



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday, 10 November, 2017 - Week Four —Term 4

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

HAPPY BIRTHDAY CUST SCHOOL 150 years old!



Today starts our school's weekend of celebrations. We held our school assembly this afternoon, where we presented to guests some songs and speeches, with an opportunity to look around the school afterwards.

The rest of the weekend has the following programme:

1. Friday 10 November 7pm
Cust Community Centre - Conversazione
2. Saturday 11 November 12.30 / 1.30 onwards
Cust School open – classes /photos etc
3. Saturday 11 November 6pm
Dinner at the Cust Community Centre
4. Sunday 12 November 11am
Church service at St James on the Cust Church and picnic at Jack Graham Reserve

Many thanks to the following members of the Jubilee Committee, who have worked very hard to ensure this weekend is a success: Jennifer Thompson, Kate Powell, Karen Withers, Bev Frost, Michael Rowe, Allison Rowe, Liz Smith, Michael Williams, Bernard Kingsbury, Kathryn Taylor, and Phil Lindsay.

Also thanks to staff, parents and children who will give up time this weekend to support the events that are planned.

NEXT WEEK:

Please note that next week is a short week:

On Tuesday, we have our senior children competing at the Rakahuri Athletic Sports at Ashgrove Park. For those involved, information has been sent out.

Wednesday is our biennial visit to the Christchurch A & P Show – see information below.

Thursday is Teacher Only Day – school is closed.

Friday is Canterbury Day – school is closed.

CHRISTCHURCH A & P SHOW VISIT

On Wednesday 15 November, we have our biennial visit to the Show.

The **children's tickets** and pre-purchased adult tickets will be handed out in the morning, along with their lanyard. Sun hats are a must and remember to slip, slop, slap! A map of the show grounds will come home with your child on Friday.

To parents and children who are taking cars, tickets will be sent home on Monday, so look in your child's bag.

Please send your child with sufficient food and drink to last the day.

A litter-free lunch has been suggested by the Royal New Zealand Show authorities.

Suggestions: Bring a reusable lunch box or lunch bag, carry all drinks in a screw top, reusable container. Take all leftovers e.g. paper, cores home with you. Please avoid bringing: cans/tetra Paks as they cannot be resealed. Tinfoil, disposable plastic or glass containers.

To children (and parents) coming on the bus – we will be **leaving at 9am so please be at school on time**, with the appropriate gear – school uniform, hat, lunch.

Hopefully the weather will be fine. (There will be no staff left at school, so the school will be closed once the bus departs).

Robert

CUST CELEBRATING SUCCESS:

North Canterbury Tennis Championships

Girls 10's:	Hannah Lawler	First
	Harper McDonald	Second
Boys 10's:	James Gartery	Third
	Hugh Chapman	Fourth
Girls 12's:	Lauren Whittaker	First
	Tinesha Benson	Second
	Ashleigh Lawler	Sixth
Boys 12's:	George Riley	Third
	Will Chapman	Sixth
Doubles:		
Boys 10's:	Hugh / James	Second
Girls 10's:	Harper / Hannah	First
Boys 12's:	George	First
	Will	Second
Girls 12's:	Tinesha / Lauren	First
	Ashleigh / Alice	Second
Mixed:		
10's	James / Harper	First
	Hugh / Hannah	Third
12's	Will / Ashleigh	First

Lauren Whittaker – being selected for the All Stars Exhibition Game

UPCOMING EVENTS

TERM FOUR DATES TO BE AWARE OF.....

Friday 10 November

Tuesday 14 November
Wednesday 15 November
Thursday 16 November
Friday 17 November
Monday 20 November
Wednesday 29 November
Friday 1 December
Wednesday 6 December
Wednesday 13 December
Wednesday 13 December
Monday 18 December
Wednesday 20 December

SCHOOL JUBILEE

Rakahuri Athletics
School visit to Canterbury Show
Teacher Only Day – school closed
Canterbury Show Day – school closed
Year 7/8 Camp Kaikoura
Year 5/6 Camp Living Springs
Junior Athletics
Canterbury Athletics
School visit to Ferrymead
BOT Meeting 7.30pm
End of Year Assembly – 6.30pm
End of School Year

Regards Robert

ROOM ONE:

This week we have been preparing for the Jubilee celebrations – polishing the songs and finishing our rocks. It's hard to imagine that Cust School is 150 years old!

We have finished our activities around the story of 'The Meanies' and next week will start enjoying some of the 'Greedy Cat' stories and completing some activities related to them. As next week is a short week - due to the Show Visit on Wednesday, Teacher Only Day on Thursday and Christchurch Show Day on Friday - the spelling words will carry over into the following week.

Enjoy the celebrations,
Kennys

ROOM TWO:

It has been business as usual in Room 2 this week. Lots of practising standard form in maths, writing character studies in our narrative unit and continuing our aboriginal art in between rock painting, singing and cleaning up in preparation for the weekend celebrations.

With a short school week next week, spelling test will be held Friday of Week 6. Let's hope the weather is lovely for our visit to the A&P show. We missed out last time!

Have a great weekend
Ros

ROOM THREE:

Kia ora koutou,

Each day this week we have been singing in preparation for our special assembly on Friday. It's a very significant occasion and the children are fortunate to be at school for this. The children have completed their own author study this week with Mrs Winson. It's been interesting to see the variety of authors the children are interested in. In Maths with Mrs Smith we have been using tally charts to record data. Most children have grasped the concept of using their knowledge of counting in fives to record a tally.

Have a good weekend,
Carolyn and Kathryn.

ROOM FIVE:

A group of children from Room 5 have been helping to tidy up the school this week ready for the Jubilee. They have cleared plants and rubbish that has gathered outside Room 5 and it is looking wonderful. Thank you for giving up your lunch hours to do this.

This week we have been doing a lot of recount reading in preparation for our final writing assessment on Wednesday. The children have completed all assessments now and we can focus on the job of teaching & learning.

In Maths we are focusing on revisiting solving subtraction, addition and multiplication problems with renaming. There is a need to re-look at place value to 6 digits and the use of $>=<$ to solve problems. There have been quite a lot of children who have made impressive progress in their Basic Facts. Keep up your Basic Facts homework Room 5, it is time well invested.

Room 5 have also been reading and writing poetry and some of their work is displayed in the room for everyone to come and read. Please feel free to do so. We like to see the children sharing their work. The children are excited about the A & P Show visit next week.

Have a great Jubilee weekend,
Kind regards
Linda & Hannah

ROOMS SIX AND SEVEN

Kia ora koutou,

As we prepare to celebrate Cust School's 150th anniversary this weekend, I would like to thank the children in our classes for all the hard work and effort they have given toward this weekend's Jubilee. It is wonderful to see the students taking part to support all the work the Jubilee Committee and PTA have put in to make this weekend a success. Thank you to you all. We are very fortunate to be part of such a great little community. In the words of our school song 'Piko's Way' Cust School really is the best!

This week Mrs Bell has begun a fitness group to cater for those students in our senior classroom who are unable to participate in our regular daily fitness programme. If your child is unwell or has an injury on any particular day that would not allow them to take part in our daily fitness programme, we ask that on that day they please bring a signed note from a parent/caregiver to support this. These children will then take part in an alternative gentle activity that has been approved by a physiotherapist as safe and beneficial for all.

We began preparations this week for our school camp that includes visiting to the Marae in Kaikoura. This week we looked at the protocol surrounding our visit and the general layout of a Marae, including an insight into some of the cultural aspects involved. The students will each be completing a very comprehensive camp workbook which also includes research/activities to complement our Rocky Shore and Museum visits whilst we are in Kaikoura.

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

ROOM FOUR:

Hi All

Another very busy week in Room 4. In reading we have continued our SRA programme. In numeracy we have been looking at the four operations. Next week the class is going to move into Geometry.

We have also been practising for the Jubilee special assembly in the afternoon. The class have also put their finishing touches to their rocks ready for the Jubilee.

Have a great weekend.
Eddie

PTA NEWS

Cust Community Cookbook

The Cust Community Cookbook is now available to purchase. It is full of great recipes, amazing artwork, gorgeous photos and helpful hints. Your eldest child should be bringing home an order form today for the books. Please complete this order and return with payment to the school office. There is a copy of the book in the office for you to peruse, and extra order forms should you require them.

This is the PTA's main fundraiser for the year, with the profits going towards the upgrade of the playground. Please support us by selling as many books as possible. Books are \$25 each, or 5 for \$100, and they will make awesome Christmas presents!!

Payment options are Cash, Cheque made out to Cust School PTA, or by direct credit into the PTA bank account - 03-1783-0502131-03

If you have any queries, please contact Kathryn Taylor at kathrynkingsbury@hotmail.com

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2018 DATES

Term 1 - 11 weeks Start: Wednesday 31 January

Holidays Waitangi Day Tuesday 6 Feb

Easter – Good Friday 30 March / Monday 2 April / Tuesday 3 April

Finish: Friday 13 April

Term 2 - 10 weeks Start: Monday 30 April

Holiday Queen's Birthday Monday 4 June

Finish: Friday 6 July

Term 3 - 10 weeks Start: Monday 23 July Finish: Friday 28 September

Term 4 - up to 10 weeks Start: Monday 15 October

Holidays Labour Day Monday 22 October

Canterbury Day Friday 16 November

Finish: Wednesday 19 December

Allowance for 2 TOD (dates to be advised)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FOR CUST'S SAKE

A History of Cust & Districts North Canterbury by Peter Savage

This book will be on sale on Saturday, 11 November, at the 150th Jubilee Celebrations.

\$75 a book (with \$10 going to Cust School).

For further information please contact him on 3135905. Thank you.

