



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hope you all enjoyed the long weekend. A few sleep-ins were very much appreciated in my household. It was also an opportunity for children to rest, as there appears to be a fair bit of sickness going round at the moment – a particularly bad stomach bug.

Please keep your children at home if they are sick and let them take time to recover. Sending them back too early seems to give them a second dose and more time off.

A phone call in the morning (or email) to let us know they are sick is appreciated.

On Friday, we held our Teacher Only Day.

Our focus in this professional development is....

“HOW CAN WE IMPROVE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AND WHĀNAU ENGAGEMENT, WITH THE USE OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES?”

Did you know when we surveyed the children on this we asked, “Who are your learning champions?” Most replied - Family

In order for this to be a success we need your help.

We want to explain

- What we are doing?
- How we are doing it?

We want you to tell us

- What you want from it?
- How can we support you?

PARENT EVENING: MONDAY 19 JUNE 7:30pm IN MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

This is an opportunity for you to find out more, have your say and be involved in the above discussion questions. We have a guest speaker who will be leading this evening.

Please note: This is not us teaching people how to use google etc. This might be something that needs to follow this evening, if the need is there.

While we are busy in classes we did have a number of children compete at the North Canterbury Cross Country Championships on Wednesday. Fantastic effort by the children as the results below show:

Results (Top 10 Rakahuri)

Year 5 Girls

Billie McLachlan 5th

Year 6 Boys

Aidan Lapslie 10th

Year 7 Girls

Tinesha Benson 2nd

Holly Frost 4th

Year 7 Boys

Archie Prain 7th

Year 8 Girls

Emily Smith 4th

Alice Reid 6th

Anna Nalder 9th

Year 8 Boys

Quade McLachlan 2nd

Harry Gartery 6th

Of these we now have the following children competing at the Canterbury Championships in a few weeks' time: Billie, Tinesha, Holly, Quade, Harry, Emily and Alice.

Self Review:

Health Curriculum.

Earlier this week I sent out an email to everyone with a link to a survey on our Health Curriculum.

If you have time, please fill it in.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DVZ6YH2>

Have a great weekend.

Robert

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 13 June

Wednesday, 14 June

Thursday, 15 June

Monday, 19 June

Tuesday, 20 June

Wednesday, 21 June

Friday, 23 June

Wednesday, 28 June

Thursday, 29 June

Friday, 30 June

Monday / Tuesday 3 and 4 July

Friday, 7 July

ICAS Writing

ICAS Spelling

Court Theatre

Digital Technologies Parent Evening

PTA AGM

Canterbury Cross Country

PTA Movie Night

BOT Meeting

Speech Competition

Reports / Portfolio's Home

Parent Interviews / 3 Way Conferences

North Canterbury Winter Tournament

Term Two Ends

ROOM ONE

Wasn't it lovely having a long weekend? We welcome Jacob Sutcliffe to the class and wish him a very happy 5th birthday.

This week we started talking about families and there was a 'Our Guinness Book of Records' sheet for your family to fill in. I would appreciate it if that could come back to school at the start of next week. This week we have also started to do some persuasive writing – learning about how hamburgers relate to writing!

As there are a lot of coughs and colds around at the moment, I would appreciate it if each family could provide a family sized box of tissues, for the class to share. Thanks.

Keep warm,
Kennys

ROOM TWO

I hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend - it is nice to have several children back from illness looking healthy again, so the break must have helped!

We are still busy writing arguments, developing our drama and creating a Pouakai model and enjoying morning jump jam to get us started for the day. In Maths we have begun our fractions unit, although with lots of testing/assessments taking place across the school it is often difficult to get a good run at anything!

Coming home in the near future will be the essential spelling lists we have been testing. It would be a good idea to include a few of these high frequency words when doing spelling with your child each night as the goal is to have mastered all lists 1-4 by the end of year 3, and 1-6 by the end of year 4. Those Year 3 children who have mastered the majority, will now be choosing their own weekly spelling word lists to learn.

Next week we will begin writing speeches. When the time comes, I would appreciate help from home to type these up - (you can email to me if printing is a problem) but initially we will be brainstorming, writing drafts and recrafting our efforts.

Have a lovely weekend,
Ros

ROOM THREE

Kia ora koutou,

No doubt you all enjoyed the long weekend as much as we did. It was a welcome chance to rest and hopefully recover from some of the viruses which have been circulating in the community. The children have been making notes for their chosen topic about the early settlers. You may like to discuss this at home and share any knowledge with them. Any photos or artefacts would be helpful to support this. Each pair/group is going to present their findings to the rest of the class to share their learning.

In Maths, numeracy work continues with Mrs Winson and the children have begun learning about symmetry with Mrs Smith.

Have a great weekend.

Nga mihi nui,

Carolyn and Kathryn

ROOM FOUR

Kia ora

This week it has been a bit of a testing week in Room 4. I have completed most of the mid-year assessments and I am currently analysing the information. I will share results with parents at the Meet the Teacher night at the end of the term.

On Wednesday I took 20 runners to the Rakahuri Cross Country. Cust School did really well and we have several children going through to the Canterbury Cross Country event being held at the end of this month.

Have a great weekend.

Eddie

ROOM FIVE

What a lovely long weekend we've had. All the better to launch into assessments after the long rest.

This week the children have completed Reading assessments. Next week they will complete Maths and Writing assessments which will give a clearer picture of where your child sits against the National Standards.

SPEECHES

Your child will have brought home a Homework sheet to help them with their Speech. We will be working on them in the classroom as well as home, but if you find your child is struggling, I am available to help them 1-1 after school on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Please get hold of me asap to let me know and book in a time. It would be good to get your child to write their speech on google docs, so that I can give them feedback and make suggestions to help them. They can also work on them between home and school easily.

Mrs Scott is continuing to work on her Explorers Topic and Measurement in Maths. Year 5 Winter Sport on a Friday has begun, so your child will need to come prepared for this with appropriate clothing, footwear etc.

Keep warm, Kind regards

Linda & Hannah

ROOMS SIX AND SEVEN

Congratulations to all of our runners who competed yesterday in the North Canterbury Cross Country. We hear you represented Cust School very well, with pride. It takes many hours of hard work and determination to make it through to this level of competition. Thank you to the parents who were able to assist with transport on the day, your support from the finish line is always appreciated by the runners too!

We will begin to write our school speeches next week in class. Year 7's will write on the school wide topic 'Life is a Jubilee' (three minutes). Year 8 has 'Open Topic' (three minutes). The students will present their speeches to their class in Week 8, Monday 19 June - Thursday 22 June. The speech competition for class finalists will be held in Week 9.

The first Novel Studies and Research Projects are now due in next Monday 12 June. We are impressed with the increasing quality of work produced and the depth of understanding the class are presenting in their Literacy assignments. Great work Year 7 & 8, Mrs Bell and I are proud of you.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards Miriam & Annmaree

SCHOOL DONATION AND ACTIVITY FEE

Statements have been emailed, and a hard copy sent home with your child for Term Two's activity fee and any outstanding payments. *(Please advise any change of address details, if they differ from what is addressed).*

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.

CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Great work awarded to Llogan for trying hard to hear the sounds n words and write them down.
Welcome to Cust School Jacob.
- Room Two: Great work awarded to Elizabeth for awesome work at hoe creating a life size model of Pouakai! Great job!
Great work awarded to Estelle for great effort in persuasive writing. Lots of detail and interesting reasons!
Great work awarded to Katelyn for great persuasive writing using detail, comparison and lovely language! Well done!
- Room Three: Excellence awarded to James for working hard at early x and ÷ skills in Maths, way to go!
Excellence awarded to Katelyn for a great improvement in reading. Well done.
- Room Four: Great work awarded to Charlie for improvement in his reading and writing skills.
Great work awarded to Hannah for improvement in her numeracy skills.
- Room Five: Great work awarded to Riley for writing some super arguments and showing creativity in our "Thinkers Keys Unit".
Great work awarded to Ashlee for working hard and improving her argument writing. Super effort! You are gaining independence!
- Room Six: Student of the Week awarded to Andre for awesome work in writing. What an improvement!
Student of the Week awarded to Harry for fantastic improvement in writing.
- Room Seven: Well done to Ella for showing success in Piko's Tips for being very organized, showing focus and confidence in working independently.

PTA NEWS

Our next PTA meeting/AGM:

This will be an AGM followed by a general meeting.
Tuesday 20 June at 7:30 pm in the Multi-purpose room.
All welcome.

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

Junior/Senior Movie Night: Friday 23 June, Multipurpose Room

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

Senior (Years 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. Tickets will be available from Monday, 19 June.

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.merinowoolforschool.co.nz/>

<https://www.facebook.com/merinowoolforschool>

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.

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

We still have available for sale the current Entertainment Book which commenced on 1 June 2017 and goes through to 1 June 2018. If you would like to make a purchase please contact Kate.

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.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Brochures have been sent home today. If you would like to place an order please return with your cheque made out to Scholastic NZ, or you can place an order on line through the LOOP system, by **Monday,**

19 June.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUSICAL BINGO

Friday 23 June, 6:30pm for 7pm start. A fun night of interactive bingo, games and laughs at Clarkville School. You can dress as your favourite musician for fun photos and to be in for extra prizes. \$15pp for two cards per round. Bar and food available. See the Clarkville PTA Facebook page for tickets.

FREE

Older upright freezer, runs well. FREE. Can help with delivery in Cust area.
Phone Simon 0274437888 or 3102143.

Mainland Futsal JULY Holiday Programmes (indoor)

Age: 6-14 year olds

Dates: 10th, 11th & 12th July 2017 (WEEK 1) 20th & 21st July 2017 (WEEK 2)

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: St Thomas's of Canterbury College (WEEK 1) Pioneer Stadium (WEEK 2)

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

GIRLS ONLY Futsal JULY Holiday Programmes (indoor)

Age: 6-14 year olds

Dates: 10th, 11th & 12th July 2017 (WEEK 1) 20th & 21st July 2017 (WEEK 2)

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: St Thomas's of Canterbury College (WEEK 1) Pioneer Stadium (WEEK 2)

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

Mainland Outdoor JULY Holiday Programmes

Age: 7-14 year olds

Dates: 13th & 14th July (WEEK 1) 17th & 18th July 2017 (WEEK 2)

Times: 9.00am – 3.00pm

Venue: English Park

Cost: \$37.50 per day (\$112.50 for three consecutive days) 10% discount of second child when registering two or more siblings.

For further information contact - <http://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz/whole-of-football-plan/holiday-football/>
Xavier Morin 021 1735878 or 03 3754120.