



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday, 20 February, 2017 - Week Three —Term 1

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

BEACH EDUCATION

MONDAY, 20 FEBRUARY – YEARS 0-4

TUESDAY, 21 FEBRUARY – YEARS 5-8

Venue: Waikuku Beach – 9am – 3pm. All children will travel by bus.

Cost of activity and bus will be added to your activity fee.

Gear: Warm clothes, hat, wet suits (if your child has one), towels, good lunch and morning tea, sunscreen, drink etc.

Please Note: Beach Ed will not be cancelled if the weather is unsuitable as there will be a full wet weather programme.

WE NEED PARENTS TO HELP WITH THIS DAY. Please contact the school office or email jennifer.thompson@cust.school.nz

Last week, in a very full newsletter, there were a few return slips that needed to be filled in.

1. Contact Details – every year we update our contact details to ensure we have the correct information.
2. EOTC Permission and Digital Technologies – we have updated these policies at the end of last year and would like you to acknowledge and sign these.

Thanks to those people who have sent these back. If you haven't, we have included them again and kindly ask for them to be sent back as soon as possible.

Please note information regarding ICAS for Year 4-8 children later in this newsletter.

With some settled and reasonably warm weather, swimming, as usual at this time of year, has been a priority. It doesn't take long for the children to get fitter and we can see the progress happening fast. Today we had a group of children compete at the Eyre Cluster Non Championship Swimming Sports at Dudley Pool. I know they did well and enjoyed themselves.

Next week we have a larger group of children competing at the Eyre Cluster Championship Swimming Sports. These children have qualified to compete in this event by meeting the target times set for them. While competing at this event their aim is to qualify for the Rakahuri and North Canterbury Swimming Sports (hopefully qualifying for the Canterbury Swimming Sports).

Junior Swimming Sports (Year 0-4) is on Thursday, 2 March at Cust Pool (further details to come).

Many thanks to the parents who attended the 'Meet the Teacher' on Monday. We hope you gained further insights into what we are planning this year. We have noticed that numbers for this have dwindled over the last few years, probably due to the fact that the class newsletter we send out answers many of the questions you might have. If you have any feedback on how we can improve this evening, I am more than happy to listen.

Positive engagement between families and school activates powerful connections – together we can make a huge difference. This can be seen in our academic results (as shown in last week's newsletter) but also in our children's social development.

One of our goals this year is to trial some ways where the engagement between school, children and parents can be more timely. Student work can take many forms and can be represented in different formats – we want students to share their learning more readily. As we trial these, you will receive emails inviting you to engage with their learning journey. Please take to time to look at these with you children and enjoy their successes. It is hoped that at some stage during the year we will hold a parents evening which will explain this in more detail.

It is also very important that if you have any questions to come and ask – the teachers in the first instance and the earlier the better. Having said that I am more than happy to discuss things. I might direct you back to the teacher but I am able to provide 'big picture' details. This avoids the assumptions and misunderstandings that can occur through Chinese whispers, 'gateway/parking lot' conversations and Facebook.

Coming up is a further opportunity to enhance this engagement through our 3 Way Conferences. Information explaining how you can book interview times is included later in the newsletter. Bookings will open on Monday.

REMEMBER SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM ON THESE TWO DAYS.

If there are any questions please ask.

Robert

SCHOOL INTERVIEWS – 3 WAY CONFERENCES

These will be held in Week Six, on Monday 6 March and Tuesday 7 March.

To assist in the allocation of interviews we are again using the online booking system. Bookings will open on Monday at 12 noon.

1. To allocate a time for interviews you need to:
2. Go to <http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz>
3. Enter the event code unique to our school **q4qq4**
4. Click on I am someone else, and
5. Enter your name, your student's name(s), and your email address and how many bookings i.e. number of children at school
6. On the next page, pick the teachers you want to meet, from the drop down box.
7. Then you'll see a timetable showing when your chosen teachers are available. Simply click on the times that suit you.
8. When you have finished, your interview timetable will be emailed to you. And if something comes up, you can return to the site and change your interviews whenever you want.

REMEMBER SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 2PM ON THESE TWO DAYS
MONDAY, 6 MARCH & TUESDAY 7 MARCH.
The bus will commence its run at 2pm also.

Please Note – If you can't book an appropriate time, please contact the class teacher for an alternative time.

ROOM ONE:

Welcome back! I hope your summer break was relaxing and fun.

We welcome Liam Roberts and Fleur Blatch to school and wish them both a belated happy birthday.

As you know we are temporarily learning in the Multi-Purpose Room, but will be moving back into a semi-completed Room 1 shortly. We have spent the last couple of weeks doing revision in Reading and Phonics and a unit on Position in Maths. Reading and Sounds/Spelling homework started this week. You will have seen from the term newsletter that was e-mailed home, that the theme for this year is:

Looking at the Past

“Ka Mua, Ka Muri”

Walking backwards into the future.

When swimming finishes for this term, we will be learning about ourselves and our families. We will be swimming every suitable day and I would appreciate it if all clothing and swimming gear is named. A reminder that we have Beach Education on Monday, could you please ensure the children have their named swimming gear, sun screen, lunch, morning tea, drink etc. If the programme is the same as previous visits, we will be in the Surf Life Saving rooms for a while learning about beach/water safety, then some games on the beach and in the afternoon a play in the sea. The children really enjoy it. If you are a helper, please bring your togs because you will be going in the water.

Have a lovely weekend,
Kennys

ROOM TWO

After our first full week back at school we are still racing to try and complete everything each day. Swimming is fabulous, but unfortunately something always seems to be cut short in our attempt to fit everything in, so apologies if at times we are running behind on spelling words or reading. Nevertheless all our superstars have made a great start to the year and even with the skill saws 'abuzzing' we are settling into our stride nicely!

As well, which is wonderful in the name of creativity, we have been painting our temporary wall - come and have a look. I am mindful that it needs to be completed before the alteration is finished so another activity to slot in, but it is lots of fun and the self-portraits are wonderful!

We have been working in Statistics for maths (leading towards a statistical investigation) and as part of our 'I am a superstar' unit, are completing writing activities on ourselves and our attributes, talking about learning styles and creating a Superstar Rule chart which will be signed by all as part of our class contract for behaviour and goals.

Next week, Beach Ed on Monday and Margaret Alpin will be teaching in R2 for me Tuesday/Wednesday.

Please remember if you were unable to make our 'Meet the Teacher' evening and need a chat, send me an email or txt (0210714340) and we can make a time to meet.

NB. Please note new 2017 Study Ladder passwords are in back of students' homework books. I have initially included basic addition and statistics activities for both Year 3 and Year 4.

Regards,
Ros

ROOM THREE

Kia ora koutou,

The first few weeks of the term in Room 3 (currently residing in the multipurpose room) have been spent getting to know our new class members and establishing routines. We have visited the pool when the weather has been warm and enjoyed some outdoor games when time has allowed. Thank you to everyone for having stationery organised promptly. This has allowed for a smooth start to the year for the children.

Reading and spelling homework has commenced. Thank you for supporting your children with this. We are aware that many children are feeling tired as they adjust back to school routines so please establish a homework routine that works for your family and is fun for your child. Parent participation is encouraged!

We are making the most of every day that is suitable for swimming so please continue to send along the swimming togs. Please ensure that your child has a bag to carry their togs in and that their clothes, togs and towels are named. Each child also requires a named school hat. A few children have not brought theirs back after the holidays so please check with your child about this. While we are on the subject of checking, please also check your child's hair regularly for head lice and treat if required.

On Monday 20 February we are participating in a Beach Education programme at Waikuku Beach. We require parent help for this. Please let us know if you are able to attend. Pre-schoolers are welcome. The children do get to spend some time in the water so we will need adults in the water to supervise this. If you are coming please be prepared to get wet! The children will need their lunch, plenty of water and their swimming gear for the trip.

Nga mihi nui,
Carolyn and Kathryn.

ROOM FOUR

Kia ora

Thank you to all the parents who turned up to Meet the Teacher night on Monday evening. It was great meeting everyone and discussing the classroom programme for the year. If anyone could not make it and want to arrange another time to meet, please email me.

It has been a very busy week in Room 4 this week. First of all well done to all the children who came with me to the Non Championship swim on Friday. The children have been practising very hard and did really well at the event. This week in we have started PAT testing. Once I have analysed these tests I will be able to share the information with parents at the upcoming parent teacher conferences.

Also this week we have started our classroom reading programme. The children have been put into ability groups and are focusing on basic reading skills and summarising a text.

In numeracy we have continued with our Statistics unit and have been looking at Time Series graphs.

Next week we have another very exciting week. On Tuesday we have Beach Education at Waikuku Beach (I have been told to leave the surf boards at home). If you are interested in helping please let Jennifer in the office know by the end of school on Monday. Also on Friday we have the Championship Swimming Competition at Dudley Pool. The children and I are leaving school at 10:15 am. The children are super excited about this event and have been training very hard. All parents are welcome to come and watch.

Have an awesome weekend.
Eddie

ROOM FIVE

Thank you to those parents who attended Monday nights Meet the Teacher evening. We hope that all parents feel fully informed about the classroom programmes and expectations. Please let us know if this is not the case and we will soon address it. You are most welcome to visit the room at any time.

The children are beginning to develop routines in reading, maths, topic and homework. Swimming is going very well and we have been impressed with the progress and growth in confidence of most of the children. This will continue for a few more weeks as swimming sports events take place.

Next week we have Beach Education for Year 4's on Monday/ Year 5's Tuesday - Thank you for the offers of parent help. The children will need togs, towel, suitable beach shoes, warm clothing + jacket (in case of cooler weather) morning tea, lunch, drink and a hat. Don't forget sun block. This should be a fun and busy day!

On Monday I will remain at school with the Year 5 children. On Tuesday I will be attending an ALL (Accelerating Literacy Learning) course and Mrs Watson will look after the remaining Year 4's with Mrs Alpin.

We have completed our Classroom Treaty and have been working on presenting it as part of a Maori Chief's Cloak (Korowai). Mrs Scott has had the children complete very colourful guitars which will be accompanied by their individual photo. Come along and have a look.

Have a great weekend
Warm regards
Linda & Hannah

ROOM SIX

Room 6 are right into the swing of Term 1, and I've been impressed with the attitudes exhibited by the children as they have tackled the new challenges presented by Year 8. We have been focusing on what our school motto of 'Be Your Best' actually looks like in practice, and how we can apply it (using Piko's TIPS for success) to our learning. We have also managed to produce some fantastic watercolour art, and knocked back some essential testing. These results and what we know about the children, coupled with what they know about themselves, enable us to set meaningful learning goals for the term.

Kind regards,
Miriam Bell

ROOM SEVEN

The students have settled very well into their routines and are all working conscientiously. Well done Room 7, I know that we are going to have a great year working alongside/together with Mrs Bell and the Year 8's using "Piko's TIPS for Success".

We are encouraging all of the class to spend time reading at home each day, supporting the reading programme currently in progress this term. The expectation is that each student will need to choose a novel that they can read within a time span of two weeks and complete five activities to complement this. All students have completed their first novel over the past fortnight. Their goal is to continue and read at least four more books this term. Working on this together with Year 8 has been a great opportunity to see the standard of work that we are striving to achieve.

Daily swimming continues, with this regular training we can see tremendous improvements in fitness levels over the past few weeks. Good luck to all those swimming on Friday!!

Have a great weekend.
Kind Regards Annmaree.

UPDATE OF PERSONAL AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS DETAILS

As required at the beginning of each year our records on emergency contact details etc. are updated. Can you please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible, so we can cross check our information

A reminder that if they change throughout the year please advise the school office. Thank you.

FAMILY NAME:..... Home phone No.....

Email address:.....

Mum's cell phone No..... Dad's cell phone No.....

Residential Address:.....

Postal Address:.....

Other Emergency Contact:.....

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM PERMISSION (EOTC)

I/we give permission for our child(ren)

to participate in level 1 and 2 Education Outside the classroom activities.

I/we have provided the school with up-to-date medical and other information on the school enrolment form and will notify the school of any changes to that information.

Name:..... Signature:..... Date:.....

CUST SCHOOL DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT

An updated copy of this is on the school website – School Information – Parent Information – Cust School Digital Technology Agreement and in the office.

I understand that these guidelines for responsible use are to be followed when using any technology whilst at school or whilst on any school activity. I am aware that this may include the use of a device that the school does not own.

I understand that if I breach this responsible use agreement, I may lose access to school ICT services including the use of the internet, on school owned devices or any personally owned device used at school.

Student Name:..... Signature:..... Date:.....

I have read the student declaration and have talked with my child about what it means to them. I am happy that my child understands what this means, and that they are capable of working within the guidelines.

Parent Name:..... Signature:..... Date:.....

SWIMMING

Championship Swimming Sports – Cluster – Dudley Pool (Years 5-8)

Friday, 24 February, 11am – 2.30pm.

This event allows our best swimmers to compete in a competitive swimming sports with the goal of being selected to compete at the Rakahuri and North Canterbury Swimming Championships.

Note: Children must be Year 5 as a minimum. All events are 50m so are for our capable swimmers.

Any questions please ask Eddie Foskett.

CERTIFICATES

- ROOM ONE:** Well done Danielle for showing success in Piko's tips. You are a great role model for the children in Room 1.
Well done Grace for showing success in Piko's tips. You are a great role model for the children in Room 1.
- ROOM TWO:** Student of the Week awarded to Walter for always being on task, focussed and giving his best effort.
Student of the Week awarded to Corey for producing high quality, Best Superstar work.
Keep up the great work.
Student of the Week awarded to Oscar for showing awesome focus and a great attitude to his work.
- ROOM THREE:** Great work awarded to Sam for awesome effort with your writing, attempting unknown words. Well done.
Great work awarded to Jaydon for awesome recount writing. Keep up the good work.
- ROOM FOUR:** Great work awarded to Blake for good use of knowledge during written language.
Great work awarded to Morrin for settling well into Room 4.
- ROOM FIVE:** Student of the Week awarded to James for thinking and sharing thoughtful ideas for our treaty.
Student of the Week awarded to Maddie for reading well and completing her work.
- ROOM SIX:** Well done to Will for showing success in Piko's tips. You are really THINKING – planning, goal setting, asking great questions and 'joining the dots'
Well done Ashleigh for showing success in Piko's tips. Great to see the development of some great organisational skills..
- ROOM SEVEN:** Excellence awarded to Ella for overall top effort in all independent work.
Great work awarded to Matthew for showing great organisational skills. Keep up the great work.

2017 YEAR 8 SCHOOL BASED HPV VACCINATION PROGRAMME

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) is a common viral infection which can cause several cancers affecting both men and women later in life. Early HPV immunisation offers the best protection against contracting this virus. Starting 2017, **both girls and boys** in Year 8 will be offered free HPV Vaccination through the school based programme. A new updated version of the vaccine (Gardasil 9) will cover more strains of the virus, providing cover with 2 doses rather than 3 with Gardasil 4.

The vaccination will continue to be available within the GP Practices, however, we encourage you to participate in the school based programme. Girls and boys who have partially started the process with their GP will have the option to complete the course through the school based programme. To enable students to receive the vaccination at school, parents will need to complete the consent form which will be sent home with the student along with supporting information during the first weeks of term one. Please check with your child or the school to ensure you receive the consent form and information pack. For more information about the vaccine, contact Public Health Nursing Service at 03 383 6877 Ext. 99469 or 99698, talk to your doctor, practice nurse or visit www.health.govt.nz/hpv.

ICAS INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS

WHAT IS ICAS?:

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools is conducted by Educational Assessment Australia, UNSW.

Ten countries now participate in ICAS. In Australia and New Zealand there are over 1.7 million entries.

While ICAS testing is some time away **it is time to get the enrolment of our students underway.**

If you would like your child to participate, please fill in the form below and return the **form and payment** to the school office by Friday, 24 March. We need three or more entries for each assessment or the price becomes extremely prohibitive.

If you would like to find out more the website is www.eaa.unsw.edu.au

All students entering ICAS testing receive a certificate acknowledging participation. Students are eligible for awards including High Distinction, Distinction and Credit Certificates and ICAS medals.

Sitting Dates for 2017 (Years 4-8)

- Digital Technologies 23 May
- Science 30 May
- Spelling 14 June
- Writing 12-16 June
- English 1 August
- Mathematics 15 August

Students will be given practice papers to work on before the tests, or you can use 'Practice Online'. Go to www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/preparation

Regards
Robert Schuyt

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ICAS Competition Entry Form (to office with payment by 24 March)

NAME:.....

Year Group:.....

Please circle the ICAS papers your child will be sitting.

Digital Technologies	\$8.50	Science	\$8.50	Spelling	\$10.50
Writing	\$19.50	English	\$8.50	Mathematics	\$ 8.50

Payment attached / paid online (*please circle*)

Total \$.....

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IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 20 February – Beach Education – Years 1-4
Tuesday 21 February – Beach Education – Years 5-8
Friday 24 February – Eyre Cluster Championship Swimming (Years 5-8)
Wednesday 1 March – BOT Meeting
Thursday 2 March – Junior Swimming Sports
Monday 6 March – Rakahuri Swimming Championships
Monday 6 March / Tuesday 7 March – Parent Interviews / Three Way Conferences
Thursday 23 March – North Canterbury Swimming Competition
Monday 27 March – Canterbury Duathlon
Thursday 6 April – Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming Competition
Thursday 13 April – Term One ends

CUST BIBLE IN SCHOOLS

Hi Everyone. Because of the alterations to the school class rooms and the Multi-Purpose Room there is no room for us! So we will hold off RE until later in the term. The senior class plans to do sushi again this year, so stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

Gina Taggart
Bible in Schools Teacher
CUST SCHOOL

COMMUNITY NOTICES

WANTED

Grazing Land in the Cust area. Any sized block considered.
Please Phone Simon 0274 437 888 Hm: 310 2143

FREE DENTAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting your school soon. We will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is there

The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean, and apply protective treatments (including fluoride) if required.

If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required

When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care

Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre

If you wish to be present at your child's check-up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our **Call Centre** to make an appointment

Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

OXFORD RFC JAB REGISTRATION

16 and 23 February 2017
Clubrooms 4:30pm – 6:30pm
Enquiries to Sally 312 1616



LEFT AT THE CUST MUSEUM

Girl's 2 piece swimming togs, towel and goggles. Contact: B Kingsbury, Phone 3125839.

NORTH CANTEBURY NETBALL – HAVE A GO DAY!!

FOR ALL YEAR 1 - 6 CHILDREN

SATURDAY 18 FEBRUARY, DUDLEY PARK NETBALL COURTS.

TIME: 10AM – 11.30AM

ALL YEAR 1 – 6 CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO COME ALONG TO NORTH CANTERBURY NETBALL CENTRE TO HAVE A GO AT NETBALL.

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN, LEARN NETBALL SKILLS AND PLAY A GAME!

This is FREE to attend, please register online: <http://www.ncnc.org.nz/junior-netball/have-a-go-day>

MCDONALD'S YOUTH DUATHLON

Sunday, 2 April. South Hagley Park, Christchurch.

This event, involving run and cycle stages, is for individual entrants aged 7 to 15 years old.

7 to 10 years: run 1km – cycle 4km – run 500m

11 to 15 years: run 2km – cycle 8km – run 1km

All competitors will on the day receive a competition shirt, which they will wear to compete. On completion a medal and certificate will be presented.

On line entry and payment is available at www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz

Entry fee is \$15 per person. Each entrants will receive a product pack of sponsors products. Entries must be postmarked no later than 24 March 2017.

Some entry forms are available from the school office.

WELCOME TO PLAYCENTRE!

Playcentre is a parent run cooperative. We believe that parents are the first and best teachers for their children. Your knowledge of your child and your skills and interests are valued. We believe that children learn best through play where they are encouraged in their strengths and interests. We are committed to whanau and community: supporting and encouraging each other.

We are currently holding 2 Playcentre sessions each week: Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9.15am – 12.15pm, during term time. Our first session this year is Tuesday 31 January. We welcome all children from birth to 6 years old. Come down and have a look, you are entitled to 3 free sessions, no pressure!

Beginning 2017 we are very excited to be able to offer an additional Outdoor Session on Wednesday mornings! This is an amazing opportunity for children to explore in nature: building huts, cooking over camp fires, riding bikes, flying kites, climbing and lots of exploring! Positive learning outcomes include: developing trust with their peers, strengthening relationships, taking calculated risks and learning their limits and boundaries, building physical skills and endurance, respect and love for nature and so much more!

Fees are \$30 per term for one or two sessions, per child. We are offering the Outdoor session for free when you enrol in one or two other Playcentre sessions (Tues and/or Thurs).

Playcentre also offers free parent education where you can build on your knowledge of how children learn. This opportunity can also lead to future employment within Playcentre.

Tuesday and Thursday sessions will be held at Cust Playcentre, Mill Road, in the far end of the Community Centre building. Please contact Amanda Scott Richards on 0220891723 for details of where each Wild Wednesday session will be held.

Please contact Marina Blanchard for any other information or questions. We would love to hear from you. 03 310 2460 or 027 267 1747

PIANO, OR VIOLIN OR GUITAR LESSONS

I am possibly able to take a couple of new private piano, violin, or guitar students at Cust School.

For those who may not know me, I have a degree in Performance Music and have played as a professional musician here and overseas. I have enjoyed teaching for well over two decades now - although I suspect I have become an even better teacher since becoming a Mum!

I teach at Cust School during the school day which is very convenient if you, like us, have a busy after school schedule!

Emma 03 310 2512 and 027 2999580.