



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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“TIME FOR A CHANGE”

“Effort and Attitude Determines My Abilities”

Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As you are aware this year our theme is about “Change” and we have emphasized, within the classes and school, that: the brain is a powerful tool and we can grow and **change** it.

One lesson is that we can learn from our mistakes.

At the most basic level mistakes tell us what we are yet to learn.

This might happen while we struggle to master a new skill, or when there's an unexpected outcome of our actions that highlight there's something we hadn't considered or don't know yet.

There is an important growth mindset message here: mistakes are temporary. Eventually you master the new skill. The way to get past a mistake is to continue learning.

Why do we make mistakes? Stretch Mistakes happen because we are working beyond our current capacity. The problems we are working on are literally too hard to solve with our current skills.

We want students to be in this zone. It's important to praise and reward students for working on problems that are hard enough for them to make Stretch Mistakes. The important part is that they are working on hard enough problems.

The Growth Mindset action is to praise the student for attempting a problem in this zone, not for making the mistake.



The experience of working on the edge of your competence is always hard. It always takes energy and the development of new skills. This is true for everyone, no matter how simple or complex the new learning might be.

Our brains **change** in response to learning and our abilities literally increase. Challenges that were previously well beyond our reach become achievable.

The message we want Cust children to be aware of, is that they should expect new learning to be difficult. Everything is hard before it's easy. This is true for everyone. Mistakes are not failures, if they are Stretch Mistakes, they are proof you are making an effort.



People with a strong Growth Mindset understand the important role of mistakes in the learning process. They have experienced challenges, made mistakes, and they learnt that with the right sort of effort they can overcome these.

This is why the Growth Mindset leads to greater resilience. These people understand that mistakes don't define their abilities; they just define where their current learning zone is – and that's important knowledge to have because it sets the scene for future growth.

As parents and educators, we praise and encourage those things we want to see more of in our children. Mistakes are not one of those things. Mistakes are just what naturally happen when we are working in our Stretch Zone, where we are learning and building new skills.

It is a mistake to praise only mistakes. Not all mistakes are desirable. From a Growth Mindset perspective, we should focus more on praising and rewarding the actions children take that lead to learning.



Regards
Robert

POSITIVE PUBERTY PARENT EVENING

Year 5-8

Health and Physical Education - Pubertal Change

Tuesday 22 May

7pm Multi-Purpose Room

A requirement in New Zealand schools, as part of the Health and PE curriculum, is that we must cover Health and Sexuality Education – the focus being on:

- Developing knowledge about, and adjusting to pubertal change and
- Managing pubertal change

Anne Braid, Cust School's Public Health Nurse, will be facilitating a session for parents and children on Positive Puberty. This will be in addition to what is happening in the classroom.

We invite parents and children (Years 5-8) to this evening.

Term 2 Calendar

Monday 21 May	School Cross Country
Tuesday, 22 May	Positive Puberty Parent Evening
Friday 25 May	Winter Sports Begins
Monday 28 May	Cluster Cross Country
Monday 4 June	Queen's Birthday
Tuesday, 5 June	Teacher Only Day
Wednesday 6 June	North Canterbury Cross Country
Wednesday 20 June	Canterbury Cross Country
Friday 22 June	School Disco
Friday 29 June	NZ Playhouse
Monday 2 / Tuesday 3 July	Three Way Conferences
Friday 6 July	Term 2 Ends

SCHOOL DONATIONS AND ACTIVITY FEES

A reminder about School Donations and Activity Fee. There are still a number of families who have not paid the activity fee component for Term One.

Term 2 invoices were sent out on Wednesday.

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*).

CUST SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Monday, 21 May, at Cust Domain. (*postponement day Tuesday, 22 May*)

Start Time: Assemble in cars 10.10 am at school
Instructions 10.30 am at Domain
First Race 10.40 am

Race Times / Distances (approx.)

Year 7/8 Boys / Girls	10.40 am	(3 km / 3 laps)
Year 1/2 Boys	10.50 am	(500m / 1 lap)
Year 1/2 Girls	10.55 am	(500m / 1 lap)
Year 6 Boys/Girls	11.00 am	(2km / 2 laps)
Year 3/4 Boys	11.15 am	(1km / 2 laps)
Year 3/4 Girls	11.20 am	(1km / 2 laps)
Year 5 Boys/Girls	11.25 am	(2km / 2 laps)

Finish approximately 12 noon.

Runners to wear suitable footwear and have named warm clothing for after their race.
Children should have a light morning tea. All children should bring a drink for after the race.

ROOM ONE

Our focus this week has been using quiet voices and making good choices – both of which improved as the week went on. Still room for improvement though, so we will be keeping this focus for next week as well.

The children are very keen to reach their next running goals and they are up to running 5 times around our school circuit. They are looking very fit and ready for the school Cross Country on Monday!

Writing this week has included a recount of Book Week. There are lots of photos on the wall that you are welcome to come and have a look at.

Now that we are doing Number in Maths the groups goals are – learning about the numbers from 1-10. Groups with 5 and addition and subtraction to 10 using equipment.

Have a lovely weekend,
Margaret and Kennys

ROOM TWO AND ROOM FOUR

Kia Ora,

Back to a normal week in our classrooms we have been completing our Measurement unit on Time – back to number next week, continuing our book week activities at reading time including tasks such as character webs, story pyramids and novel studies, and continuing with our writing workshops.

For topic we have started our new unit on Growing and Changing. This, although similar for Y 3-5, is being taken in our home rooms and will involve learning about how we change over time, our different needs at different ages and stages, how we grow and different body systems.

Mrs Falconer's Writing Group are working on Narrative skills in developing descriptive language in setting, character, plot and resolution. There will be a strong focus on improvement of punctuation, proof reading and recrafting. The children have been given "student voice" in choosing topics they would like to write about and one or two of their best narratives will be published over time.

This term for singing with Mrs Watson our focus is 'singing' and the children are enjoying having the opportunity to learn some new fun songs.

Remember Monday is cross country day, (PP Tuesday.) The children are looking forward to showing off their fitness and have set some impressive goals.

Kia pai tō mutunga wiki
(Have a great weekend)
Eddie, Linda & Ros

ROOM THREE

Kia ora Parents/Caregivers

This week in Room 3 the students have been training for the cross country as part of the exercise component of our topic on personal growth. The students have been racing themselves while I record the time it takes them to complete two laps of the school.

In writing the students have been developing the skills needed to produce interesting writing full of rich language. To do this they have been watching snippets of funny animal videos and writing about what they saw, with also having plenty of opportunity to re-craft their writing.

Maths and Reading are trucking along as per usual. Finally, thank you for the time you are putting in at home with your children's reading. There are signs, in class, of progress being made by every student.

Have a great weekend
Nga mihi
James

ROOM FIVE

The children have worked really hard this week creating animal collage artworks. They have turned out amazing! It was really nice to have the opportunity at assembly to share their artworks. It took some time to collage all the triangles with ripped magazine pieces and they spent a lot of time practising sketching eyes in their sketch books. Great job Room 5!

We have started a poetry unit this week. We have been listening and responding to poems. Everyone loved bringing in poems to share so much that we had to extend it for a second day. We also had a really good discussion on the reasons why poems are written. There were lots of great reasons given!

This week we are finishing up our geometry unit. The class have enjoyed and been challenged by calculating the angles of triangles and quadrilaterals. Next week we return to Number.

Have a good weekend.
Hannah

ROOM SIX AND ROOM SEVEN

Kia ora,

Training is in full progress for the Cust Cross Country next Monday. Our students are striving to achieve their personal goals. Great effort Room Six and Seven, 'Effort and attitude determine ability'. We have made great progress.

Next week in mathematics we will be studying shape. A week of revision will follow, then we return to 'Number'.

Interest in the school band has been high, we look forward to hearing them play! Students also having the option this term of joining our school choir.

Gender stereotypes have been our focus in Topic. This has created some very thought provoking discussion amongst the class. It is a vital part of growing, changing and maturing to be aware of others views; being able to begin to formulate your own opinion. We also learned how to write a response using a 'critical eye' to advertisements.

Enjoy your weekend.

Nga mihi

Miriam, Annmaree and Robert

CERTIFICATES

Room One: Great work awarded to Sam for being a good listener.

Great work awarded to Mackenzie for resilience.

Room Two: Great work awarded to Luca for a great attitude and work ethic beginning Term 2. Keep up the awesome progress Luca.

Great work awarded to Izzy for making a great start to Term 2. Keep up the fantastic attitude and focus Izzy.

Room Three: Great work awarded to Charlotte for her ability to take on advice and act on it. Well done.

Great work awarded to Jed for his effort in reading and writing. Well done Jed.

Room Four: Great work awarded to Zavier for a huge improvement in reading and writing.

Great work awarded to Millie for a super attitude and effort in writing.

Room Five: Excellence Certificate awarded to Lexi, Tasi, Sophie B., and Caitlin for excellence in Piko's Personal Reading Contract.

Room Six: Excellence Certificate awarded to Tinesha, Holly, Caitlyn H., Libby and Lauren for excellence in Piko's Personal Reading Contract.

Room Seven: Excellence Certificate awarded to Emma, Maisie, Katie, James, Blake P., Aidan L., and Bella for excellence in Piko's Personal Reading Contract.

PTA NEWS

ENTERTAINMENT™ BOOK

The 2018/2019 Christchurch Entertainment™ Memberships book is on sale. A sample book is available to view in the school office. \$70 giving you over \$20,000 of value. Contact Kate Powell 027 229 5026 for further information.

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FISH AND CHIPS, AMERICAN HOTDOGS – THURSDAY, 24 MAY

EPRO8 CHALLENGE TEAM YEARS 5 & 6
They were placed third.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

MUSICAL BINGO is back at Clarkville School due to popular demand!
Buy tickets via our Facebook page or the School Office - \$15pp

Friday 8th June 7pm (Doors open 6:30pm)

WHAT IS MUSICAL BINGO?

A hilarious, social evening for adults with songs instead of numbers on the bingo cards. Easy and fun on your own or with friends.

- ♪ Prizes & giveaways
- ♪ Prizes for best Rockstar costume
- ♪ Bar facilities - no under 18s please
- ♪ Musical knowledge not required
- ♪ \$15 includes entry and 2 cards for each round

FOR SALE

Camping canvas toilet tent, offers. Call Blair 0274389685.



SCOUTS. Are you ready to join the adventure?

Your local Scout group, Waimakariri Scouts, meet at the West Eyreton Hall, corner of Earlys and North Eyre Rds during term time.

KEA SCOUTS aged 5 to 8. Meet on Mondays 4:30 to 5:30 - contact virgeniadelima@gmail.com

CUB SCOUTS aged 8 to 11. Meet on Mondays 6:00 to 7:30- contact becs@scoltock.co.nz

SCOUTS aged 11 to 14. Meet on Wednesdays 7:00 to 8:30 - contact Hamish.Kim@airnz.co.nz

If you are interested in joining, come along and see what we do. Contact us before heading along, we might be out having adventures.

