



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday, 15 September, 2017 - Week Eight —Term 3

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora,

Many thanks to the PTA for organising the disco last Friday – a few good “moves” on display!

Well done to the Cust School Ski Team, who competed in the Porter Heights Local School Ski Competition.

Results:	Year 7/8 Boys Team – George Riley, Quade McLachlan, Archie Prain	1 st
	Year 0-6 Girls Team – Ruby Taylor, Billie McLachlan, Harper McDonald	3 rd

Good luck to the Cust Equestrian Team, who compete at Sefton tomorrow.

Hope you “enjoyed” last week’s little spiel. Here is Part Two, providing you with something more to think about...

An interesting read from Victoria Prooday, an occupational therapist who deals with children

The brain is malleable. Through environment, we can make the brain “stronger” or make it “weaker”. Despite all our greatest intentions, we, at times, unfortunately remould our children’s brains in the wrong direction. Here is why:

1. Kids rule the world

“My son doesn’t like vegetables.” “She doesn’t like going to bed early.” “He doesn’t like to eat breakfast.” “She doesn’t like toys, but she is very good at her iPad” “He doesn’t want to get dressed on his own.” “She is too lazy to eat on her own.” This is what I hear from parents all the time. Since when do children dictate to us how to parent them? If we leave it all up to them, all they are going to do is eat macaroni and cheese and fish and chips, watch TV, play on their tablets, and never go to bed. What good are we doing them by giving them what they WANT when we know that it is not GOOD for them? Without proper nutrition and a good night’s sleep, our kids come to school irritable, anxious, and inattentive. In addition, we send them the wrong message. They learn they can do what they want and not do what they don’t want. The concept of “need to do” is absent. Unfortunately, in order to achieve our goals in our lives, we have to do what’s necessary, which may not always be what we want to do. For example, if a child wants to be an A student, he needs to study hard. If she wants to be a successful soccer player, she needs to practise every day. Our children know very well what they want, but have a very hard time doing what is necessary to achieve that goal. This results in unattainable goals and leaves the kids disappointed.

2. Endless Fun

We have created an artificial fun world for our children. There are no dull moments. The moment it becomes quiet, we run to entertain them again, because otherwise, we feel that we are not doing our parenting duty. We live in two separate worlds. They have their “fun” world, and we have our “work” world. Why aren’t children helping us in the kitchen or with laundry? Why don’t they tidy up their toys? This is basic monotonous work that trains the brain to be workable and function under “boredom,” which is the same “muscle” that is required to be eventually teachable at school. When they come to school and it is time for handwriting their answer is “I can’t. It is too hard. Too boring.” Why? Because the workable “muscle” is not getting trained through endless fun. It gets trained through work.

5. Limited social interaction

We are all busy, so we give our kids digital gadgets and make them “busy” too. Kids used to play outside, where, in unstructured natural environments, they learned and practiced their social skills. Unfortunately, technology replaced the outdoor time. Also, technology made the parents less available to socially interact with their kids. Obviously, our kids fall behind... the babysitting gadget is not equipped to help kids develop social skills. Most successful people have great social skills. This is the priority!

The brain is just like a muscle that is trainable and re-trainable. You can make a difference in your child's life by training your child's brain so that your child will successfully function on social, emotional, and academic levels. Here is how:

1. Don't be afraid to set the limits. Kids need limits to grow happy and healthy!!

- Make a schedule for meal times, sleep times, technology time
- Think of what is GOOD for them- not what they WANT/DON'T WANT. They are going to thank you for that later on in life. Parenting is a hard job. You need to be creative to make them do what is good for them because, most of the time, that is the exact opposite of what they want.
- Kids need breakfast and nutritious food. They need to spend time outdoor and go to bed at a consistent time in order to come to school available for learning the next day!
- Convert things that they don't like doing/trying into fun, emotionally stimulating games

2. Teach your child to do monotonous work from early years as it is the foundation for future “workability”

- Folding laundry, tidying up toys, hanging clothes, unpacking groceries, setting the table, making lunch, unpacking their lunch box, making their bed
- Be creative. Initially make it stimulating and fun so that their brain associates it with something positive.

5. Teach social skills

- Teach them turn taking, sharing, losing/winning, compromising, complimenting others, using “please and thank you”

Help your kids succeed in life by training and strengthening their brain sooner rather than later!

MUFTI DAY FRIDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

As a project this term the students of Rooms 6 & 7 are contributing to the SVA (Student Volunteer Army). We, Alice and Harriet, are volunteering our time to help with the SPCA. We are holding a Mufti Day, but instead of raising money, we wish to get items to help out the SPCA. So instead of bringing a gold coin we wish for you to please bring an old blanket, towel or sheet (no pillow cases, duvet covers or face cloths), pet food for dogs, cats or bunnies or an old soft toy that is still in good condition. You are welcome to bring more than one item to donate. We will collect them as you enter the multi-purpose room for assembly. Please bring all items washed if possible or as clean as can be.

For this Mufti Day the theme is ‘animals’ so come dressed as an animal or animal themed clothes. If your clothes are just for show in the morning or uncomfortable please bring just some regular clothes for afterwards.

SCHOOL DONATION AND ACTIVITY PAYMENTS

Statements have been emailed to those who have any outstanding monies and a hard copy has also gone home. There has been no Term Three activities monies added.

If a mistake has been made, or if you would like to discuss this, in confidence, then please talk to Robert or Jennifer.

Receipt of this outstanding monies would be appreciated.
Thank you.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Monday, 18 September commencing at 9.00am. Every pupil will also have their portrait taken and a proof photograph will be sent home. These proofs will be sent to and you will be able to order and pay for your child’s portrait and class photographs by online ordering.

There is also an opportunity for your family group portrait to be taken but you **MUST** fill in the yellow form that was sent home on Tuesday. You need to return this form by **9am Monday morning.** If there is no return they will not take them.

It is expected that your child will be in the correct school uniform on this day.

Regards
Robert

CHRISTCHURCH A & P SHOW VISIT - ADVANCE NOTICE

This year the whole school will be attending the Canterbury A & P show on **Wednesday, 15 November.**

(Please note Thursday 16 November is a Teacher Only Day for our Community of Learners and Friday 17 November is Canterbury Anniversary Weekend)

We have to pre-order our tickets and we would like a commitment from parents who would like to join us. There is a charge for parents/helpers of \$14 each (gate price \$27). No money is required, with order, as all costs, children and parents will be invoiced through activity fees.

The Canterbury A & P Show administrators have advised that this year there will be no refund on unused tickets, and that we have to order the exact number of tickets we require.

Unless you advise that your child will not be at school on that day and attend with the school they will be charged on their Term Four activity, and you will be expected to pay, as we have to pay for tickets when we place the order.

We will be travelling by bus and this cost will also be added to the activity fee along with your child’s entry fee.

Application for Show admission tickets has to be made by **Friday, 22 September** and we would ask that you fill in the form below and return it to the school office **by Wednesday, 20 September.** Discounted tickets will not be available for purchase at the gate. Anyone arriving without an admission ticket will be asked to pay the normal admission fees of \$27 per adult and \$10 per child.

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Return by - Wednesday, 20 September

CANTERBURY A & P SHOW TICKETS
CANTERBURY A & P SHOW - WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2017

Name:.....

Room:.....

I would like to attend the A & P Show (at \$14 a ticket per adult)
I understand that the cost of the adult tickets will be added to my child’s activity invoice for Term Four and will not be refunded if I change my mind.

Number of Adults []

Number of Pre-schoolers (free) []
(We need to know this number in order to get their tickets)

ROOM ONE

We have enjoyed making 'Rain Sticks' in art this week and next week will start some spring related creations.

The children have been trying hard to include 'interesting' sentences in their writing. Some of the results have been awesome. You are welcome to come and have a read. In Maths the groups are working on –numbers from 1-10, numbers from 10-20, groups with 5, groups within 10 and very simple division. We are enjoying the story and activities centred around 'We're Going On A Bear Hunt'. There is even a 'We're Going On A Moa Hunt' version which we loved reading this week.

Just to let you know the next bug that has hit the class is Strep throat!

Have a great weekend,
Kennys

ROOM TWO

Goodness the term is flying by! We have been finishing off our algebra unit in maths, and will complete the term with a short burst on problem solving (especially working on finding the correct equation from a word problem).

With this week being Maori language week, (ko te wiki tenei o te reo Maori) we have focussed on completing a variety of te reo based writing /word study tasks. This has tied in well with our mini topic on Kiwi Kai where children, having chosen and ranked a range of kiwi kai, are now researching what makes them special to NZ. Hopefully we will finish the term with a lunch to celebrate some of our favourites!

We have been doing Discovery (Yr 0-3)/Enviro time (Yr 4-6) weekly on a Thursday pm since the musical finished, and the children are enjoying the opportunity to be creative and inventive concerning sustainability.

Hopefully, if the weather continues to improve, we will venture into some more outdoor sports and athletics over the next 2 weeks. The year 3's and 4's have recently been learning how to play T-ball and, with growing skill and understanding, this could become very competitive over the warmer months!

Have a lovely weekend,
Ros

ROOM THREE

Kia ora koutou,

Did you know that this week was Maori language week? We have been using greetings such as "Kia Ora", "Morena" and "Tena Koe", as well as trying a new farewell: "Haere Ra" & "E noho Ra" and counting to 10 in Te Reo. We also regularly incorporate Te Reo into our daily classroom programme through instructions and praise.

This week the fairytale we have been focussing on has been "Jack and the Beanstalk". We have been looking at just what makes a fairytale, and the children were able to say who the good and bad characters were, the setting, the magic used, the problem and the solution. We have sequenced the story in pairs, made magic beans for art and even wrote instructions for and planted some beans of our own. We are going to look after them by giving them water and sunlight and hope to watch them grow into a beanstalk by the end of term to take home!

In maths we have been practising basic facts in some fun warm-up games such as "Buzz", "Shoot" and # Bingo. The children are currently finishing group number objectives: Skip counting forwards and backwards in 2's, 5's & 10's, Multiplying by counting all of the objects and Making Ten. They will be going on to 'Teen and Ty' numbers, Sharing objects to make $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ and Skip counting in 5's and 10's.

We hope you have a great weekend,

Nga mihi nui,
Kathryn and Carolyn

ROOM FOUR

Hi All

This week in Room 4 we have been very busy. For writing we have started our poetry unit. The children have been writing a variety of poems.

In numeracy we have continued our fractions unit. This week the children have been working on simplifying fractions and adding fractions.

In reading we have started guided reading using school journals. The children have been practising summarising a story.

In topic we have been working on our projects to do with the Cust District.

Also this week Mr Figota has been teaching the class the days of the week and months of the year in Te Reo.

Remember to contact me anytime to discuss your child's learning.

Have a great weekend.

Eddie

ROOM FIVE

The children have been working hard on presenting their Explorers unit work for Mrs Scott. They have learnt a lot about the age of exploration, the names of tools and how they were used, famous explorers and people of new lands. They are enjoying the wide range of activities the unit offers. Please feel free to come in and have a look at what is on display. There is also a display of ship sketches and completed pictures that look impressive.

With having the drier weather we have been able to get outside and enjoy some running activities in preparation for athletics and ball skills.

The Room 5 members of the school choir are looking forward to performing and we must say what lovely voices the children have. This is well worth attending.

We have been working as a class on giving and accepting compliments and looking for positive things class members do during the school day. The children need to say "thank you" to the person who has complimented them. This can be practised and reinforced at home.

Have a great weekend

Kind regards

Linda & Hannah

CERTIFICATES

Room One: Excellence awarded to Danielle for awesome writing.

Excellence awarded to Jed for awesome writing.

Room Two: Student of the Week awarded to Caspar for a noticeable lift in the quantity and quality of his writing. Keep it up Caspar.

Student of the Week awarded to Xavior for showing great effort and perseverance in his proof reading skills. Keep up the good work Xavior.

Room Three: Well done to Izzy for showing success in Piko's tips for being a caring member of Room 3 who shares, co-operates and includes others.

Well done to Ashleigh for showing success in Piko's tips for being a caring member of Room 3 who shares, co-operates and includes others.

Room Four: Well done to Emily for showing success in Piko's tips for always including others.

Excellence awarded to Connor for a massive improvement in his writing and handwriting.

Room Five: Star Student awarded to Sam for showing great cooperative work in writing.

Star Student awarded to Hugh for working hard in understanding fractions and decimals.

Room Seven: Student of the Week awarded to Lauren for showing great skills in leadership in the S.V.A., also resiliency when working under pressure.

ROOMS SIX AND SEVEN

Student Volunteer Army projects are well underway. The capable team consisting of Alex, Kendra and Olivia worked very hard together planning and implementing a very successful sausage sizzle at the Warehouse on Saturday. Please read their 'team' report later in this newsletter. Thank you to the extended families of this group for your support and help.

On Thursday, we had two other groups from our class, the Cust Cadets (Aedan, Andre, Dallan, Matt and Otto) and the Cust Carers (Lauren, Libby and Tinesha) visiting Oxford's Karadean Court Rest home. The students spent an afternoon listening to and talking with some of the elderly residents. The Cust Carers also had spent time before our visit hand making greeting cards/envelope sets to gift to the elderly.

The children all represented Cust School with pride, they were courteous, respectful and showed empathy toward the residents. Well done SVA! You are really making a difference to the lives of others! We appreciate the help given by Mrs Johnston and Mrs Kelly with this project.

Other groups have their plans well under way, more details on each group as their great work progresses.

Our senior class trip (Rooms 6 & 7) to Kaikoura is next term, we were very grateful of the many expressions of interest from parents earlier in the year, offering their time and help to join us on this camp. Please check your emails as a separate letter has been sent to you all detailing arrangements. This will include opportunity for those still willing/able to join us to put their name on the list. We can then draw names from the ballot, allowing time for those concerned to make the necessary arrangements to accompany us. School camps are always a great experience, we appreciate the support from families giving their time to make this happen.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Miriam, Robert and Annmaree.



In Room 6 and 7, we are doing a project in topic around the 'Student Volunteer Army'. We are trying to be 'Change-Makers' and make a difference in the community. Our group has decided to make Chemo Kits, which are small kits that are full of toys and goods that are donated to children who are diagnosed with cancer. Our group chose to hold a sausage sizzle outside the Warehouse on a Saturday, and sold \$2 sausages from 11am-1pm. We had a very successful sale, selling out and making \$271 in profit. We will now use our money to buy goods to put into our Chemo Kits, which we have discussed with a local family who have experienced life in the paediatric cancer ward at Christchurch Hospital. Thank you New World, for donating a store credit to purchase our supplies, the Warehouse, for allowing us to use your BBQ, and to our parents and grandparents for their help on the day.

Kendra Lapslie, Alex Eginton-Abbott, Olivia Price.

ENROLMENT SCHEME - CUST SCHOOL

The Board advises that a number of vacancies, in the New Entrant level, will become available at Cust School for 2018.

The board operates an enrolment scheme, it is required to fill any vacant out of zone places by ballot, if there are more applications for enrolment than there are places available. The board has determined that up to 5 places at the New Entrant level are likely to be available to out of zone students for enrolment in 2018.

Please forward your applications, to be received by the school no later than 15 October. Parents will be informed of the outcome within 3 days of the ballot being held, 30 October, if needed.

For further information, please contact: Robert Schuyt Principal, Phone 3125753,
email: admin@cust.school.nz

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 September meeting. We began the meeting with a robust interrogation of selected items that were related to our recently established and implemented strategic goals:

*Aspirational Teaching and Learning
A Culture of Collaborative Relationships
Self-Motivated, Positive and Responsive Citizens*

It is certainly reassuring to see that the above Strategic Goals continue to inform all decisions that are made with regards to the Teaching & Learning for students at Cust School. We then discussed the recent survey results regarding cohort entry at Cust School. Official notification of what this means for 2018 and beyond is forthcoming shortly.

Finally, as winter ends and the grass turns green I, for one, find myself beginning to think about spring projects and the upcoming Term 3 holidays. I hope you are enjoying the longer, warmer days and will get to spend some quality with your families in the coming weeks.

Tim Heidmann
BOT Chair

PTA NEWS

Second hand uniform

Second hand uniform is now available from the small room (former coal bunker) opposite the office. Items in the plastic tubs are available for a gold coin donation. Other items are as priced.

If purchasing items, pay at the school office. Please relabel these items.
If donating items, please leave them at the school office - clean and in good used condition (no stains or holes). Remove the name tags.

Next meeting Tuesday 19 September at 7:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

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SUSHI – THURSDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER

50c per slice with Teriyaki Chicken and Vegetarian options.

FISH AND CHIPS, AMERICAN HOT DOG – THURSDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER (alternate Thursdays)

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

Please note: As there are several pupils at school with the same name, write the surname on your order.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CUST SCHOOL 150TH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

Cust School (including Summerhill and Springbank Schools) are holding their 150th Jubilee on the weekend of Friday, 10 November, 2017 to Sunday, 12 November 2017.

Some of the events are as follows: -

- Friday, 10 November 12.30 – 2.30pm Open afternoon at Cust School
- Friday, 10 November – 7pm onwards Conversazione at the Cust Community Centre
- Saturday, 11 November – 12.30pm classrooms open to view
 - 1.30pm Formal welcome, speeches, photos, cake cutting etc.
- Saturday, 11 November – 6pm onwards buffet meal at Rangiora Racecourse
- Sunday, 12 November – 9.30am Church Service, Cust Community Centre
 - 11.30am picnic at the Jack Graham Reserve

We invite you to have a look at the 150th Jubilee website www.cust.school.nz (drop down box under 150th Jubilee or Facebook on <https://www.facebook.com/custschool150jubilee> and join us for a weekend of shared memories and catch up with old friends or acquaintances.



The North Canterbury Athletic Club would like to advise that training for the children's (7-14 yrs) summer season will soon commence.

If your child would like to attend the first two training sessions prior to deciding whether they would like to register with the club and compete, please feel free to come along, have a look and participate.

Location: Rangiora New Life School
Date: Tuesday 10th & 17th October
Time: 4.30 – 5.30pm

Please check for cancellations from 3pm on:
<https://www.facebook.com/NorthCanterburyChildrensAthletics/>

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