



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday, 23 June, 2017 - Week Eight —Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Parent Evening:

Many thanks to the parents who came on Monday night to our Parent Evening on Learning with Digital Technologies – How can we best engage with whanau? I hope you found it interesting and worthwhile. We took a lot out of it and will be analyzing the ideas over the next few weeks. For those who could not come, I have sent a survey home which you might like to complete so that your ideas and thoughts can be recorded. As the school leader I will ensure a 'common sense' approach to any new initiatives will happen. Watch this space!

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 course.

Our children performed extremely well with all of them getting in the top half of the field.

Results:

Billie McLachlan	26th
Tinesha Benson	3rd
Holly Frost	17th
Alice Reid	20th
Emily Smith	22nd
Quade McLachlan	3rd

Good luck to Tinesha, Holly, Alice and Quade as they compete in the last championship in a few weeks' time.

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

Mid Year Testing:

The senior children (Year 4-8) have completed easTTle Maths and Reading tests as part of our mid-year testing and the results are very pleasing. Remember these results reflect a one off test and we need to take into account the conversations and observations that we see every day in the class.

In each year group more than 75% of our children are scoring above the national median score. We continue to have a high percentage of children achieving at or above the expected curriculum level (in this test at this time of year.)

Over the next few weeks we will be analysing these further so that we can adjust teaching and learning programmes.

Speeches

We are in the 'dreaded' speech competition time frame. I know teachers have explained to the children and have communicated to parents, through the newsletter or email, the topic and expectations. Please support your child through this process so they can do their best. It is a great skill to have i.e. being able to stand up and speak in front of an audience. It is the number one fear for adults! If there are any questions please ask the classroom teacher.

CUST SCHOOL SPEECH COMPETITION CLASS TIMETABLE

Rooms 1 & 3 (Years 0-2) Monday 26 June, 9.00am

Rooms 2 & 5 (Years 3/4) Monday 26 June, 1.30pm

Rooms 5 & 4 (Years 5/6) Monday 26 June, 9.30am

Rooms 6 & 7 (Years 7/8) Monday 26 June, 9.30am

If parents wish to see their child present their speech, (we know you can't be in two places at once and we would hate for you to miss out), could you please check with the teachers beforehand so a draft programme can be made.

Cust School speech competition, which is to be held in the Multipurpose Room on Thursday 29 June at 7.00pm - all welcome.

Three Way Conferences / Parent Interviews:

School Interviews are coming up on Monday, 3 and Tuesday 4 July. Bookings for these are open.

School closes at 2pm on both these days and the bus will run at this time.

**Monday, 3 July / Tuesday, 4 July – School closes at 2pm –
the bus will run at this time**

These interviews/conferences are designed to:

1. Help students demonstrate evidence of learning.
2. Encourage students, parents and teachers engage in open and honest dialogue
3. Share learning, achievement and identifying next learning steps.

If for some reason you can't make it please let us know and/or arrange an alternative with the class teacher.

Parents are required to choose a preferred time (remember first in, first served!) A reminder of how to do this is printed below.

SCHOOL INTERVIEW BOOKINGS

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 **c5663**
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. If something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews whenever you want.

If you do not have internet access please come into school and we will help you, but please it is intended to do at home.

Mid-Year Interviews – please be aware that these are on line so you can book in your time(s).

PTA

I would like to thank the PTA for all their dedication and hard work. This small group of parents are tireless in their fundraising which ultimately benefits all the children. On Tuesday they held their AGM – see President's Report later in the newsletter, and remember they are always looking for new parents to join.

Puketeraki Community of Learners:

Puketeraki is the community of learning (Kahui Ako) that our school is a part of. There are 17 schools including Rangiora High School in our community.

Work has been progressing well in our Kahui Ako. All schools now have a minimum of one Within School Lead Teacher who is acting as the liaison between the work of the CoL and the work in schools. They work alongside the Principals, who are all members of the Management Team, to ensure that there is cohesion between what is happening within the larger community and their own school.

Our work has primarily been focused on getting some understanding of what our community looks like "in practice" and connecting our Within School Lead Teachers together so they can begin working collaboratively.

Our vision is to create a community of learning in the heart of the wider Rangiora District where learning is engaging, relevant and responsive to the needs of all students.

Keep an eye on this part of the newsletter for regular updates.

Regards
Robert

ROOM ONE

We welcome Fitz Letton to school and wish him a very happy 5th birthday.

The focus this week has been on speeches. Your help at home has been most appreciated. The children will be presenting them to Room 3 on Monday morning just after 9am. You are welcome to come and watch.

We have been learning about temperature and Number in Maths, this will continue into next week.

There have been some great stories coming in for the children to share with the class. Many thanks. Our last goal is for the children to think about what their future might be like.

Keep warm,
Kennys

ROOM TWO

Thank you so much for all the assistance typing up speeches - I do realise it is a time consuming business and am grateful for your support. We are now spending time in class this week learning how to deliver and present our ideas in the best possible way. I am sure you will all know the speeches off by heart as well by the end of the week!

We have also continued to work on fractions in maths, and have completed our Topic challenge studying an aspect on life in the past, present and future.

Next week will also have a speech focus with class speeches Y3/4 Monday 1.30 and finals Thursday evening, and we will also hopefully begin a short geometry unit on shape to take us through until the end of term.

Enjoy your weekend,
Ros

ROOM FIVE

It's been a hectic week in Room 5 as speeches are nearing completion. It's a mammoth task and the children have worked hard. Thank you for helping your child in this area. The skills of persuasive writing are evident in their work. The timetable for coming to listen to your child present their speech is in this week's newsletter. The children are not only focusing on their speeches, but also presenting their Cust research on their chosen topic.

In Maths we have moved into solving multiplication problems using algorithms.
Have a great weekend

Kind regards
Linda & Hannah

ROOM THREE

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you to those parents who attended the meeting on Monday night to share your thoughts about being involved in your child's learning. If you weren't able to attend look out for the questionnaire which is coming out soon. This is your chance to have your say about how we document your child's learning. Have you seen the notice your child has brought home regarding Seesaw? Once you are set up you will see photos of things the children have been doing at school. If you need help getting set up with this, please let us know. We currently only have about half the families in our class with this and we would love to have everyone participating.

Thank you for your support with the children's speeches. The children now have these on speech cards and just need to spend some time practising them before they present them at 9am on Monday. You are, of course very welcome to attend. Pre-schoolers are welcome.

Nga mihi nui,
Carolyn and Kathryn.

ROOM FOUR

Kia ora

It has been another very busy week in Room 4. The children have been putting the finishing touches to their speeches. A big thank you to all the parents who helped and supported their children with this. On Monday the children will be delivering their speeches. This will start at 9:30 am in Room 4.

In numeracy the children have been practising the four operations. We are going to continue with this for the rest of the term.

Have a great weekend.

Nga mihi nui
Eddie

ROOMS SIX AND SEVEN

Congratulations to our students who took part in the Canterbury Cross Country Championships yesterday, representing Cust with pride. You are wonderful examples of what perseverance and sheer hard work in your training over the last few months can achieve.

All Year 7 & 8 pupils at school this week have completed their speeches and have made them into speech cards ready to practise at home this weekend. At 9:30am on Monday morning, we will begin listening to all of the speeches, parents/whanau are most welcome to join us in Room 6/7 if you wish.

Testing is complete in Literacy and Numeracy and the student's individual reports have now been written. We look forward to sharing your child/children's progress and 'next steps' together with you at 3-Way Interviews.

We have had many offers from parents keen to join us, assisting at our November camp to Kaikoura. Thank you to all those we have already spoken with. Education outside the classroom is such a worthwhile experience for all involved, we appreciate the support we are receiving. Closer to the time of the camp, all those who have expressed interest can leave their name for selection from the ballot. Thank you.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Miriam & Annmaree

CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Welcome to Cust School Fitz.
Great work awarded to Freya for working hard to learn your sounds.
Great work awarded to Taya for working hard to learn your sounds.
- Room Two: Student of the Week awarded to Aaron for excellent work in fractions at maths time.
Great skills.
Student of the Week awarded to Caspar for excellent work in fractions at maths time.
Great skills.
- Room Three: Well done to Layce for showing success in Piko's tips for super increase in confidence and resilience.
Well done to Anna for showing success in Piko's tips for a great job in being organised, confident and resilient.
Well done to Andie for showing success in Piko's tips for a great job at being organised, confident and resilient.
- Room Four: Well done to Blake P. for showing success in Piko's Tips for improvement in his numeracy and writing skills.
Well done to Blake K. for showing success in Piko's tips for improvement in his numeracy skills.
- Room Five: Student of the Week awarded to Riley for a great job working really hard on your times tables homework. Every week you are doing so well on your test.
Student of the Week awarded to Takoda for a great job learning your basic facts homework. Every week you do so well on your test.
Excellence awarded to Libby for a super effort in Argument writing.
Student of the Week awarded to Kaitlin for fabulous improvement in basic facts. You are doing so well on your times tables every week.
- Room Six: Student of the Week awarded to Alice for awesome novel study work.
Student of the Week awarded to Ashleigh for awesome novel study work.
Student of the Week awarded to Kendra for awesome novel study work.
- Room Seven: Student of the Week awarded to Archie for your "Stadium" construction. Great job.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Friday, 23 June | PTA Movie Night |
| Wednesday, 28 June | BOT Meeting |
| Thursday, 29 June | Speech Competition |
| Friday, 30 June | Reports / Portfolio's Home |
| Monday / Tuesday 3 and 4 July | Parent Interviews / 3 Way Conferences |
| | North Canterbury Winter Tournament |
| Friday, 7 July | Term Two Ends |

SUSHI – THURSDAY, 29 JUNE

50c per slice with Teriyaki Chicken and Vegetarian options.

FISH AND CHIPS, AMERICAN HOT DOG – THURSDAY, 6 JULY

All orders need to be in the office by **9.00am**. No late orders as we will not be going down to the hotel

SCHOOL DONATION AND ACTIVITY FEE

It would be appreciated if outstanding payments could be cleared as soon as possible. There may be some payments made through the bank account that is not yet shown on your statement due to timing.

If you would like to talk about any of this, or we have made a mistake, or make an arrangement for part payments please contact Jennifer or Robert. Thank you.

Cust School
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 28 June 2017

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**

- 4.1 That the Correspondence outwards be approved.

5. **Correspondence Inwards**

- 5.1 That the Correspondence Inwards be approved.

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

- 6.1 That the Principal's Report be received.
 - Charter Goals – LWDT – PLD/Engaging Whanau
 - Senior Camp

7. **Documentation & Self Review Report**

- 7.1 That the Documentation & Self Review Report be received.
 - School Docs
 - Review / report back on Communication Plan

8. **Personnel Report**

- 8.1 That the Personnel Report be received.
 - Appraisal
 - Staffing

9. **Property Report**

- 9.1 That the Property Report be received.

10. **Finance Report**

- 10.1 That the Finance report be received.
- 10.2 That the accounts be received.
 - Annual accounts

11. **Health and Safety Report**

- 11.1 That the Health and Safety Report be received

12. **Staff Representatives Report**

- 12.1 That the Staff Representative's Report be received.

Date of next meeting: 9 August 2017

Cust School PTA

President's Report 2017

I would like to present my report on what has been another busy and productive 2016/2017 financial year for the PTA.

Fundraising highlights for the year:

Sausage sizzles

Top Team barbeque and cake auction

Cheese rolls

Entertainment books

Kerry Ferigo family photos

Smencils

Wine orders

Second hand clothing sales

First aid kits

Bulbs

Other events/activities:

New parents afternoon tea

School disco

Food collected for Waiau School following the earthquakes

Kapa haka uniforms – koha given to Rangiora New Life School for their old Kapa haka uniforms

Cookbook – updating the community cookbook for the 150th Jubilee. A sub-group was formed at the start of 2017 to work on this project.

PTA provided a free sausage sizzle and an ice-block for the students at the end of year school trip to Spencer Park.

A Sense of Christmas – it was decided to defer ASOC as its timing would clash with the Jubilee weekend, and there are a number of PTA Committee members also on the Jubilee Committee.

Playground Projects

In May 2016, the concrete was repaired and then AstroTurf laid on the old court. This was entirely funded by grants from the Rata Foundation and Pub Charities. Since its installation, the children have made good use of this all-weather artificial surface and it looks great, brightening up this area.

The creative play space was developed. Shelving was purchased for the shipping container and loose parts were collected for this area. It was opened in October 2016.

The four square courts were painted over the summer school holiday.

A playground sub-committee was formed to look at redeveloping the existing playgrounds in time for the 150th Jubilee in November 2017. They met with Matt Lester in June 2016, to put together a plan for the junior and senior playgrounds. The senior playground was identified as the area to start redeveloping. Any new equipment needed to blend in with the existing structures. Play equipment ideas were put forward and a draft playground plan was presented to the PTA in November 2016.

A decision was made to purchase a timber swing set and this was installed in February this year. This has been very popular. Terry Blatch of T. Blatch Builders came on board as the builder for the playground upgrade.

At the time of writing this report, the two forts have been rebuilt with additional equipment attached and a rope swing added to the playground. The playground is looking great and the children are enjoying the upgraded equipment.

I would just like to acknowledge and thank the following people:

The 2016/2017 PTA Committee - Sarah Prain (Treasurer), Wendy Bourne (Secretary), Karen Withers (Vice-President), Chris Parris, Julie Smith, Sonya Smith, Kirstyn Barnett, Kate Powell, Natasha Donoghue, Kathryn Taylor and Robert Schuyt.

Jo Mills who was part of the Committee until July 2016 and did the funding applications for the grants which covered the resurfacing of the court.

Robert and the Board of Trustees for your continual support of the PTA.

All of the Parents who have supported 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 in and around the school.

We are always looking for people to join the Committee. A number of our current Committee member's children will be finishing at Cust School either this year or next. So, we need new people and fresh ideas coming through. If you are interested in joining the PTA, please get in touch with one of the Committee.

Deborah Baggott
President
Cust School PTA
June 2017

PTA NEWS

Cust School PTA Art Competition

Create an artwork that represents one of the following topics:

«Celebrating 150 years of Cust School

«School theme for 2017: Looking at the Past - "Ka mua, ka muri" Walking Backwards Into The Future.

3 Sections

Junior School (Years 0-3)

Middle School (Years 4-6)

Senior School (Years 7-8)

One winner (and one highly commended) from each section

Winners will have their artwork made into cards for the PTA to use.

Winners will also get a free ticket to the Cust School Disco

Drawing has to be done on A3 size paper (you can get this from the teacher).

Write your name and year group on the back.

Please hand drawings into your teacher (or the office).

Competition closes Friday 30 June.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CUST VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE'S FIRST ANNUAL

FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

From 9am on the 2 July.

Come and meet your local firefighters for a delicious pancake or two on Sunday, 2 July.

See the station and fire trucks!

MISSING JUMPER

Size 12, Brand – Jb's Wear?. Named Otto Densem. Zipper working.

Can you please hand into Room 7.