



# CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

As I said last week the children have started this term with both feet running (both in the class and outside with cross country training!) It is great to see the work output and motivation the children have for the variety of learning experiences provided to them. The class news part demonstrates the work that is happening in each class, but we often get asked how can we support this at home so.....

### How can you help?

Research shows the positive effects of parent involvement on children, families and school when schools and parents continuously support and encourage the children's learning and development. One of the most accurate predictions of a student's achievement in school is not income or social status but the extent to which that student's family is able to:

1. Create a home environment that encourages learning
2. Express high expectations for their children's achievement
3. Become involved in their children's learning.

### Here are some TIP's to help

1. Take an active role in your child's education. Don't sit back and let someone else be responsible for providing your child with the tools they need to learn – it is a partnership between school and home.
2. How does your child learn best – seeing/reading, listening or doing? Once you've figured out how your child learns best, you can support this type of learning at home. Don't focus solely on it as children need to experience all types but it can be reinforced when new learning occurs.
3. Success – this means different things to different people. Is it academic success? Is it showing progress? Is it being happy? We can support children get 'success' by developing:
  - Self-awareness and self-confidence – know strengths and weaknesses
  - Being proactive – make decisions, take responsibility; Perseverance – don't give up
  - The ability to set goals
  - How to ask for help
  - How to handle stress – cope in new situations
4. Health lifestyle – learning involves body and brain so support your child in:
  - Exercise
  - Diet
  - Sleep
5. Basic facts - In my experience (30+ years) children who do not put some direct effort into memorising their times tables never learn them, and it really holds them back. They are slow at multiplying, even slower at dividing and grind to a halt at fractions. It is actually possible for children to memorise basic facts and understand them.

Rote = memorising by repetition. Does repetition mean mindless recall? NO.....Memorisation (retention) + Repetition (practice) = understanding. Facts are not opposed to understanding; they enable understanding. Basic facts committed to our long term memory allow us to 'cheat' limitations of working memory.

WANT TO HEAR MORE? COME TO OUR.....

**MATHS PARENT EVENING:  
MONDAY 15 MAY**

Come and hear / see what we do in Maths at Cust School and how you can help at home.

Junior School (Year 0-4) 6:30 – 7:00 MP Room

Senior School (Year 5-8) 7:00 – 7:30 Room 6

All welcome

As a school we are continually reviewing what we are doing to meet the needs of the children. This review process at times involves parental input.

Soon we will be asking you for your views on –

- Health education programme

Regards

Robert

### **ROOM ONE**

We welcome Freya Donoghue and wish her a very happy 5<sup>th</sup> birthday and we also welcome Jacob Sutcliffe, who has started his pre-school visits. Welcome also to Taya Chapman-Melrose who has moved to Cust from Hamilton with her family. We look forward to getting to know you.

Last Friday the NZ Playhouse put on a performance called 'Puss In Boots, Pet Detective' Very enjoyable!

We thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the Museum and Art Gallery on Monday. At the Museum we learnt about household items in early Canterbury. At the Art Gallery the children looked at various pieces of art work to see if they could discover the story the artist was trying to tell. Then they started to draw their story on a waka and we have finished them during the week. They are on display so come and have a look. This ties in very well with our topic at the moment which is 'All About Me'.

Each morning we are out running in preparation for the Cust School Cross Country event coming up in a couple of weeks' time. Suitable footwear for running would be appreciated.

Kapa Haka – for those that choose to do it, and Discovery Time for Rooms 1-3, have also started this week. It's all go!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Kennys

### **ROOM TWO**

Another lovely week! We all enjoyed our visit to the Museum/Art Gallery - many thanks to our parent helpers and Mrs Scott for organising this trip. It certainly tied in perfectly with our learning for this year.

In class we are learning about myths and legends, reading and watching videos of some favourites, and now beginning to write our own. Ask your children to explain what they know of Maori myths - and maybe even retell one they particularly enjoyed!

For the first week or so of Term 2 we have completed a short unit on money in maths ( including 'shopping' which is a great opportunity to practise using money and giving change in an authentic type situation) and are now back working in number with daily basic facts. Remember to keep up with the tables practice at home - muddling them up and including basic division (family of facts) where appropriate.

For topic we have been making some creative models of Pouakai - hopefully they will be on display next week in Room 2.

More of the same next week!

Have a lovely weekend,  
Ros

### **ROOM THREE**

Kia ora koutou,

Last Friday we had a visit from members of the Playhouse Theatre. They performed "Puss in Boots Pet Detective" which we all enjoyed. This is great preparation for our school production in Term 3 as we learn about being 'in character'.

Thank you to those who attended the trip to the Canterbury Museum and Art Gallery on Monday. It was a great way to kick start our learning about the Early Settlers of Canterbury. The children enjoyed seeing the sorts of things that people brought with them when they came to New Zealand on the First Four Ships.

On Thursday we had our first Discovery session for the term. This will happen fortnightly and offers children the chance to play, explore, wonder, investigate, negotiate, question and experiment with others. This is a highlight of the week for many children. Do ask them about their session afterwards. Discovery offers great opportunities for lots of talk both during and after the session.

In Maths the children have been working on number strategies with Mrs Winson and learning to read analogue clocks with Mrs Smith.

Nga mihi nui,  
Carolyn and Kathryn.

### **ROOM FOUR**

Kia ora

What a great start to the week we had. Room 4 loved their visit to the Art Gallery and Canterbury Museum. They learnt a lot about where the first people to arrive in New Zealand came from. In numeracy we have continued our Geometry unit. The children have been describing 2-d and 3-d shapes to a partner using correct mathematical language.

In written language the class have continued practising their writing skills with a focus this week on increasing the length of their writing through questioning. In fitness the class have been working hard on their cross country running.

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

Eddie

### **ROOM FIVE**

We are getting back into rhythm and routine in Room 5. Mrs Scott has begun an exciting unit on Explorers and I have begun one linking that theme to the Early Maori European settlement of Cust. The children show a strong interest in history and especially their own ancestry and how it fits into the Cust picture. We had a great visit to the Art Gallery and Museum this week to learn about Maori Art and Nga Taonga (treasures from the past.) A big thank you to the parents who were able to help with this.

As we are preparing for our up and coming cross country, the children will need a pair of slippers or an extra pair of shoes to change in to, as they tend to get wet when they run around the field.

We have made a start to our Argument Writing Unit by learning to use a planner and highlighting information in preparation to write an argument. These skills are built upon as the children go up through the school and become very good argument writers. This, of course, helps them to write their own speech further into the term.

Have a great weekend.  
Kind regards,  
Linda & Hannah

## **ROOM SIX AND ROOM SEVEN**

Our trip to the Christchurch Museum and Art Gallery on Tuesday was a worthwhile learning experience. It complimented our current learning focus, looking and understanding our own personal heritage. We are researching Cust and Canterbury's past, asking questions and seeking answers as to how it really was here in our community's beginnings. We are discovering how, where we live, grew and changed, what it was really like for the people and the influences that helped shape what is here today.

On Wednesday afternoon, we also had the opportunity to visit the Cust Museum. We really appreciated Mr Kingsbury answering our questions about specific details of our history here in Cust. We are so very lucky to have someone who is extremely knowledgeable and willing to share his time and wealth of knowledge with us all.

The Year Seven and Eight girls' completed week two of their self-defence course with their tutor showing great confidence and enthusiasm!!

ANZAC Reading activities are continuing, the students are aware they have one more week in which to complete both these. There is some interesting and creative work being produced. Keep up the excellent work Room 6 & 7!

Have a great weekend.

Kind Regards Miriam & Annmaree

## **CLASS CERTIFICATES**

- Room One: Welcome to Cust School Taya.  
Well done to Casey for showing success in Piko's Tips for showing confidence in his learning.  
Great work awarded to Corbin for using great listening skills during our trip to the Museum and Art Gallery.
- Room Two: Spelling Superstar awarded to Bianca for Term One 2017.  
Student of the Week awarded to Taylor for working really hard on her writing and presenting some high quality efforts.  
Student of the Week awarded to Violet for always being a bright, cheerful and welcoming Superstar. A great attribute Violet.
- Room Three: Welcome to Cust School Jacob.  
Spelling award presented to Harry.
- Room Four: Well done presented to Billie for showing success in Piko's Tips for opening up in class and answering questions during discussions.  
Well done to Emma for showing success in Piko's Tips for working hard in the class and showing all the Tips.
- Room Five: Welcome to Cust School Shakira. We hope you are happily settling in at Cust.  
Great work awarded to Hugh for working hard on improving his writing and spelling.  
Great work awarded to Alyssa for showing interest and enthusiasm in completing "Webquest" activities.
- Room Six: Excellence awarded to Harriet for awesome novel study on "The Giver".  
Excellence awarded to Alex for fantastic novel study on "The Giver".  
Excellence awarded to Rebecca for an amazing novel study on "The Giver".  
Excellence awarded to Kendra for a fantastic novel study on "The Giver".  
Excellence awarded to George for an outstanding novel study on "The Giver".  
Excellence awarded to Alice for an awesome novel study on "The Giver".
- Room Seven: Excellence Certificate awarded to Libby, Rebecca and Olivia for excellence in Piko's Tips Personal Reading.

## **SCHOOL DONATIONS AND ACTIVITY FEES**

A reminder about School Donations and Activity Fee. There are still a lot of 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*).

## **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

Brochures have been sent home. If you would like to place an order please return with your payment (cheques made out to Scholastic NZ) by Monday, 15 May. Alternatively you can go on line and process your order through the LOOP.

## **PTA NEWS**

**Playground:** It is exciting to see the changes in the playground with the two forts being rebuilt, and the children are enjoying these new structures. There are still many more additions to come. Go and have a look, if you haven't already. It looks awesome – well done Terry and Steve.

**Disco:** This year we will be holding our junior/senior disco's early Term 3.

We are still looking for a small group of parents who would be keen to organise these. You will have the support of the PTA and assistance from the person who has organised them in the past. If you are interested, please contact us through the gmail or Deb 0274289016. Please let us know before our PTA meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

All Parents/caregivers are welcome to attend these meetings.

We would love to see some new faces this term!

Our next meeting is Tuesday 16 May at 7:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

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.

## 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.

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For more information/contact details:

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

Facebook: Cust School Parent Teacher Association

Email: [custschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:custschoolpta@gmail.com)

Cust School PTA Bank Account: 03 1783 0502131 03

**CUST SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

Thursday, 25 May, at Cust Domain.

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	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.

Please complete the transport slip below and return to school by **Monday, 15 May**.

**NOTE:** If not taking your own child and they require a car seat, please send theirs along with them that morning. Thank you.

Cross Country – Cust Domain

PUPIL'S NAME:.....

ROOM:.....

I can / cannot assist with transport to / from the Cust Domain and can provide transport for [ ] children.

My car has a current WOF, registration and I am a licensed driver.

Signed.....

**SUSHI SUSHI SUSHI – Thursday, 18 May**

Hi Everyone. Sushi will be available for sale next Thursday for all those who enjoy sushi! 50c per slice.  
Teriyaki Chicken and Vegetarian options will be available.

Thank you for your continued support. The funds raised go to help disadvantaged children and families in Eastern Europe via the Missions Without Borders Organisation.

Gina Taggart  
*Cust School Bible in Schools Senior Teacher*

## **FISH AND CHIPS, AMERICAN HOT DOGS – Thursday, 25 May**

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

### **Please note the following:**

- All envelopes (no scraps of paper and notes left on the counter are acceptable), are to be clearly labelled with names (please put full names as we have several children at school with the same Christian names)
- Correct monies (as no change will be given)
- No add-ons, as this service is solely for the items listed below from the Cust Hotel.

Prices are as follows:

1 scoop chips	\$2.00	½ scoop chips	\$1.00
Hot Dog	\$2.50	Fish	\$2.50
Sausage	\$2.50	American Hot Dog	\$3.50
Mince Pie	\$5.00	Mince & Cheese	\$5.00

***(There were some orders this week that did not contain the correct money, please note the information above). Thank you.***

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **RECYCLING FACILITY FOR CUST AREA**

The Cust Community Network have asked the Waimakariri District Council (WDC) for a recycling facility at Cust, similar to the covered skip for mixed recycling at Oxford.

Currently residents outside the Cust village collection area transport their recycling to the Oxford or Southbrook Transfer Stations.

In considering the proposal, the WDC need an indication of the number of people that would use a local recycling facility in Cust before potentially doing a trial.

If you live in the Cust area, outside the current collection zone for rubbish and recycling in the village, CCN would appreciate your help with the following 2 polls being conducted on the Neighbourly website.

The polls will be up on the website until 5pm Tuesday afternoon (May 16<sup>th</sup>).

Please visit <https://www.neighbourly.co.nz/publication/northern-outlook> to vote.

One poll is to determine the level of interest in a recycling facility in Cust, the second is to find out what residents currently do with their recycling. Thank you for your assistance.