



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday, 22 October, 2021 - Week One —Term 4

BE YOUR BEST
Kia Rawa Pai

CUST CONNECTS - WHANAUNGATANGA

CONNECT – SCHOOL CONNECT – COMMUNITY CONNECT – YOURSELF CONNECT - CULTURE

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings to all the kura families

Tēnā koutou e ngā whānau o te kura

Welcome Back to Term 4. I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break. This term, as previously stated is “Short and Sharp” and while we have a lot of exciting things happening e.g. camps, unfortunately due to our current, and continued, Alert Level 2 status we do need to change a few events – see below. Please keep an eye on newsletters, emails and other communications which will provide you details on these events.

It is pleasing to see the children have settled back into the routines quickly and are coping with all the continued building activity that is happening. The children and staff are enjoying the new classrooms and by the end of the year we should have completed all the building work. 2022 – landscaping!!!

TERM FOUR : Piko's TIPS (Key for Success)

Solving problems (*Whakaoti rapanga*)

- Persistent
- Effort
- Taking action

These will be discussed within each class and will also be the focus for our weekly assembly awards.

CLASS NEWSLETTERS:

Term 4 newsletters from class teachers should have been emailed to you. These outline the Term's expectations and the teaching and learning that will take place. If you didn't receive one see the class teacher.

TERM 4 EVENTS: Alert Level 2

Events, activities, gatherings and education outside the classroom

Over the past month we have seen many events cancelled due to the uncertainty around Alert Levels and the public health requirements in regards to rules of gatherings.

We have taken a precautionary approach and waited until the last minute before we made any decisions, which are based on the MOE and MOE recommendations...

1. As soon as your event or activity brings people onsite who are not there for education purposes, including students, parents and caregivers, then the rules for gatherings do apply – limited to 100 people
2. While your event might be considered to be for education purposes, unless it is really necessary to give effect to the curriculum, we recommend you **avoid such events until Alert Level 1**.
3. With careful planning, education outside the classroom (EOTC) activities **are able to go ahead** at Alert Level 2.

With this in mind we are “cancelling”

AgriDay – Friday 29 October – watch this space, as it is hoped we will do an alternative programme which will involve the children. See email sent earlier this week and below.

Senior Athletics – Monday 1 November – this sports day will not go ahead as planned. We will still do Athletic Sports but it might run over several days.

Kapa Haka Festival – This has been cancelled. School Kapa Haka will continue in some form.

ALERT LEVEL REMINDERS:

Over the last few weeks the education sector has been subjected to an ever-changing and evolving environment, with the application of new rules, requirements, and guidelines. I have tried to take a common sense approach to these, while still maintaining my obligation, as a public servant, to adhere to the Public Health Order 2021.

So while we are still currently in Alert Level 2, here is a reminder of some of the recommendations in regards to school procedures:

School Procedures:

- **Parents are required to keep any sick children at home. Please do not send sick children to school.** If a child becomes sick at school, parents / caregivers will be rung and asked to pick their child up immediately.
- **We are asking for parents to drop their children off at the gate as a preference, however if you do need to come onto the school site: we encourage you to wear a face covering, stay outdoors, please adhere to social distancing protocol and you will need to scan or complete the contact tracing register – situated at each school gate. Hand sanitiser will be provided.**
- **Bus Service:**
 - Students of all ages are encouraged to wear a face-covering on all school transport services under all alert levels
 - Face coverings **are required** to be worn by students aged 12 and over while on school transport.
 - Parents are to provide masks for children.
- **While face coverings are not mandated for use when in schools, we do ask and encourage parents / visitors to the school to wear them.**

CONNECT – YOURSELF

Courage

**“Courage is to never let your actions be influenced by your fears” –
Arthur Koestler**

This week we have been looking at –

What is Courage?

What does it look like and related words



Each week we will be examining one facet of this – which will be in the previous week’s newsletter. This way you could talk about it with your child(ren) before we look further into it.

WEEK TWO: “I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it.”

Nelson Mandela

Write/discuss down 3 specific things that you have done that made you feel courageous this week.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE:

Kia ora

As we head into Term 4 we are looking forward to the warmer weather, some fun school activities and more progress on the building projects. As a BOT we are dealing with the challenges the Covid situation has on our school community and continue to be in a state of preparedness for any eventuality. We are also looking to the future, and future BOT members. Elections occur in the first half of 2022.

It may seem daunting to think about contributing to the school community in this manner but it is a rewarding experience. There are 7 people on the board, the principal, a staff representative and 5 parent members. The meetings are held on a Wednesday night and go for 1-2 hours usually. There is some reading to do before these meetings and to keep up to date. Each member has an area which they focus on and learn more about; property, finance, personnel, health and safety. We have different consultants and providers with expertise in these areas to provide expertise associated with this such as a property consultant, school docs and a financial services provider. From time to time there may be additional meetings to attend as part of your role but usually less than 5x per year.

There is training organised to help with learning about being on a school board and the support of NZSTA provides online based learning as well. If being part of the BOT is something you are interested in please tell a BOT member (Gabrielle O’Connell, Joe Keenan, Tracey George, Penny Mehrstens) or contact Katie Croft on 0210493570 to discuss further.

Nga mihi
Katie Croft
Chairperson

AGRIDAY – Friday 29 October

Modified Cust AgriDay

Students **CAN** enter:

1. Scarecrows
2. Grass heads (kits were handed out last term, or provide your own materials)
3. Vegetable animals
4. Sand saucers
5. Decorated cupcakes
6. Written pet projects (these can be handed in on the day - they don't need to be handed in early as originally stated). Maybe a video to share?

All of these items can be brought to school at 9am and displayed in the appropriate area for their level. They will be judged, and certificates / ribbons given for the top three placings in each category.

In the afternoon, our senior school Ag Club will run a series of Agrikids modules that require children to work through agricultural puzzles and challenges in teams across the school.

We look forward to seeing the creative crafts and competitive spirit that Cust is famous for on display next Friday!

CLASS CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Well done Jacob for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for being an amazing problem solver in various contexts both in and out of the classroom.
Well done Izzy for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for continuously putting in 100% effort into everything you do! Ka pai Izzy.
- Room Two: Well done Henry for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – Henry you are such a terrific team player and all round "good guy". Thank you for helping other Room 2 students solve problems – you are a great role model.
Well done Milly for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for having such a positive attitude towards your learning and solving problems in original and personal ways.
Well done!
- Room Three: Well done Marco for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – for showing good thinking in the organisation of his writing and working well in completion of his maths and reading. Keep it up Marco.
Well done Levi for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – for showing greater focus and completing his writing and reading independently. Super effort Levi!
- Room Four: Well done Molly for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for a massive improvement in her reading.
Well done Bella for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for a massive improvement in her reading.
- Room Five: Welcome to Cust School – Hunter, Roisin and Piper
Well done Ivy for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – Great progress in Reading. Keep up the good work.
- Room Six: Well done Jaycee for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for demonstrating fantastic persistence in maths – what an awesome improvement!
- Room Seven: Well done Elizabeth for showing success in Piko's tips – PARTICIPATE – for continually trying to do your very best in every facet of your school life. Your enthusiasm is very infectious!

POLICY REVIEW

- Improving Educational Outcomes for Maori Students
- Religious Instruction

1. Visit the website <https://cust.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the username (cust) and password (piko).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the top right-hand corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.
9. If you don't have internet access, school office staff can provide you with printed copies of the policy and a review form.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cust Pool Solar Raffle



Raffle tickets available for \$5 each
over \$3000 worth of prizes!

20 Winners drawn 26th November

Please contact 027 707 0044 for a
ticket or for a pack of tickets to sell!



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