



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday, 26 May, 2017 - Week Four —Term 2

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Literacy:

This week all our staff continued with the school and cluster wide professional development in Literacy. It is great to be able to share ideas with other schools and learn from each other. There are some great conversations and discussions that come out of these days and some new ideas being implemented. Just an aside from this I want to acknowledge the teachers' efforts in Literacy. Our results continue to be very good, and if you want to see hard evidence of this then come and look at some of the novel studies that the Year 7/8 children have completed. They are outstanding! These are displayed in Room 6.

Engineering Problem Solving Competition:

On Wednesday we had a team of 4 Year 7/8's – George Riley, Quade McLachlan, Oli Withers and Finn Smith, compete in the first ever engineering problem solving competition held in North Canterbury. They were given a number of tasks to complete in 2.5 hours to gain as many points as possible. It was great to see their focus, team work and problem solving ability (also somewhat frustrating when they couldn't get the solution to work!) and a fourth placing means they now go onto the semifinals later in the term. Well done.

Cross Country:

We also had our annual Cross Country at the Domain on Thursday. As usual highly competitive and the true Cust spirit of 'Being Your Best' came forth. Whilst it is expected all children participate in this and do their best, we also acknowledge that there are winners (this is part of life and sport).

Results – Top 3 from each age group

Results: (first three places)

Year 1 & 2 Boys

1st James Trimbo
2nd Scott Gilby
3rd Angus Letton

Year 1 & 2 Girls

1st Anna Gartery
2nd Layce Stewart
3rd Charlotte Nesbit

Year 3 & 4 Boys

1st Riley Winson
2nd Connor Smith
3rd Harvey Croft

Year 3 & 4 Girls

1st Ruby Taylor
2nd Louisa Croall
3rd Estelle Letton
Liz Eginton-Abbott

Year 5 Boys

1st Harry Smith
2nd Oli Taylor
3rd Hugh Chapman

Year 5 Girls

1st Billie McLachlan
2nd Sophie Bell
3rd Hannah Lawler

Year 6 Boys

1st Aidan Lapslie
2nd Blake Kennedy
3rd Max Horn

Year 6 Girls

1st Katie Parris
2nd Emma Stevenson
3rd Bella Eginton-Abbott

Year 7 Boys

1st Archie Prain
2nd Otto Densem
3rd Finn Smith

Year 7 Girls

1st Lauren Whittaker
2nd Caitlyn Hey
3rd Holly Frost

Year 8 Boys

1st Quade McLachlan
2nd Angus Smith
3rd Harry Muir

Year 8 Girls

1st Anna Nalder
2nd Emily Smith
3rd Alice Reid

There is a team selected now who will go on to compete on the same course against our cluster schools next Thursday. From here there is an opportunity to compete against North Canterbury schools. Well done to all our children and thanks to Mr Foskett for 'running' this event.

Please look out over the next few weeks for:

Health Consultation Information
Updated Uniform Policy

Regards
Robert

SCHOOL DONATIONS AND ACTIVITY FEES

A reminder about School Donations and Activity Fee. This is now due. There are still families who have not paid the activity fee component for Term One. If you have any questions in regard to them please contact the school office, otherwise prompt payment would be appreciated. (*Cust School Board of Trustees Bank Westpac account No. 03 1592 0074218 00*).

We will be sending Term 2's out very shortly

CUST TEACHER ONLY DAY

Friday 2 June

**School is closed on Friday 2 June so that the staff can take part in a Teacher Only Day.
Please do not send your children to school on this day.**

Thanks

Term Two Events:

Tuesday, 30 May
Wednesday, 31 May
Thursday 1 June
Friday, 2 June
Monday, 5 June
Wednesday, 7 June
Tuesday, 13 June
Wednesday, 14 June
Thursday, 15 June
Monday, 19 June
Tuesday, 20 June
Wednesday, 21 June
Friday, 23 June
Wednesday, 28 June
Friday, 30 June
Monday / Tuesday 3 and 4 July

Friday, 7 July

ICAS Science
BOT Meeting
Eyre Cluster Cross Country
Cust Teacher Only Day
Queen's Birthday
North Canterbury Cross Country
ICAS Writing
ICAS Spelling
Court Theatre
Digital Technologies Parent Evening
PTA AGM
Canterbury Cross Country
PTA Movie Night
BOT Meeting
Reports / Portfolio's Home
Parent Interviews / 3 Way Conferences
North Canterbury Winter Tournament
Term Two Ends

ROOM ONE

We welcome Fitz Letton who started his pre-school visits this week.

Thank you to those who were able to come and support the runners at the Cross Country on Thursday. The children have been training every morning and are very proud of their fitness. They really appreciated having an audience!

The characteristics sheets are coming back in thank you, and the children are enjoying sharing them.

Have a lovely weekend,
Kennys

ROOM TWO

What a busy time we have had completing a myths challenge, cross country, 'enviro' time, litter free lunch reward from Term 1, and a visit to preschool to share myths to name but a few of the events taking place over this week.

Next week we will be getting stuck into persuasive writing leading up to speeches, continuing number in maths and (hopefully) beginning to develop our drama of Pouakai and associated model.

Have a great weekend,
Ros

ROOM THREE

Kia ora koutou,

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the children at the school cross country on Thursday. It's always great to see the children having a go, giving it their best and supporting others.

Last week the children listened to the story "The Dolls House" by Katherine Mansfield. This is a classic New Zealand story which was written in 1922 and has recently been republished as a picture book to make it more accessible to younger readers. It provided a great catalyst for generating questions about life in early Canterbury. The children have chosen a particular aspect of 'early settler' life to find out more about, with the aim of making a model, poster, display or booklet in order to share their learning with others. If you have any artefacts, books, contacts or knowledge which could support this topic please let Carolyn know.

Thank you for your ongoing support with spelling at home. This is making a big difference to the children's confidence in writing, especially if they have been writing their words down at home to learn them. This could be on paper, with chalk outside or in the air with their finger. We need to be able to read the words to mark them as correct in their spelling test on a Friday.

Remember, we have a teacher only day next Friday so the children will have a short school week next week.

Nga mihi nui,
Carolyn and Kathryn.

ROOM FOUR

Kia ora

What a very busy week? Well done to all the runners on Thursday. The weather played its part and it was great to see all the runners give it their best and not give up. Thank you to all the parents who turned up to support their children.

In numeracy this week we have started number again. I gave the children a number test early in the week and grouped the children according to what they scored. The children have started practising the addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems. Once children have mastered the operation they will move to the next level.

In writing the class have started writing pervasive arguments. In the next couple of weeks the children will start to write their speeches. This year's topic is "Life is a Jubilee". Once I have taught the class the structure of a persuasive argument, children will be writing their speeches at home for homework. Please feel free to help them. In reading the children have continued working on their novel studies.

Remember to pop in anytime for a chat about your child's learning.

Nga mihi
Eddie

ROOM FIVE

It was great to see the children who competed in the Cust Cross Country on Thursday giving it their best effort. Congratulations to all those who completed it by running the whole way and to those who achieved a placing. Perseverance is one of our Piko's tips, so well done!

It is fantastic to see the children's argument writing skills improving. I have seen a growth in confidence in their ability to organise ideas into paragraphs and write summaries. Well done Room 5! You are working hard. We are entering a phase of mid-year assessments, so forgive us if normal routines become a little unsettled. I have begun completing Running Records on children and this takes time, whilst trying to continue normal programmes.

Next week the Year 4's will begin an SRA Unit in Reading and this is aimed to strengthen and improve vocabulary skills and comprehension.

Year 5's will work on individual reading and response activities.

Have a great weekend
Kind regards
Linda & Hannah

ROOM SIX AND SEVEN

Congratulations to all the students who ran in our school Cross Country yesterday. There were many hours of training and effort in the lead up to this, we wish the competitors who have made it through to the next round, the Eyre Cluster on Thursday the best of luck.

Maths results from this week's Number test have been added to your son/daughters e-portfolio, please look at these together.

Yesterday we completed our topic research, looking back at the history of Cust School and the way life was from 1867 till the present day.

Novel studies and independent reading research assignments continue. Our senior class are working hard, they are motivated and developing valuable skills in working independently with focus.

Have a great weekend.

Kind Regards Miriam & Annmaree

SUSHI – Thursday, 1 June

Please Note: No orders are taken for this and occasionally there may not be sufficient made to fulfil all orders. It would be a good idea to ensure your child has other food in their lunch box that day.

FISH AND CHIPS, AMERICAN HOT DOGS – Thursday, 8 June

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

CUST SCHOOL WEBSITE

Check out the school website www.custschool.nz/ for regular updates.

CERTIFICATES

- Room One:** Well done to Howard for showing success in Piko's tips by reading with confidence. Well done.
Well done to Jed for showing success in Piko's tips by being very organised and ready to start each day when the bell rings.
- Room Two:** Student of the Week awarded to Alistair for showing a growing confidence and independence in all his work. Well done Alistair.
Student of the Week awarded to Dion for writing a great myth and showing awesome independence in his written work. Well done Dion.
- Room Three:** Great work awarded to Quayde for increased confidence in his writing.
Great work awarded to Ava for working hard on her writing, well done.
- Room Four:** Great work awarded to Harper for improved reading and writing skills.
Great work awarded to Bella for improved reading and writing skills.
- Room Five:** Millie McAlistair - for being an independent thinker and worker in her Thinking Keys and comprehension work
Lexi Goddard - for working hard at being an independent learner and showing focus in her school work
- Room Seven:** Excellence awarded to Aedan for the awesome detailed model of the World War trenches you created to showcase your wealth of knowledge in our study of ANZAC.

Cust School
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 31 May 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.

- Staffing 2017
- Uniform
- Review – Engaging Whanau / RAP / PLD

7. **Documentation & Self Review Report**

- 7.1 That the Documentation & Self Review Report be received.

- School Docs 1/2

8. **Personnel Report**

- 8.1 That the Personnel Report be received.

- Staffing

9. **Property Report**

- 9.1 That the Property Report be received.

- Block 1 Modernisation
- Playground

10. **Finance Report**

- 10.1 That the Finance report be received.

- 10.2 That the accounts be received.

- Monthly accounts

11. **Health and Safety Report**

- 11.1 That the Health and Safety Report be received

- Term 1 Audit

12. **Staff Representatives Report**

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

Date of next meeting: 28 June 2017

PTA

Coming up:

Junior/senior movie night: Friday 23 June.

Junior (Year 1 – 4) movie starts at 5:30 pm.

Senior (Year 5 – 8) movie starts at 7:30 pm.

Bring your own bean bag or floor cushion.

\$5 covers entry and a goody bag.

We will let you know the movies closer to the time.

Uniform – merino jersey option

As an alternative to the polar fleece tops, the children are also able to wear a red merino jersey.

If you are interested, go to the website for Merino Wool for School for more information or to order.

<https://www.merino Wool for School.co.nz/>

<https://www.facebook.com/merino Wool for School>

Pre-loved uniform sales are available for a gold coin donation.

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

If purchasing items, pay at the office. Please relabel these items.

Cust School's PTA is an active group of parents and teachers who meet monthly on a Tuesday evening (3rd Tuesday of the month)

All Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend these meetings.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 20 June at 7:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

This will also be our AGM.

COSY TOES PTA FUNDRAISER

The PTA have joined up with Cosy Toes this year as a fundraiser. Cosy Toes was started by an ex Cust School pupil, Tracey Topp (Robinson), as she saw a need for good quality woollen socks for her family. Not only does she stock socks of many varieties, but also merino and cotton tights, merino clothing and wool blankets, most of which are NZ made. 20 % of all orders will come back to Cust School.

All you need to do is place an order from her website www.cosytoes.co.nz. In the Add a Message box, please write CUST SCHOOL. This is so she can recognise that you are fundraising for our group. Your dates to order are from now, until June 19th.

Orders will be sent directly to the customer with no delays once the order is received. New Zealand shipping is a flat rate of \$5 or if you spend over \$100 in one order your freight will be free. This is a tracked service with Courier Post.

Any questions you can contact Tracey at Cosy Toes info@cosytoes.co.nz or Kathryn Taylor at kathrynkingsbury@hotmail.com.

ENTERTAINMENT™ BOOK

The eldest child in each family was given an envelope to take home last term offering you the opportunity to purchase the 2017/2018 Christchurch Entertainment™ Memberships. Please refer to the letter inside for further information.

A sample book is available to view in the school office. Still only \$65 giving you over \$20,000 of value.

Contact Kate Powell 027 229 5026 for further information.

For more information/contact details:

Website: www.cust.school.nz (School Info Tab)

Facebook: Cust School Parent Teacher Association

Email: custschoolpta@gmail.com

Cust School PTA Bank Account: 03 1783 0502131 03

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BAKE SALE: TUESDAY 30 MAY AND WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 8:15AM – 8:45AM

The East African Food Crisis

This term Room 6 has had a choice of reading activities: a novel study or a research assignment on something that you are passionate about.

I recently heard of The East African Food Crisis, which is a worldwide emergency that has been going on since mid-2011, and I would love to donate and do whatever I can do to help.

I have decided to take my research assignment study to the next step and do a bake sale to raise money for the cause. Every dollar that I raise will be worth \$2 of water, lifesaving medicine or food in Africa. All the money that I raise will go to World Wide Vision, which they will then use to help the people in Africa.

I will be selling little items for children's morning tea such as, build your own biscuit, rocky road and chocolate baskets. Most items will be \$1 - \$4.

The bake sale will be on Tuesday 30th May and Wednesday 31st, from 8:15am to 8:45am.

Harriet Thompson, Year 8 Room 6

MEETING TO DISCUSS WASTE SERVICE PROPOSALS FOR CUST AREA RESIDENTS

Proposals for the 3 bin waste collection service for Cust Village, and a potential recycling drop off facility for rural residents will be discussed at the Cust Community Network AGM.

Kitty Waghorn from Waimakariri District Council Solid Waste Department will give information and answer questions on Wednesday, 14 June 7.30pm at Cust School Multipurpose Hall.

All residents welcome, Tea and coffee will be provided. For more information contact Kirstyn on 312 5150 or 021 312230 or custvillage@gmail.com

MONDAY CAFE SOCIAL GROUP TO MEET IN CUST ON MAY 29TH

The Monday Cafe social group meets monthly on the 4th Monday of the month at the St-James-on-the Cust Church Hall from 10am to 11.30am.

Monday Cafe welcomes people of all ages who would like to come along and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and some homemade baking at no charge and meet other locals.

There is a play area in the hall and children are welcome. The guest speaker for May 29th is Jennifer Howard, a local Cust horsewoman who has a great wealth of knowledge about judging horses.

For further information phone Sandra on 03 310 2074, or come along to the next meeting on May 29th.