



# CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday, 29 June, 2018 – Week Nine —Term 2

**“TIME FOR A CHANGE”**

**“Effort and Attitude Determines My Abilities”**

**The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing you will make a mistake.**

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

### Disco:

Last Friday the PTA organised and ran our annual school disco. A great job done by the PTA and helpers – well done and thank you on behalf of the children.

### Canterbury Cross Country:

On Wednesday, our Cross Country team competed at the Canterbury Primary School Championships which was held at Halswell Quarry. There is always some very tough racing with over 120 competitors from all over Canterbury in each race, on a very demanding, and muddy, course.

Our children performed extremely well and lived our motto “Be Your Best”.

Results: Top 10 Placings

Billie McLachlan - 8th (and selected for Canterbury Team)

Tinesha Benson - 5th (now has to compete next week in a final trial - good luck).

A fantastic effort by all the children and many thanks to the parents who came and supported the children

### Epro8 teams:

On Thursday and Friday, our Year 7/8 and Year 5/6 team of “engineers / problem solvers,” respectively, competed in the semi-final of this challenge. At the time of printing we have the Year 8 result. They did very well and came 3rd and now qualify for the Canterbury final to be held next week. Well done to James Baggott, Finn Smith, Archie Prain and Vaea Sydall for their team work and good luck.

## Parent Interviews

### SCHOOL INTERVIEWS – 3 WAY CONFERENCES

These will be held in Week Ten, on Monday 2 July and Tuesday 3 July

To assist in the allocation of interviews we are again using the online booking system. Bookings are open.

To allocate a time for interviews you need to:

1. Go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
2. Enter the event code unique to our school **dpxye**
3. Click on I am someone else, and
4. Enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address and how many bookings i.e. number of children at school
5. On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet, from the drop-down box.
6. Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.
7. When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And if something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews whenever you want.

**REMEMBER SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 2PM ON THESE TWO DAYS**  
**MONDAY, 2 JULY & TUESDAY 3 JULY.**  
**The bus will commence its run at 2pm also.**

**Mid-Year Reports:**

Today you will have received your child(ren)'s mid-year assessments (portfolios and progress reports). Please read these and be ready to discuss them at Three Way Conferences (Parent Interviews) on Monday and Tuesday.

**Mufti-day:****MUFTI DAY – Child Cancer Foundation. Gold Coin Donation.****Wednesday 4 July**

Child Cancer Foundation is a family-focused, nationwide network, that gives support through a one-to-one connection with every family on their journey with cancer.

To support this fantastic organization, Cust children are allowed / invited to attend school in mufti.



*Continually being afraid of making a mistake is the Greatest Mistake you can make. Fear of making a mistake can prevent you from starting something that could be monumental. It could be exciting, profitable or fulfilling. It could be . . . well, it could be anything.*

*But, if you don't start it, because you have a fear of making a mistake, then that would be the greatest mistake of all, wouldn't it?*

*Becoming successful, will involve making mistakes. It isn't about the fact that you make mistakes, it is how you handle them when they happen. It matters that you make the mistakes and learn from them. It matters that you experience the cause of the mistake and know how NOT to make the same mistakes again.*

*Embrace mistakes as a way to learn, to grow and to have those experiences. Continually fearing making a mistake will keep you from making many, but not from making the greatest mistake. You will have succeeded in that.*

Regards Robert

**Term 2 Calendar**

Monday 2 / Tuesday 3 July

Friday 6 July

Three Way Conferences

Term 2 Ends

**FISH AND CHIPS / AMERICAN HOT DOG – THURSDAY, 5 JULY****SUSHI – FIRST WEEK BACK – TERM THREE – THURSDAY, 23 JULY****ROOM ONE**

Another busy week in Room 1 which ended with another great performance by the New Zealand Playhouse called - 'Red Riding Robyn Hood'. Very enjoyable.

This week we have finished our Topic unit on 'All About Me' and a Maths unit on Temperature and the Four Seasons. Next week we will end the term with some fun challenges and activities. There will be no spelling homework next week, but reading will continue as usual.

Keep warm and enjoy your weekend,  
Margaret and Kennys

## **ROOM TWO AND ROOM FOUR**

Kia Ora,

How nice to have a sunny week and get outside for some fresh air and exercise!

This week in Room 2 we have continued with our activities about the body learning about the skeleton, the heart and the digestive system.

Also, to go with our weather art and te reo Maori about weather (Hei rangi aha tenei?) we have started a short unit looking at some of the myriad of changes in our daily weather. Students are researching some questions they have formed (eg what makes fog? Why do we have NW wind storms?), and will share their findings with the class as well as completing a variety of manipulative tasks.

This week in Room 4 the children have been putting the final touches to their inquiries about Change. The children are doing a whole range of projects from the brain all the way through to how mountain bikes have changed over time. The children are presenting their projects in the form of a slide show and using some of the ICT skills they have learned this term.

In numeracy this week we have continued with number. In Room 2 the children have been continuing with their numeracy project work. With Mrs F they have been focusing on addition and subtraction and with Mr F the children have been multiplying double digit numbers.

This week we say farewell to Rachael who has been working in Room 4 for the last two weeks. Rachael is coming back in Term 4, this time for four weeks and will be doing some small group teaching. On Tuesday next week is the Rakahuri One Day Winter Tournament. Some of the Year 5's in Room 4 are involved in this. Good luck to those Year 5's who are involved.

Please remember 3 Way Conferences on Monday and Tuesday. It would be useful if you could bring your child's portfolio along, and please note Mr Foskett will be based in the Breakout Room in Room 2 (NOT R4) so that Mrs Falconer can also take part in interviews which apply.

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

## **ROOM THREE**

Kia ora parents/caregivers

This week we have had the pleasure of Terry Blatch (local builder) sharing his knowledge of building a house with the students. Room 3 were eager to ask Terry lots of questions and take a closer look at the tools that he had brought with him. The visit from Terry has been useful in developing the student's vocabulary within the context of building a house and will set them up nicely for next week when they have the opportunity to build cardboard houses.

Students have recently been mastering the concept of 3-dimensional shapes/objects. They have been making cylinders, cubes, pyramids and spheres out of play dough to understand the terminology associated with 3-dimensional shapes such as face, side, corner and edge.

It has been a busy term and I am looking forward to meeting everyone at the parent/teacher interviews next week.

Have a fantastic weekend.  
Nga mihi  
James

## **ROOM FIVE**

We have been busy this week finishing up our work as the term is quickly coming to an end. We have been working on our poetry unit by publishing our favourite poems. Another major focus has been finishing and starting to present about our 'Inspirational People'. It is truly amazing what one person can achieve. Tasi and Lily did a fabulous presentation on Oprah teaching the class about how she has made a difference in the world. \$80 million dollars donated to various charities! Sophie and Emily have taught us about the incredibly inspirational Commonwealth Games athlete Holly Robertson. There have been many great discussions and I am so impressed by the wonderful focus and effort being given to the researching. Room 5 is a class full of absolute stars!

All the best for the weekend.  
Hannah

## **ROOM SIX AND ROOM SEVEN**

Kia ora koutou,

Our heartfelt thoughts have been with the Whittaker family this week. As a class we were able to show our support by creating beautiful hand drawn koru artwork. Mr Schuyt printed them for us onto cards for their whanau and friends if they wished to write and share their special memories of Mark Whittaker. It was an honour to be asked to do this, it provided the students an opportunity to show how much we all care, whilst thinking about the meaning of the symbols used and how they relate to family and our lives.

Room Six and Seven's advertising challenge has had some superb results. The students will proudly put these on display for others to view their wonderful marketing and design skills. There have been some interesting products invented; for very specific target groups.

Mrs Bell has a great way for the senior classes to learn their 'core lists' for spelling. We have been participating in individual class spelling bees. It is motivating the children to really learn and expand their vocabulary. Lots of fun, lots of learning!

Topic this week was about keeping ourselves nourished and healthy by making informed food choices. Studying the major food groups, we discussed nutrition, eating balanced and varied meals; why our bodies need food to function effectively. The science of how food affects our health and growth was also introduced. It is evident there are certainly some very keen and enthusiastic young scientists in our classroom. We will be talking also about sleep and why we need plenty as we grow and change. There will be further opportunities next term for much more learning in science.

Nga mihi,  
Miriam, Annmaree & Robert

## **CLASS CERTIFICATES**

- Room One: Great work awarded to Poppy for great behaviour this week.  
Great work awarded to Kate for great behaviour this week.
- Room Two: Well done to Ashleigh for showing success in Piko's tips for working confidently in Maths.  
Well done Ashleigh. Keep up the great work.  
Student of the Week awarded to Scott for nice work in reading. Great retell and answering questions about the stories. Keep it up Scott.
- Room Three: Student of the Week awarded to Reuben for being a quiet, consistently hard working student and for your amazing reading.  
Student of the Week awarded to Grace for your lovely presented work in reading. Well done Grace.
- Room Four: Student of the Week awarded to Bianca for improvement in numeracy and writing.  
Student of the Week awarded to Sophie for working hard and showing great progress in Maths.
- Room Five: Student of the Week awarded to Tasi for making an excellent presentation on Oprah. You included lots of interesting information and great explanation as to why you find her inspiring.  
Star Student awarded to Alyssa for working very hard independently while researching your inspirational person.  
Star Student awarded to Lily for an excellent presentation on Oprah. Great facts and reasons why you find her inspiring.

## **BIBLE in SCHOOLS - SUSHI**

Thank you everyone for your tremendous support of the sushi-making initiative we have run at Cust School. Over the past twelve months the team has raised a total of \$819.60 over eleven lunch hours. The team decided to donate to *Mission Without Borders* which helps underprivileged folk in Eastern Europe. The team chose to purchase -

**Seeds of Hope** (\$25 buys a bag of seed so people can grow and sell vegetables)

**Prison Care** (\$20 buys a parcel of hygiene products, clothing, coffee & biscuits)

**Buy a Blanket/Save a Life** (\$30 buys a rugged blanket to ward off the cold for homeless people in the -20C Eastern European winters).

It's been a tremendous learning experience for the Year 5-8 students who have not only learned how to make sushi, but also how to work as a team, complete a task in a limited time frame, clean up afterwards, manage the cash box, implement food prep hygiene, manage crowd control, keep on task, work hard and do all this for the purpose of helping those less fortunate than themselves.

Thanks again Cust School families!

Gina Taggart

Senior Bible in Schools Teacher

## **PTA NEWS DISCO 2018**

Thanks to all of the children and parents who supported the school disco. We hope that the children enjoyed the night. We sold 157 tickets. Thanks to Libby Baggott and Sam Donoghue for selling these during the week.

The following students assisted at the junior disco: Blake Packham, James Baggott, Paige Packham, Finn Smith, Vaea Syddall, Libby Baggott, Matthew Johnson, Oli Taylor and Sam Donoghue. They were fantastic helpers and made the junior disco run smoothly.

There has been a change at the helm of the PTA with the resignation of Deb Baggott from her Presidential position, and Sarah Prain as Treasurer. These ladies have put in countless hours, cooked thousands of sausages and have done a fantastic job over the last 5 years. We thank them hugely for the work they have done and for the money they have helped to raise for our committee, and ultimately, our kids and our school. Kathryn Taylor is taking on the President position but we are yet to find a successor for Sarah as Treasurer. Thankfully she has agreed to stay on until we can find someone to replace her, so she can show them the ropes. Please, if you think this sounds like something that you would like to help out with, let us know. Just remember who we are doing this for....our kids!

The Easter Raffle held this year was very successful and the PTA has donated the proceeds to the school to purchase some items off the teacher's 'wish list'. The items purchased were a TV and TV stand for the junior classrooms, 2 Lego Mindstorm kits for the seniors and some musical instruments.

Copies of the Cust Community Cook book are available from the school office for \$25 each or \$100 for 5. Proceeds from the sale of this are going towards the upgrade of the playground.

Events coming up to pencil in on the calendar are:

Friday 10 August – Movie Night in the Multi-Purpose Room

Saturday 25 August – Quiz night at the Community Centre.

Next general meeting: Tuesday, 31 July.

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

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

Facebook: Cust School Parent Teacher Association Email: [custschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:custschoolpta@gmail.com)

Cust School PTA Bank Account: 03 1783 0502131 03

## **CUST SCHOOL PTA**

## PRESIDENTS' REPORT 2018

I would like to present my fifth report on what has been another successful and productive year for the PTA.

### Fundraising highlights for the financial year (to 31 March 2018):

Sausage sizzles  
Entertainment books  
Second hand clothing sales.  
Cosy Toes Socks  
Bulbs  
First Aid kits  
Cook books sales \$3600  
Motorhome rally BBQ and Cake Stall \$538  
Easter Raffle \$2019  
School disco 2017 \$564

### Other events/activities:

New parents afternoon tea.  
Art Competition – Jubilee themed “Thank you” cards to be used by the PTA.  
Free sausage sizzle and an ice-block for the students at the end of year. The profit from the Disco covered this.  
150<sup>th</sup> Cust School Jubilee weekend – The PTA catered for the afternoon tea. It was nice to be involved with this special occasion for the school.  
Movie night – our first movie night was held in Term 2. The children enjoyed this and we will run it again in 2018.

### Playground project

The two forts have been rebuilt with additional equipment attached and a rope swing added to the playground. The children have more horizontal bars and balance beams to complete a circuit.  
T. Blatch Builders came on board as the builder for the playground upgrade. A huge thanks to Terry Blatch and Steve Bell for the work that has been done to upgrade and enhance the playground. It was great to be able to carry out this project as part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee celebrations and to ensure that it will still be around for the next one.

### Cookbooks

Over the past few years we have often had people asking for more copies of a community cookbook that was put together a number of years ago. A keen group of people decided that this would be a good project for the Jubilee year and so a cookbook sub-committee was formed. Thanks to Kathryn Taylor, Sonya Smith, Kate Powell and Leanne Chapman for coordinating this and producing the Community cookbook which has been a great fundraiser for the PTA making around \$3600 by the end of March.

Finally, I would just like to acknowledge the time and effort put in by our 2017/2018 PTA Committee - Sarah Prain (Treasurer), Wendy Bourne (Secretary), Kathryn Taylor (Vice-President), Sonya Smith, Kate Powell, Natasha Donoghue and Robert Schuyt.

We also thank and acknowledge Julie Smith, Kirstyn Barnett, Chris Parris and Karen Withers who all resigned during 2017. Karen, Chris and Julie had been on the Committee since it was re-established in 2013. We welcomed Yo Lawrence, Dave Haines, Natalie Kearns and Sophie Brown to the Committee.

A special thanks to Robert who is at every PTA Meeting and is always supportive of the Committee.  
Thanks to the Board of Trustees and the Staff for your continual support of the PTA.  
Thank you to all of the Parents and Caregivers who have helped us over the past year.

Becoming involved with the PTA is a great way to meet other parents and be part of what is happening at the school. We are always looking for people to join the PTA.

If you are interested, please get in touch with one of the Committee.

Deborah Baggott  
President  
Cust School PTA

**REPORT FROM THE BOT CHAIR:**

Ka whangaia, ka tupu, ka puāwai

*That which is nurtured grows, then blossoms*

This week, the Cust School Board of Trustees held our June meeting. We started our meeting with a quick review of some of the mid-year assessment data related to students' progress against "Expected Curriculum Levels". We are certainly performing above National Averages and are even meeting our own, unique and high standards. Even though we are performing at very high levels overall, it is pleasing to see that Robert and the team at Cust School are still interrogating the data and looking to further extend our students and improve their results.

As a Board of Trustees, our role is the Governance of Cust School – in essence this means we are charged with supporting the management in their quest to provide the very best and highest quality teaching and learning programmes and experiences for the tamariki at Cust School. To that end, **we have been, and will continue to fund two additional teaching resources in Cust School:**

1. 15 hours a week for teaching support in Room1 and reading "boost" for Year 1 & 2 Children
2. 1 day a week of a music programme.

The BOT believes that these initiatives are vital to the success of children at Cust School through increasing exposure to the Arts and ensuring that the Year 1 & 2 children are well-supported as they start school. This is because we know that successful and engaged students are more likely to develop when we get the early years at school right!!!

Finally, at our meeting last night the Board of Trustees accepted the resignation of Hannah Scott. I would like to, on behalf of the BOT, formally thank Hannah and recognize her outstanding effort and commitment to the children of Cust School over the past 10 years. She will be missed and we would like to wish her and her family all the best as they begin the next exciting chapter in their lives.

Tim Heidmann  
BOT Chair

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### HELEN O'GRADY DRAMA ACADEMY FOR CHILDREN

3 Reasons to join –

- COMMUNICATION  
*Be heard*
- PRESENTATION  
*Be seen*
- CONFIDENCE  
*Be the BEST YOU CAN be*

We can help your child

- ✓ Overcome shyness
- ✓ Develop positive self esteem
- ✓ Develop acting skills
  
- ✓ Grow their imagination
- ✓ Interact with adults
- ✓ Make new friends
- ✓ Have lots of fun

Join our after school drama classes.

To enrol please contact us by phone or via our website.

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