



# CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday, 29 September, 2017 - Week Ten —Term 3

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Kia ora,

Short and sweet today! There appears to be a lot of tired children (and staff) around this week so a holiday, with lots of rest, is very much due. Let's get outside and get some sun! Vitamin D helps fight disease and assists our immune system.

Last week I attended the New Zealand Principals Conference, with the theme being...."Hauora / Well Being." Thanks to the staff, despite sicknesses, who covered so ably in my absence. There was a lot to take in. Here is a taste of some ideas we can all take heed of:

### Resilience / Self Esteem –

Teenagers tend to get their self-esteem from the approval of others .... not from significant others who love and care for them. However, self-esteem from others leads to failure.

Homes and schools are the builders of resilience / self-esteem in students. Fact - more resilience, fewer adverse life outcomes.

How? These 4 domains of a child need to be addressed – they are determinates of resilience and self esteem

1. Stable, loving family
2. Participation in education
3. Positive prosocial friends
4. Connectedness to local community

It has been a busy term but very rewarding. Even through all the 'madness' that school can bring I still love seeing children coming to school enthusiastic about their learning, such as the students doing their "Student Volunteer Army Projects" – meaningful, realistic learning, that makes a difference. It would not be possible without your support – thank you.

Interprovincial Cross Country: We had Tinesha and Quade represent the school and Canterbury at this event. They did fantastically well, with both achieving top 10 places (unofficially).

ICAS results – I was going to publish the children's results (credit and above) but am still waiting for the Maths results to come.

## SCHOOL DONATION AND ACTIVITY PAYMENTS

I have emailed those who have any outstanding monies. Prompt payment would be appreciated

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

Thank you.

Enjoy the holidays and we look forward to a great term four.

Robert

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Please read the online ordering information. The password to use is CSL17. Sample class photos are on display in the school office.

Orders close: 9 October.

## CUST SCHOOL COHORT ENTRY

Our cohort entry policy applies from Term 1 2018.

Cust School operates a cohort entry policy, which allows new entrants to start school in cohort groups on the first day of the term, rather than singly on each child's 5th birthday (also known as continuous entry). Children are expected to start school at the beginning of the first full term after their 5th birthday.

We feel cohort entry allows new entrants an easier transition to school and helps them build relationships with both their fellow new entrants and other students already in the class. It allows Cust School to better plan its staffing requirements, and minimises disruption for new entrant teachers.

Once a child is formally enrolled at school, they must attend school regularly. Children must be enrolled in school by their 6th birthday.

### 5-year-old new entrants

After a child turns 5, their school start date is the first day of the following term.

Cust School discourages parents from enrolling their child at the age of 4 (though it is lawful to do so provided their 5th birthday occurs before the mid-term date of the term in which they would be starting school). We feel that it is more beneficial for all "new" 5-year-olds start together at the beginning of each term.

### Community Consultation

The cohort entry policy has been approved by the Cust School board of trustees, and developed in consultation with

- current parents
- school staff
- local early childhood centres
- prospective parents.

If the school decides to revoke the cohort entry policy, the board will undergo reasonable consultation with the stakeholders listed above, and provide at least one term's notice before the policy ends.

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### Legislation

- **Education Act 1989**, including **Education (Update) Amendment Act 2017**

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### Resources

- **Ministry of Education: Enabling schools to introduce cohort entry** 
- **NZSTA: Cohort entry to school** 

Regards  
Robert

### TERM FOUR DATES

Monday 16 October	Term 4 starts
Tuesday, 17 October	PTA Meeting
Wednesday 18 October	HPV Vaccinations
Thursday 19 October	Rangiora High Testing @ Cust
Monday 23 October	Labour Day
Wednesday 25 October	Christchurch Music Festival Rehearsal am Performance pm
Tuesday 31 October	Rangiora High School Orientation
Wednesday 1 November	BOT Meeting
Thursday 2 November	Cust School Athletics
<b>Friday 10 November</b>	<b>SCHOOL JUBILEE</b>
Tuesday 14 November	Rakahuri Athletics
Wednesday 15 November	School visit to Canterbury Show
Thursday 16 November	Teacher Only Day
Friday 17 November	Canterbury Show Day
Monday 20 November	Year 7/8 Camp Kaikoura
Wednesday 29 November	Year 5/6 Camp Living Springs
Wednesday 6 December	Canterbury Athletics
Wednesday 13 December	School visit to Ferrymead
Wednesday 13 December	BOT Meeting
Monday 18 December	End of Year Assembly – 6.30pm
Wednesday 20 December	End of School Year

## **ROOM ONE**

The children looked wonderful dressed up as animals last Friday in aid of the SPCA. Thank you for your kind donations.

The children have worked so hard this term and have made great progress. However, they are all in need of a break. No doubt they are looking forward to lots of sleep ins, time to rest and play and get well with so many bugs still floating around.

Next term is again shaping up to be another busy one with the Cust School Jubilee, Athletics and trips to the Christchurch Show and Ferrymead Heritage Park.

Have a restful and safe holiday,  
Kennys

## **ROOM TWO**

Well, we have successfully made it to the end of another busy term but what a long dreary winter it seems to have been - roll on spring!

Room 2 have spent this week finishing things off. Our maths problem unit, Enviro projects and Discovery Time have now ended ready to start afresh for Term 4, and we had a great time rounding off the 'Kiwi kai' unit by making and sharing a real kiwi style lunch today. Included in this topic we have found out heaps about our favourite foods and have practised writing letters and recipes.

We also farewell Amelia Burra from Room 2 this week as she returns to Kaikoura. It has been lovely having you here this term Amelia, and hopefully you will catch up with all your new Cust friends again in the future!

Enjoy the holidays, lots of sunny days would be a bonus, and come back fresh and ready for a great last term!

Ros

## **ROOM THREE**

Kia ora koutou,

This week we have finished off our fairytale unit by publishing our own made-up fairytales with some senior helpers. We have illustrated these and look forward to seeing our class book on the library shelf next term. We have also completed our 'castle' art, written a blurb about it, and assessed ourselves, and a peer, on the quality of our work. We have had a super time reading lots of different stories along the way and thank you if you brought some stories from home.

Our 'Jack and the Beanstalk' bean plants have hopefully made it home safely this week! We have enjoyed watching our bean seeds start to shoot after regular watering and putting them in a sunny position (however some did rot!). Hopefully the children will continue to look after them at home, plant them in the garden or a pot and see how high they grow!

In lieu of a desk change for next term, the children have cleaned out their desks. Please note if your child is in need of any more stationery for next term: glue sticks and pencils most probably!

It would also be beneficial if over the holidays the children still fit in some daily reading and basic facts practice. They have worked really hard this term and if they can keep it up then this will improve overall retention.

We hope you all have a relaxing break and the children come back recharged and ready to roll for our 'summer' and last Term of 2017!

Nga mihi nui,  
Kathryn and Carolyn

## **ROOM FOUR**

Kia ora

This week in Room 4 we have had a finishing off week. Just want to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and I will see everyone next term.

Eddie

## **ROOM FIVE**

What a great week we have had. I have really enjoyed having the full week in Room 5. We have heard from Mrs Falconer and she is having a great time on holiday so we look forward to hearing more about her adventures. This week has been full of finishing up our 'Explorer Challenges'. Children have been choosing from a range of challenges so we have had famous explorer slideshows, scurvy posters, explorer self-portraits, paper mâché islands, sea songs and more! Come into Room 5 and have a look at all the amazing work.

Enjoy the holidays!  
Hannah

## **ROOMS SIX AND SEVEN**

A well-deserved holiday begins! It has been a full on term and Mrs Bell and I are very proud of the huge effort that the Room 6 & 7 students have put into so many areas of their learning. Piko's TIPS for success have really been applied, the results of this can be seen in the progress our Student Volunteer Army have made in the past few weeks with their community projects.

Congratulations to all groups, you worked together, planning and setting goals. This involved co-ordinating, communicating co-operating being organised and resilient. You were persistent, independent, showing great effort and taking action. Above all you showed you CARE. This has been a great success, thank you Mrs Bell for leading the way for all the troops. The experiences the students have created will be memories they will always remember. They have made a difference.

Enjoy the spring break. We look forward to an exciting Term Four, with many events on the calendar including, Athletics, the Cust School Jubilee, and our class trip to Kaikoura.

Kind Regards  
Miriam Bell, Robert & Annmaree Schuyt.

## **CERTIFICATES**

- Room One: Excellence awarded to Fleur, Olivia, Grace and Danielle for getting all your spelling words correct this term. Well done.
- Room Two: Student of the week awarded to Kyron for showing a great positive attitude and diligence in his writing. Ka pai Kyron.  
Student of the week awarded to Charlie for showing noticeably greater care and effort in his written work. Ka pai Charlie.
- Room Three: Term 3 spelling award presented to Harry, Izzy, Andie, Sam, Scott, Layce, Jaydon and Anna
- Room Four: Great work awarded to Hannah for a huge improvement in her writing skills.  
Well done to Morrin for showing success in Piko's tips for being a lot more confident in Room 4.
- Room Five: Star Student awarded to Riley for making a great slideshow and self portrait of Amerigo Vespucci.  
Star Student awarded to Zavier for making an interesting slideshow that's full of great facts on a famous explorer.  
Star Student awarded to Esther for working really hard on your explorer challenges and creating a wonderful sea song especially.  
Star Student awarded to Keirra for making an awesome self portrait of Captain James Cook.
- Room Six: Excellence awarded to Rebecca for fabulous leadership of the 'Cust Kitties' Student Volunteer Army Platoon - \$309.70.
- Room Seven: Student of the week awarded to Aedan for the teamwork you put into the planning of your Student Volunteer Army project.

**FISH AND CHIPS, AMERICAN HOT DOG**  
**There is no fish and chips in Term Four.**

**PTA NEWS**

**Cust School 150<sup>th</sup> Jubilee – help required for the afternoon tea.**

The PTA will be providing afternoon tea on the Saturday 11 of November for the people attending the Jubilee.

More details early next term, but as a heads up - we will be looking for people to donate plates of food for the afternoon tea. Items like club sandwiches, mini muffins, biscuits, slices etc.

We will also need people to help in the kitchen and with serving the afternoon tea (adults or high school students).

If you are able to help, send us an email or contact Deb 0274289016

**Next meeting:** Tuesday 17 October at 7:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

For more information/contact details:

Website: [www.cust.school.nz](http://www.cust.school.nz) (School Info Tab)

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Cust School PTA Bank Account: 03 1783 0502 131 03

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**MAGPIE RESCUE**

Contact 027 522 5447.

**DENTAL CARE OVER THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (excluding weekends)

and

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> October to Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (excluding weekends)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.

**AED INFORMATION CLASS**

What is an AED?? An **automated external defibrillator (AED)** is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. **AEDs** are used to treat sudden cardiac arrests with simple audio and visual commands, and are designed to be simple to use. Did you know that there are AEDs at the Cust Service Centre, West Eyreton Hall, and the West Eyreton School?

Trish Robinson, a trained St Johns Paramedic, will be running a short information class on the use of an AED on Thursday, 19 October, 7pm, at the Multi-purpose room. Please contact Kathryn Taylor, 0210391747, [kathrynkingsbury@hotmail.com](mailto:kathrynkingsbury@hotmail.com), if you would like to attend, and potentially save someone's life.