



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“TIME FOR A CHANGE”

“Effort and Attitude Determines My Abilities”

Instead of:

I give up (Fixed Mindset)

Try Thinking:

I'll use some of the strategies we've learned (Growth Mindset)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Our 'TIP' for this term is –

- THINK**
- set goals
 - use knowledge
 - communicate

At our start of the year 3 Way Conferences there was an opportunity to set and share goals for the children and to communicate, in an honest way, how we see the children's start of the year, both socially and academically and to set some goals.

Many thanks to the parents and caregivers who attended these. We realise that due to a number of factors some parents were not able to attend. Please contact the class teacher and they will accommodate you in making an alternative time.

Teaching and learning, at Cust School, is based on these “Seven Principles of Learning”

1. Learners at the Centre – active participation
2. Social Nature – well organised, co-operative learning
3. Emotions – motivation
4. Individual – difference / prior knowledge
5. Stretching – hard work and challenge
6. Assessment – clear expectations and feedback
7. Connections – integration of subjects

These allow teaching and learning to be flexible and adaptable, meeting the needs of the children. Teachers plan programmes which meet the needs of all the students in their class. We provide support for all students and we ensure that they meet their potential. Students are extended through careful and differentiated programming within the class, in the first case.

Support will be provided for those who need it and challenge will be given to those who need extending. The children will be taught at their appropriate level and through this made very aware, and given the opportunity, to challenge themselves, no matter where they are up to - it is about using their prior knowledge and stretching them.

Teachers are very aware and knowledgeable about the next steps for children and will, as in any classroom and programme, implement these.

We, as professionals, ensure that programmes, throughout the school, are well considered, deliberately planned and thoughtfully implemented.

I have been in education for a long time and our job has certainly changed. First we must be inspiring educators instilling in our children, an insatiable love of learning and unquenchable desire for acquiring new skills.

Then we must be role models, nurses, surrogate parents, social workers and counsellors, not to mention providers of a caring, loving, nurturing environment where our children can thrive.

We must follow the latest education trend espoused by the government of the day and also maintain our professional skills to the highest standard.

Did you know: Recent analysis also shows that teachers only tend to stay in the job for about five years?

At times, I feel there are unrealistic demands and expectations placed on teachers – over the last five years, we are a lot busier, more accountable, are asked to justify everything we do and solve every problem.

I am not trying to garner sympathy. I love being a teacher and despite the changing nature and demands of our job, wouldn't change. I appreciate the support the community gives the school and think our children get a great deal and are very lucky.

I suppose all I am asking is you be aware that: we are human, we are trying our best and we want the same for our children. Please trust and support us (see below), in a respectful manner, as we have the big picture in mind.

We expect Cust whanau to:

- Engage with information, read the information
- Talk to children about their learning,
- Share / celebrate children's learning,
- Feedback on children's learning,
- Sign homework,
- Ask questions,
- Be actively involved in learning, and
- Set goals with children and school

Regards Robert

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 19 – Wednesday 21 March – Year 7/8 Wainui Camp

Thursday 22 March – Teachers Paid Union Meeting (to be confirmed)

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

Monday 9 April – Life Education

Friday 13 April – Term One ends

RAKAHURI SWIM RESULTS

On Thursday we had a team of approximately 25 compete at the Rakahuri Swimming Champs. We had some outstanding results and the children all did extremely well. Those children who qualified are able to compete at the Canterbury Championships.

Thanks to all the parents who came and supported the team.

Results will be published when they are finalised.

PIN WORM / THREAD WORM

There has been a case of this at school. Be aware of children with itchy bottoms etc. and treat accordingly.

ROOM ONE

It was lovely to catch up with you all at the 3 Way Conferences at the start of the week. Any questions that might have arisen from them, please feel free to come and have a chat after school one day.

Now that swimming has finished we will start doing more running, in preparation for the Cross Country.

This week we have been working on our Topic unit 'All About Me'. In Maths we have been working on number – the children's goals are working with the numbers from 1-10, with numbers from 10-20 and groups within 5. In Reading and Phonics they have their own personal goals.

Have a lovely weekend,
Kennys

ROOMS TWO AND FOUR

Kia Ora

Goalsetting: Many thanks to all the parents and caregivers who have supported our 3 Way Conferences this week. It is a great opportunity to share information, and set expectations/goals to ensure all children have the best chance of enjoying success at school.

Literacy/Numeracy: We are pleased to report both the teachers and students are really enjoying our new team approach to Reading, Writing and Maths. Now that we have a firm routine and programme in place, children are moving quickly to their required workspace and getting down to work.

For Maths, we are now all working in number so basic facts will become part of daily homework. Ask your children what they are doing in their writing workshops, and Maths time – communicating is a TIPS focus this term and they should be able to tell you what they are learning!

With new classes we obviously get new friendships and new mixes of students and with this naturally comes some conflict. We encourage the students to firstly problem solve themselves with teachers there to support and assist as a last resort. Parents reinforcing this message at home would be much appreciated.

Have a great weekend,
Eddie, Linda & Ros

ROOM THREE

Kia ora

Firstly, it was fantastic to see all of you at the Parent Interviews/3 Way Conferences. It was great to have the time to talk about how the students have settled into Room 3. If you have any questions or queries please contact me through email.

To develop a variety of skills in oral presentation I have decided to plan for one day a week when students can share toys for news if they wish. This will be a Tuesday and I would appreciate if toys stay at home for the rest of the week.

Lastly, there are some very hungry Caterpillars in desperate need of a new home, so a swan plant, pumpkin or cucumber would be much appreciated.

Nga mihi
James

ROOM FIVE

Firstly, thanks so much for coming in to talk about your child's goals at the Three Way Conferences. Please feel free at any time to come in for a chat or email me if you have any further questions.

It's been a great week in Room 5 gaining momentum with our reading contract and growth mindset. Great to see the children enjoying the variety of reading activities and working so hard. We have had fabulous discussions about growth mindset. It's so crucial to train our brain for positive thinking. The class really enjoy the 'Power of Yet' video and are now creating posters to promote the message.

Have a great weekend!
Hannah

ROOMS SIX AND SEVEN

We've had a great week working in Rooms 6-7, and have been doing some awesome learning!

We are currently reading 'Number the Stars', by Lois Lowry, and using it as a framework to explore themes and character development, finding quotes to use as evidence in the text. Such a gripping book! We've also been using some of the themes in the book as inspiration for writing poetry. We have been exploring metaphors and similes, and producing some fabulous poems both independently and in groups. We will be continuing to work on these poems next week; recrafting and using a range of media to publish them.

In Maths, we have been learning about number theory: prime / composite numbers, multiples, factors, and square roots. Next week, we will start focusing on whole number strategies and problem solving.

Have a fantastic weekend,
Miriam Bell and AnnMaree Schuyt

CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Great work awarded to Liam for doing your homework and remembering your Reading bag.
Great work awarded to Freya for great writing.
- Room Two: Student of the Week awarded to Walter for excellent work habits and a fabulous attitude to everything he does.
Student of the Week awarded to Jaydon for beginning to show a really positive attitude and good work habits. Keep it up Jaydon.
- Room Three: Great work awarded to Corbin for working really hard in reading and being a fantastic listener.
Excellence awarded to Henry for always following instructions and working hard in all his school work.
- Room Four: Well done Kaitlin George for showing success in Piko's tips for showing independence in thinking about her letter structure in writing.
Well done Elizabeth for showing success in Piko's tips for setting some goals in numeracy independently.
- Room Six: Student of the Week awarded to Libby for awesome determination and perseverance in her fitness and class work.
Student of the Week awarded to Ella for fabulous descriptive writing – awesome imagery.
- Room Seven: Student of the Week awarded to Jodie for having a super positive attitude to being your very best in all of your school tasks.
Student of the Week awarded to Aidan L. for excellent skills in organising yourself and being able to prioritise tasks working steadily with focus.

PTA NEWS

CUST SCHOOL PTA EASTER RAFFLE

The PTA are having an Easter Raffle as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$2 each with 3 great Easter Baskets as prizes. These can be viewed in the School Office.

Each school family is asked to sell 20 tickets and these will be coming home with your eldest child on Friday (today).

All sheets (tickets sold or not) are to be returned to the School Office by [Thursday 22 March](#) with the raffle being drawn [on Tuesday 27 March](#).

Thank you for your support and if you need more tickets please contact Sonya Smith [027 295-3306](tel:0272953306)

COOK BOOK

Copies available from the school office.

2018 Great Kiwi English, Science, and Mathematics Competitions

Dear Parents and Caregivers

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) 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. The competition provides teachers, parents and students with an independent, comprehensive record of a student's performance in key school subjects. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2.

Certificates will be sent to all participating students and prizes will be awarded to top students. Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CEM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cem

Please return THIS section to the school office by **Friday 23 March**. No late entries will be accepted.

I give permission for my child

DOB

Class

to participate in the 2017 KIWI competitions.

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter.

Subject	Year Level	Entry Cost	Fees Enclosed
English		\$8.50	
Maths		\$8.50	
Science		\$8.50	
		Total	\$

Please enclose cash / cheque with this form or by internet (School's bank account number is 03 1592 0074218 00) reference child's name and CEM Tests

Name of parent /caregiver

Signature

150TH JUBILEE CUST SCHOOL MEMORABILIA FOR SALE

If you missed purchasing your copy of the 150th Jubilee book there are still copies available in the school office. Special deal \$15.00 a book (reduced from \$20). Also available are some tea towels at a special rate of \$5. Instead of buying Easter eggs buy some tea towels!!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

OXFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

Registration is now open for the 2018 winter season. All new and old members welcome.

Midgets (turning 3-5 years) \$50

Fun Kicks (turning 6-8 years) \$90

Mini Football (turning 9-10 years) \$130

Youth Football (turning 11-19 years) \$130

Sign up now through our website: www.oxfordfc.co.nz or contact Club Secretary: Sarah Dunbar 021 0389087 or 3121785.

OXFORD AND DISTRICTS LIONS CLUB CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT

Waimakariri Gorge Golf Club - Sunday 25 March

Report 10.15am / Tee off 11am. Cost \$30 per player

CHARITIES BEING SUPPORTED: CUST SCHOOL OUTDOOR DEVELOPMENT (PLAYGROUND)

Contact person Warwick Croft crofty5@xtra.co.nz 3125895

GET A TEAM TOGETHER AND SUPPORT THIS EVENT

FOR SALE

Kid's motorbike, Suzuki DR-Z, 70 cc, electric start, 3 speed 'kick through' gears. Fairly new battery. Ideal for ages 6-10, tidy bike, runs well, full face helmet included. They sell for \$1400 and up on trade me.

Contact Blair 0274389685.

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

If anyone wants to call me needing babysitting my number is 0274897465 Shayla.

Meccano Model & Toy Display

Meccano Models - Hornby O Gauge Trains

Lego Electric Trains - Dinky Toys

K'nex Models - Model Steam Engines

Have-A-Go Models - Build-and-Play Tables

Rangiora Bowling Club - 25 Good Street, Rangiora

10am - 5pm - Easter Weekend 2018

Friday 30th March - Saturday 31st March - Sunday 1st April

Adults \$6 - Children \$3 - Family \$15

Ticket Sales At Door - Eftpos Available - Free Parking

Rangiora Bowling Club Invites Interested Visitors

Easter Saturday 31st March 10am - 5pm

Come Along And Try Outdoor Bowls