



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Thursday, 29 March, 2017 - Week Nine —Term 1

“TIME FOR A CHANGE”

“Effort and Attitude Determines My Abilities”

Instead of:

I made a mistake (Fixed Mindset)

Try Thinking:

Mistakes help me learn better (Growth Mindset)

Many students shy away from challenging schoolwork and get discouraged quickly when they make mistakes. These students are at a significant disadvantage in school—and in life more generally—because they end up avoiding the most difficult work.

Mistakes are growth opportunities and they are a big part of the learning process. **We tend to learn much more from our struggles than we do from our effortless successes.**

People using the growth mindset are committed to taking responsibility for, as well as learning from, mistakes. They try new strategies, commit to taking on new challenges and execute on a variety of approaches until they find one that creates the result they are looking for.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Tēnā koutou

Please Note:

EASTER TUESDAY SCHOOL HOLIDAY

This year Good Friday falls on 30 March. As the first term break does not start until 13 April, the Easter Tuesday (3 April) school holiday is observed as required by **Section 65C(1) (a) of the Education Act 1989** Easter.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday, 4 April – BOT Meeting 7.30pm

Thursday 5 April – Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming Competition

Monday 9 April – Life Education

Tuesday, 10 April – Life Education Parent Evening 7pm

Friday 13 April – Term One ends

Monday, 30 April – Term Two commences

Stay well - Noho ora mai

Robert

Canterbury Duathlon Championships

On Monday 26 March the Primary Schools Duathlon was held at Ruapuna Raceway. A big thank you to Marianne Benson for marshalling for the day. Cust School had two entries.

Billie McLachlan finished 5th in the Year 6 girls race.

Tinesha Benson finished 15th in the Year 8 girls race.

Both girls did really well and competed very hard against fields of approximately 100 children.

North Canterbury Swimming results

Still waiting on these to be uploaded to the website.

Cricket

On Tuesday Cust School played West Eyerton in a game of cricket. Boys from the Year 7/8 class made up the team. The game was a 20/20 over match played at Swannanoa Domain.

The game was very close with Cust coming out on top. A massive thank you to Sarah Prain and who transported and supervised on the day.



LIFE EDUCATION

LIFE EDUCATION TRUST PARENT EVENING Year 5-8

Health and Physical Education - Pubertal Change
Tuesday 10 April
7pm Multi-Purpose Room

During the last week of this term (Monday 9 April – Wednesday 11 April) we have the Life Education Trust caravan at school, covering a variety of health topics, for all children.

A requirement in New Zealand schools, as part of the Health and PE curriculum, is that we must cover Health and Sexuality Education – the focus being on:

- Developing knowledge about, and adjusting to pubertal change and
- Managing pubertal change

More information regarding the classroom programme will be sent home.

We invite parents and children (Years 5-8) to this evening.

BOOK WEEK

Monday 7 - Thursday 10 May.

Dress up/Book Parade Day Thursday 10 May 9:15am

Exciting news, Cust's Biannual Book Week is coming up soon; early next term in Week 2. We all love reading and books, it will be a wonderful opportunity to share favourites together.

So, it is time for all students (teachers and parents too if they wish) to start thinking about which favourite book character they would like to dress up as this year at school!! Dress up day will be on the Thursday. We will have a book character parade and judging of best costumes from each class. With Book Week being held shortly after the school holidays, it will hopefully give everyone a chance and opportunity to think creatively and gather the necessary materials.

In conjunction with Scholastic Books, we have also organised a Book Fair here at Cust School also in Week Two Term 2. Books will be on display in the school's multi-purpose room each day for half an hour before and after school, from 8:30am Monday to Wednesday 3:30pm through till the final session on Thursday just before school only from 8:30 till 9pm. There will be a selection of picture books, fiction and non-fiction available to look at and purchase if you wish.

If any parents are available to assist at any of the before or after school sessions supporting our senior student volunteers, I would really appreciate if you could let me know asap. We would really appreciate any offers of help thank you. This will allow us to organise a timetable/roster. Parent duty would involve supervising, taking details of any orders required and ensuring any books paid for are recorded/receipted. We need an adult helper present at each 'open session' 8:30 - 9pm, and briefly after school at 3 - 3:30pm that week.

Happy reading!!
Annmaree Schuyt.

HEADLICE

Can you please check your child(ren)'s head as head lice is back at school. Parents need to be vigilant about this in order to stop it spreading further. Your assistance would be appreciated. Thank you.

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

Giving our senior students leadership roles within our school is important. Opportunities for Year Seven and Eight students to do so are encouraged. Each year we have student volunteers helping out with various roles around our school. Currently we have teams/monitors assisting junior classes on wet days, gathering and sorting sports gear and a dedicated team checking and caring for our ICT equipment.

One group deserving special mention are our Cust School Librarians. The team lead by Emma Shore includes Jodie, Lilly, Lucia, Maisie and Tynisa. This group works under the very capable guidance of Mrs Sonya Rogers. They issue, return and file all of our library books, tidying daily; making sure our school library and all the precious books inside are kept organised tidy and in tip top order! It is a big job, we are very lucky to have such willing, organised, capable librarians.

We thank you all for the absolutely awesome jobs you are doing, you are all really making a difference!

ROOM ONE

We welcome Olivia Taaffe who began her pre-school visits this week.

This week we have been doing some fun Easter activities and we will carry on with our Topic studies next week. The children enjoyed the Easter Concert on Wednesday, especially the game at the end.

Happy Easter,
Kennys

ROOMS TWO AND FOUR

Kia Ora,

With short weeks around Easter, we have decided to keep spelling/tables homework for 2 weeks and test at the end of Week 10. This has also eased the pressure around completing daily spelling and grammar, especially with the Easter Concert this week and the Commonwealth Games opening next week.

Commonwealth Games are now our topic focus for the remainder of T1 and the beginning of T2. We have started with a co-operative fact-finding research activity and this will lead into learning several children's games from different commonwealth countries as well as completing an inquiry task. More on this later!

Writing

In Mr F's boys writing group this week we have been writing about huts. The children did some pre-work with Mrs Winson planning and discussing what makes a good hut. On Tuesday the boys then made their huts. We came back to the learning space and wrote about the experience. We are starting to see some good shifts with the boys writing. Their work is starting to make sense, flow and they are starting to have positive attitudes towards writing. If any parent would like to have a look at the boys writing please come and find one of us in the morning to have a chat.

Maths

In Mrs Falconers maths group there has been great progress in using renaming in addition. There is a strong focus on improving subtraction in Basic Facts and this will transition into algorithm work shortly.

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

ROOM THREE

Kia ora

Room 3 have been introduced to adjectives in their Reading programme and although it has been a slow start they are beginning to understand how and when to use them. The improvement in the students' handwriting since last year has been fantastic and they are showing great pride in their work which is lovely to see. In maths we have been learning plenty of new basic facts games so that in term 2 they will be able to work independently.

I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and come back refreshed for the remaining two weeks of term.

Nga mihi
James

ROOM FIVE

This week for growth mindset we have been working on what we can say instead of fixed mindset sayings. Instead of thinking, "I am really good at art", Lisa and Sophie decided they could instead think "even if you are good you still need to practice to get even better".

In writing, we had a lot of fun coming up with some entertaining similes.

Ethan- The man at the circus sang like a billion angels singing in harmony.

Keirra- She is as fast as a lightning bolt trying to strike someone before he goes inside.

Tasi- She cries like a crystal clear flowing waterfall.

Happy Easter!
Hannah

ROOM SIX & SEVEN

This week, Room 6 and 7 have been reviewing our camp experiences. We've used them as inspiration for writing some fabulous poems, using imagery and personification. We have also been continuing our Piko's Reading Awards, and we are really pleased with the improved standard of the work being produced. It's great seeing children choose to respond to feedback from both teachers and their peers, and strive to be better.

In maths, we are working on our whole number work. This is involving large number addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, and we are taking the time to ensure accuracy for every child before they race onto the next step. As such, we have children operating at a very wide range of standards in the classroom, and we are maximising our teaching time to ensure that needs are being met at both ends of the ability spectrum. Ask your children what they are doing in this area, and get them to show you how they tackle these problems - a sign of true understanding is being able to explain it to another person.

Have a wonderful, long weekend!
Miriam Bell and AnnMaree Schuyt



PTA NEWS

Motorhome Rally

Thank you to everyone who assisted with baking for the Motorhome Rally barbecue and cake stall and also thanks to those who were able to help on the day. This was very successful and we appreciated the offer to do this from the organisers of the Motorhome Rally.

Easter Raffle

A big thanks to everyone who sold tickets for this and help make it a success for the PTA fundraising.

Next meeting is Tuesday 15th May.

PTA EASTER RAFFLE RESULTS

- 1st S. McDade
2nd N & L Thompson
3rd Shikara Chapman Melrose

Thank you to all that supported the raffle. We have raised \$2,223.00.

CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Well done Fitz for showing success in Piko's tips by using your knowledge of sounds to help with your writing.
Well done Lachlan for showing success in Piko's tips by using your knowledge of sounds to help with your writing.
- Room Two: Student of the Week awarded to Finlay for excellent effort in Maths. Well done Finlay – all the hard work makes a difference.
Student of the Week awarded to Ava for showing great progress in reading. Keep up the wonderful attitude and effort Ava.
- Room Three: Student of the Week awarded to Grace for being a kind, considerate class member. Well done Grace.
Well done Llogan for showing success in Piko's tips for trying his very best in class and making fantastic progress in reading.
- Room Four: Student of the Week awarded to Harvey for super effort in writing his explanation writing.
Student of the Week awarded to Connor for a huge improvement in your numeracy skills.
Student of the Week awarded to Esther for a massive improvement in your numeracy skills.
- Room Five: Star Student awarded to Emily for writing fabulous similes.
Star Student awarded to Sam D. for listening well to advice and working hard to write quality reading activities. Growth mindset.
- Room Six: Excellence awarded to Vaea for fabulous imagery during writing.
Excellence awarded to Tinesha for consistently producing work to the best of her ability.
Ka pai!
- Room Seven: Cust School Librarian Certificates presented to Lucia, Lilly, Emma, Tynisa, Maisie and Jodie.
Great work awarded to James for tremendous team work at Wainui Camp.
Student of the Week awarded to Morrin for showing determination, confidence and effort at Wainui Camp

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CUST COMMUNITY SWIMMING POOL

The pool will be closed for the season after Sunday 2nd April

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cust Community Swimming Pool this season.

Cust School
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 4 April, 2018

1. Apologies

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**

That the Correspondence outwards be approved.

5. **Correspondence Inwards**

That the Correspondence Inwards be approved.

6. **Principal's Report (Curriculum)**

That the Principal's Report be received.

- Student Achievement (to be completed)

7. **Documentation & Self Review Report**

That the Documentation & Self Review Report be received.

- School Docs Advisory
- Self-Review - Charter Goals
- COL - Stewardship
- Music Review

8. **Personnel Report**

That the Personnel Report be received.

- Principal Appraisal
- Staffing

9. **Property Report**

That the Property Report be received.

- Property Meeting
- Oscar Review

10. **Finance Report**

That the Finance report be received.

That the accounts be received.

- Monthly Accounts

11. **Health and Safety Report**

That the Health and Safety Report be received

- Health and Safety Audit

12. **Staff Representatives Report**

That the Staff Representative's Report be received.

Date of next meeting: 16 May 2018