



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“TIME FOR A CHANGE”

“Effort and Attitude Determines My Abilities”

Instead of:

I can't make this any better (Fixed Mindset) **Try Thinking:** I can always improve so I'll keep trying (Growth Mindset)

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I hope the last two weeks newsletters provoked some discussions, conversations and thinking around the topics that I raised.

Just to reiterate:

- Key facts such as multiplication tables and addition facts within 10 are learnt to automaticity to avoid cognitive overload in the working memory and enable pupils to focus on new concepts.
- Essential maths operations rely and can be broken into basic facts
So, get practising those basic facts!

This week I had an opportunity to go to the Year 7/8 camp at Wainui.

Many thanks to Miriam, AnnMaree and the parents who attended this camp and made it a success.

It was great to see the children having the opportunity to experience activities that allowed them to get outside their comfort zone, feel anxious, show leadership qualities, take direction, fail, succeed and have fun.

In my opinion it is important that children have these opportunities because when we do something new or different or challenging, worry and anxiety are normal. It is our job to step into this uncertainty not away from it. Knowing how to respond to these opportunities is the key. We tend to step in too quickly – wanting to protect our children. If we can focus on our children tolerating uncertainty and problem solve we get children who feel well equipped as they grow up. We saw this on camp as the children climbed 20-30 metres up on the high ropes and walked along a balance beam. Fear, anxiety and worry were there but with support they got through it and did they feel good afterwards!!

Another time when we had some children feel worried or anxious but also excited and nervous was at the North Canterbury Swimming Championships. These can lead to improved performances! We had a small team of children compete at this and our children did exceptionally well. From here we have 9 children going to the Canterbury Champs on Thursday, 5 April. Great effort and support – BE YOUR BEST!

Cust School - Canterbury Swimmers:

Lucia Croft

Emma Stevenson

Libby Thompson

James Gartery

Sam Goddard

Archie Prain

Hannah Lawler

Billie McLachlan

Harper McDonald

SCHOOL DONATION AND ACTIVITY INVOICES

While the Government's policy to overhaul the school donation system will be considered for Budget 2018, the Board has decided to stay with the status quo.

You will have received by separate email, and also a hard copy via your child, the 2018 School Donation and Activity Fee invoice. An explanation of how this is used was included with the invoice.

We do ask that you pay your donation and activity fee by the 31 March either by cheque or through internet banking – Cust Board of Trustees ref School Donation 03 1592 0074218 00. Tax deductible!

If payment of any school activity is an issue, you are welcome to pay it off in smaller payments.

Parents/caregivers are welcome to contact me for a private discussion on how we can help.

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**

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.

BAKE SALE – MONDAY, 26 MARCH

Violet, Louisa and Liz are having a bake sale on Monday, 26 March. We are raising the money for the SPCA. Come along and buy a treat from outside the multi-purpose room from 8.15am – 8.55am and at morning tea time.

Prices:

Chocolate Marshmallows	50c
Lip Scrub	\$1
Cup Cakes	\$1
Sherbert and lollipops	\$1.50
Sponge Cake	\$2
Big Sausage Rolls	\$3

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR / 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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
Monday, 30 April – Term Two commences

Robert

ROOM ONE

We welcome Willow Kara and Kasahn Galbraith who began their pre-school visits this week.

We have been having lots of fun talking about likes and dislikes and what the children would like to be when they grow up. You are welcome to come and have a look. Now that swimming has finished and we are getting into the routines of learning I am impressed with the progress the children are making. The children (hopefully) and I appreciate the effort you put in at home to help them. Thank you.

Have a great weekend,
Kennys

ROOMS TWO AND FOUR

Kia Ora,

This week we have been focusing on our growth mindset, using positive words and phrases to build our self-esteem, encouraging each other and reminding ourselves that our brains need challenging in order to grow. We have talked about the 'dip' which often occurs when the going gets tough, but how working through 'the pain' and continuing to try in order to reach our goals brings so much satisfaction! Something to remind children at homework time maybe!

Writing

Mrs Falconer's writers group in Room 4 have been working hard on improving their explanation writing. They have been reading information and gathering technical vocabulary, along with learning how to structure an explanation correctly. Soon they will be publishing their work to share with you.

Numeracy

In numeracy this week we have continued our number unit. The children have been focusing on place value, number knowledge and adding and subtracting large numbers. With the small numeracy groups all the teachers have been able to focus on all of the needs of the children and we are starting to see some good shifts.

ICT

Over the last couple of weeks we have been teaching the Year 3-5 a variety of computer skills. The Year 5's have been working on a google slide on what makes a good friend. The Year 4's have been learning to log into their google accounts and over the next couple of weeks will be learning to create a document on google docs. The Year 3's have been using Picollage (on ipads) to create posters about positive self-esteem. This is all done together on a Friday when the middle school syndicate gets together for buddy reading and weekly reflections as well.

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

ROOM THREE

Kia ora

This week in Room 3 our focus in reading has been on verbs. One of the reading tasks in class has been to act out their verb in the mirror which has proven rather popular. It is great to see the students' enthusiasm in their learning with some of the performances worthy of an Oscar. Maths is ticking along nicely with the students showing great perseverance in their learning. In Writing we are learning to sequence our sentences through working closely on sentence starters. This will lend itself nicely into writing about the Monarch butterfly lifecycle which will be an underlying writing topic.

You may have noticed that a lot of bits and bobs may have come home in your children's bags this week as I'm beginning to notice unnecessary items at school. All they need in class is a ruler, 1-2 pencils, glue stick and a rubber.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Nga mihi
James

ROOM FIVE

The writing samples from earlier in the term indicated a whole class need to increase the use of 'describing' words to add detail to their writing. As a result of this, the children have been learning about how to add detail by using interesting language to describe a character. They have come up with a very unique character "Bobina" as a class and are now working on their own characters. These brainstormers will soon be used to write detailed, entertaining character descriptions that are full of 'juicy' words.

Last week we were so lucky to have Lesley Ottey visit Room 5. Lesley taught the class to make weighted soft toys. The challenge of filling soft toys with gravel and sewing them was fantastic fun. The best part was when they were finished Room 5 went around to the junior classes to give the toys to each class. There was some sadness to part with the cute creatures but I am very proud of Room 5 for making something that can really help some of the junior children. Well done Room 5!

Have a good weekend!
Hannah



CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Excellence awarded to Maddy – I'm impressed with the effort you put into your learning. Well done Maddy.
Welcome to Cust School Alex.
- Room Two: Student of the Week awarded to Jacob for great perseverance in his reading and writing. We love your attitude and effort.
Student of the Week awarded to Sam for consistently showing a great attitude and excellent effort in all his work.
- Room Three: Well done Katelyn for showing success in Piko's tips for being a kind, considerate worker and giving 100% in all her school work.
Excellence awarded to Fleur for being a terrific helper and for using her initiative.
- Room Four: Student of the Week awarded to Caleb for improved focus and accuracy in Maths.
Student of the Week awarded to Ruby for improvement in her writing and numeracy skills.
- Room Five: Star Student Ethan for fabulous effort with your basic facts.
Star Student James for always being confident sharing ideas and answers with the class.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HONEY FOR SALE

Liquid meadow honey, collected from Cust area from my beehives. 250g jars \$6.
Call Josh Wyatt 0272357135. Thank you.

WEST EYRETON YOUTH GROUP

This Saturday: 24 March. Come along and learn a bit more about what is so important about Easter. Y3-Y8. All Welcome.

7pm-8.30pm at 5 Washington Place.

Contact Aidan 027 610 2460 or Marina 027 267 1747 for details or a ride.

BALLET CLASSES

Sarah Mead School of Ballet offers BBO ballet classes for ages 3 and up in Rangiora. Exam and performance opportunities available. For an information pack please contact Sarah on smiles4sarah@gmail.com or 0274527752



**NORTH CANTERBURY
NETBALL CENTRE**

2018 Year 1 & 2 futureFERNS Netballers

The Mother Earth *future* Ferns programme is for all children school Years 1-2. It's all about Fun and Basic Netball Skills

Starts **Friday 4 May 2018**

North Canterbury Netball Courts,
Dudley Park, Rangiora

3.40-4.30pm

Please register online at:

<http://www.ncnc.org.nz/junior-netball/year-1-2>



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Guest Speaker Jane McMeeken

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Wednesday 2nd May 2018

7.00am - 8.30am

Breakfast Served at 7.00am Sharp

Rangiora Baptist Church,
111 East Belt, Rangiora.

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