log into [Kidsbase.aimyplus.com](http://Kidsbase.aimyplus.com) to complete your booking.

Please see attached flyer for full details and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind Regards,  
The Kidsbase Team  
[info@kidsbase.co.nz](mailto:info@kidsbase.co.nz)



The Kidsbase logo features the words 'Kids Base' in a colorful, playful font with a smiley face above the 'i' in 'Kids'. Below the logo is the website 'kidsbase.co.nz'. Four colored circles represent booking options: 'Before School' (blue), 'After School' (pink), 'Holidays' (orange), and 'Enrol' (yellow).

## TEACHER ONLY DAY PROGRAMME FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE

Custschool will be closed for a Teacher Only Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. If you are stuck for Childcare Solutions on this day – Don't Panic!  
Kidsbase are **OPEN** and will have an action-packed day full of fun and engaging activities that will keep your child/ren entertained all day.

**4 Different booking options to best suit your needs:**

8:30am – 3:00pm	\$45.00
8:30am – 6:00pm	\$55.00
7:30am – 3:00pm	\$55.00
7:30am – 6:00pm	\$65.00

Spaces limited so don't delay!!!!.

A Great Fun Way for kids to build friendships, confidence and self-esteem.  
WINZ Subsidies available

**\*\*\* CONVENIENT LOCATIONS AT SWANNANOA SCHOOL AND SOUTHBROOK SCHOOL RANGIORA \*\*\***

Contact us now for full details: 027 239 7690, [www.kidsbase.co.nz](http://www.kidsbase.co.nz)  
Bookings available now: [kidsbase.aimyplus.com](http://kidsbase.aimyplus.com)  
Kidsbase are an Oranga Tamariki and MSD Approved and Accredited Provider

## SCHOLASTIC Book Club



To view what books are available go on line - <https://www.scholastic.co.nz/schools/book-club/>

All parent credit card orders must be placed via the LOOP platform. You can order online at [scholastic.co.nz/LOOP](http://scholastic.co.nz/LOOP), [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) or via the LOOP mobile apps. **NOTE:** skip the box that asks for suburb, enter Cust in the school name and then proceed. If you require any help just ring them and they are happy to talk you through. (0800 266 525)

## WORK AVAILABLE

Are you looking for a part time job for 8 weeks through Spring?

Harewood Farm is 5 mins from Oxford and we are looking for a calf rearer or a relief milker

Calf Rearer

Hours 8 - 3pm for 8 weeks starting 25 July 2022.

Hourly rate based on experience.

Or

Relief Milker

Roster negotiable but must be able to do mornings and afternoons for at least 4 days

Hourly rate based on experience.

We provide 1 hot meal per day, modern facilities and great team.

Please phone Julie Wells 027 324 5960 or email harewoodfarmoxford@gmail.com to apply



## Rangiora New Life School

An Integrated Area School for  
New Entrants to Year 13  
[www.rnls.school.nz](http://www.rnls.school.nz)

**“Have you considered a local  
Christian education for your child?”**

*(Daily free bus service to and from school for  
eligible students.)*

**You are invited to our Open Day at  
Rangiora New Life School to see  
what we have to offer you.**



## OPEN DAY

**Thursday 2 June 2022  
9 am to 3 pm**

*See Classes in Action*

Principal (Stephen Walters) shares at:

**9.00 am, 12 noon & 2.00 pm  
in the Church**

## OXBOX EVENTS TERM 2

Oxford Community Trust

for bookings or more info - Georgia Harris 0274847575

OxBox is a community youth group for youth, years 7 -13 (School years)

Bookings are essential for all away events as seats are limited.

6th  
May

Ice Trampolines,  
Dudley Pool &  
McDonalds  
\$10 (Plus extra  
money for tea)  
5:30-9pm

20th  
May

Bowling & Laser  
tag at Zone  
Bowling  
5pm-9pm  
\$20.00

3rd  
June

Home events  
are held in the  
Scout Den off  
Showgate drive,  
behind GP Hall  
(School hall)

Mall trip to Riccarton  
mall  
5:30pm-9pm  
\$5.00

Away events  
we meet at  
the Oxford  
Town Hall and  
are dropped  
back there

17th  
June

Movie Night hot chips  
\$3.00

1st  
July

Spotlight & Pizzas  
\$3.00