



# CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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**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

### **CONNECT – YOURSELF** Courage:

**WEEK SIX: "It takes courage to grow up and be who you really are."**

What does the quote of the week mean? What does "be who you really are" mean?

**It takes courage to grow up and be who you really are. In other words "Be Yourself" (not what other people want you to be!)**

**I know there are three ex-Cust students who have done exactly this and we, as a school, could not be any prouder of these 3 young adults. They are aspirational and show the leadership qualities developed from a young age.**

**A huge congratulations to Harry Gartery and Alice Reid, who have been named Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl of Rangiora High School and Ashleigh Lawler named Student Leader 2022 of Oxford Area School. Fantastic news.**

### **Cust School - Camp:**

Next week our Year 7 and 8 children will be heading off to Queenstown for four days to participate in a variety of activities. I know a lot of children look forward to this – it is a highlight of the year for many. I am sure they will enjoy it.

Again, there are some children who find going on camp challenging – the unknown, staying away from home and living for a few days with a large group. **We want them to be COURAGEOUS – maybe having a fear of the above, but triumphing over it. Being courageous enough to take some risks.**



## **WAISWIM PROGRAMME:**

From Monday 29 November through to Friday 10 December, we will be participating in Waiswim at Oxford Pool.

Organisation to be confirmed but it should be close to this:

### **Swim Times**

11.00-11.25 am	Room 1 Year 5/6
11.30-11.55 am	Room 2 Year 5/4
12.00-12.25 pm	Room 4 Year 1/2 (Old Room 7 according to their lesson sheets)
12.30-12.55 pm	Room 3 Year 3/4
1.00-1.25 pm	Room 5 Year 0/1 (Old Room 4 according to their lesson sheets)

### **Bus Timetable**

10:30 am Bus will leave Cust with Rooms 1 and 2.

Bus comes back from Oxford pool empty

11:30 Bus will leave Cust School with Rooms 4 and 3.

12:00 pm Bus comes back from Oxford pool with Rooms 1 and 2.

12:30 pm Bus will leave Cust School with Room 5

1:00 pm Bus comes back from Oxford pool with Rooms 4 and 3.

1:20 pm Bus leaves Cust School empty.

1:40 pm Bus Comes back from Oxford pool with Room 5.

The children will need hats, named clothes and water bottles please. The pool is heated, and there are hot showers available so lessons will continue should the weather become cooler, heavy rain being our only obstacle as there is no shelter available.

The cost of this has been added to your child's Term Four activity fee - \$20 (which includes the lesson and transport)

### **Please Note:**

The Waiswim programme seeks to ensure that all primary school children in the region have the opportunity to learn to swim and achieve water safety skills that will equip them with the knowledge of how to survive in the water.

This is heavily subsidised and for \$2 a day your child gets transported to Oxford Pool and given a lesson (a swim at the very least).

The groups are flexible and we will, in consultation with the instructors, adjust these in the first two days and as we go through the lessons. It is not appropriate to contact the instructors / organisers directly - you need to trust our professional judgement.

This programme doesn't always align with private lessons your child might take and there should be no pressure with this – **let the children enjoy their swimming.** We will up the ante at the beginning of the year with our own swim squads.

## FACE COVERINGS:

Thank-you to all who have been wearing face coverings while on site on our school grounds.

The Ministry of Education guidelines state that when entering school grounds, the use of face coverings is **strongly encouraged**, along with staying outdoors and maintaining social distancing. Cust School is strongly recommending and encouraging our school community to adhere to the MOE guidelines. These guidelines are put in place to ensure the safety of the students, teachers and families. It must be remembered that a large population of our students are not yet eligible for vaccination, so they are relying on the actions of the wider community to keep them safe while they have no immunity to Covid 19. Furthermore, there are others in our school community that are immunocompromised, and they too are relying on wider community to abide by the recommendations to minimise their risk of getting sick.

Bearing all that in mind, for the safety of our school community, please wear a face mask and maintain social distancing when on the school grounds. Social distancing is also important at areas of congregation such as the school gates.

Once again, thank you for those who have been following these guidelines, we appreciate you doing so.

## 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.

## CLASS CERTIFICATES

Room One: Well done Jed for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – for taking action in class and ignoring distractions to benefit your learning.

Well done Ashleigh for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – for being a supportive and enthusiastic camper. Ka rawe

Room Two: Well done Reuben for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – Reuben you have made such a HUGE improvement in your basic facts going from 205/390 to 338/390! Well done.

Well done Lachlan for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – Lachlan you have made such a huge improvement in your basic facts this year! 159/390 to 340/390! Wahoo!

Well done Charlotte for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – Charlotte you have worked so hard in class and independently – to make a HUGE improvement in your basic facts recall. Well done.

Room Three: Well done Maya for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for showing great thought in solving problems when people are upset and being a caring and considerate person in Room 3.

Well done Levi for showing success in Piko's tips – PARTICIPATE – for participating well in all Athletic skills and showing talent in long jump, high jump and running. Super skills Levi!

- Room Four: Well done Caydon for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for a massive improvement in his reading skills.  
Well done Boston for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for improvement in Reading and Writing.  
Well done Boston for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – Boston you have worked very hard to learn all the 'Green' list words. You are able to read them quickly and now know them when you are reading stories.  
Awesome work!  
Well done Lachlan for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – Lachlan you have really persevered to learn all the 'Green' list words. Keep up the great work!
- Room Five: Well done Estella for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – fabulous progress in Reading Estella.  
Welcome to Cust School Maella.
- Room Six: Well done Violet for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – awesome effort and progress in all areas, especially French.
- Room Seven: Well done Josh for showing success in Piko's tips – PARTICIPATE – for making a fantastic transition back into full-time schooling. Your "can-do" attitude is infectious and inspiring.

## **CLASS NEWS ROOMS ONE AND TWO**

Kia ora whanau,

We hope you had an enjoyable long weekend!

Firstly we would like to thank all the children and parent volunteers who helped make our camp such a successful 3 days away at Living Springs! We had a terrific time and it was so great to see children trying new activities, developing their teamwork skills and representing Cust School so well with their behaviour and lovely manners. Some highlights for the students were the walk up to camp, monorailing, archery tag, adventure stream, bouldering, low ropes and orienteering.

The last two weeks (albeit short weeks) have included our classes competing in various athletics events, designing their taonga necklaces, revising number strategies and completing cloze comprehension activities for reading. For the next two weeks in art we are really looking forward to getting our hands into some clay and producing some creative taonga for the students to gift to others.

Waiswim will be happening in Weeks 7 and 8 (beginning on Monday 29 November) which will involve both Room 1 and 2 travelling on the bus to the Oxford Pool to have swimming lessons from the Waiswim instructors. Our students will need to bring their togs, towel and goggles every day for those two weeks. Have a terrific weekend!

Ngā mihi,  
Rupert and Shannon

## **ROOM THREE**

Kiaora tatou  
Hello everyone!

In Ruma Toru the children have been very busy practising their Athletic Sports and we have been very impressed with the level of skill they are achieving. We have some budding athletic talent which will have hopefully been witnessed today.

In the classroom, individual research on New Zealand Birds and Animals has come to an end and the children have produced some very informative posters, dioramas and slideshows about their chosen bird/animal. These are on display in the room.

In maths in Number, we have been revisiting number concepts and adding algebra into the mix and Mrs String will be working in Strand on orientation and position. To support Basic Facts I have been sending home some sheets to improve speed in subtraction. This will now move into 3 of the 4 operations and your child can practise one column per night.

We look forward to the day when parents/grandparents can come to the school and join in some celebrations of learning.

Nga mihi nui  
Warm regards  
Linda & Ros

## **ROOM 4 AND ROOM 5**

Kia Ora Whanau

After a few short weeks it was nice to have a full week with our classes. Over the last few weeks we have continued to focus on reading, writing and numeracy. In Room 4 our major reading/writing focus has been rereading for meaning and making sure things make sense.

In numeracy we have been looking at Patterns and Sequencing. The children have been very creative and making interesting patterns.

In topic we have studying New Zealand as a Geography unit. The children have been looking at maps of New Zealand and locating different places. We have also been talking about why New Zealand is a special place to live and what makes Kiwi's unique.

On Friday we managed to get our Junior Athletics in. The weather played its part and it was a great day. The children did shot put, long jump, high jump and discus. They competed to the best of their ability and enjoyed the day. We finished the day with all the school coming out and doing sprints with the Junior School.

Room 5 welcomes Maella Trayner who started school this week. Happy birthday Maella.

Have a great weekend  
Eddie and Kennys

## **ROOMS SIX AND SEVEN**

Hello parents and guardians.

In Maths recently we have been combining the classes and introducing the children to algebra. Mr Schuyt has been running some dynamic lessons and the group have responded very well. We will continue exploring this topic in the coming weeks.

In Literacy we have continued our focus on explanation writing. Both classes have been exposed to a number of examples and have been able to produce some fine pieces of work. We have also re-visited inferencing through the whole-class involvement in a murder mystery "who done it?".

We are all very excited about next week's camp down in Queenstown. Please make sure your child/ren is fully prepared with adequate clothing, sunscreen, hat, necessary medication, money allowance etc etc.

If you have any queries, particularly regarding camp, please contact either of us asap.

Thanks  
Andrew and Miriam.

## **Camp Raffle**

Thank you to all those who supported our last fundraiser by purchasing tickets.

Special thanks to the McAllister Family, Andrea Kewish and the PTA & supporting group who donated prizes for this.

Congratulations to the following:

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	Two nights family accommodation in Kaikoura	Fiona Newall
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	\$300 voucher Andrea Kewish Photography	Tim Homes
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize	Cust Community Cookbook, Souvenir Tea Towel, wooden chopping blocks	Simon East

## **Cust School Bus Arrangements for 2022:**

Next year will see some minor changes to our school transport as the Ministry of Education transitions to a new contract with our current bus operators. To make sure that the start of the school year goes as smoothly as possible, please familiarise yourself with the information below. As always, please either stay with your children while they are waiting for their school transport in the morning or keep in contact with them to make sure that they are picked up safely.

**School bus routes, timetables and bus stop information will be included in an early newsletter next year.**

### **Eligibility for school transport assistance**

We often get questions about whether students qualify for school transport assistance i.e., a place on a school bus.

The Ministry of Education has three criteria that students must meet in order to qualify for school transport assistance. They are:

1. The student must attend their closest state or state-integrated school
2. The student must live more than a certain distance from the school:
  - Years 1-8: At least 3.2 km
  - Years 9-13: At least 4.8 km
3. There must be no suitable public transport options

The Ministry of Education has a handy [video](#) on their website that helps explain the eligibility criteria for school transport assistance.

### **Responsibility of caregivers**

To ensure a safe environment for bus loading and unloading caregivers should:

- not park in bus bays
- adhere to the speed limit (20 km/h while passing a stationary school bus on either side of the road)
- try to eliminate the need for children to cross the road
- ensure that children get to and from the bus stop safely
- teach children to not run across the road

### **School transport queries**

If you have any queries about our school transport, please contact Eddie Foskett, our Bus Controller. He can be contacted via email [eddie.f@cust.school.nz](mailto:eddie.f@cust.school.nz)

## **COMMUNITY NOTICE**

There have been a number of recent thefts from local properties. Please be diligent, keep an eye on any cars etc that seem a bit out of the ordinary and report any suspicious behaviours to the police. We all want to live in a safe community – let's look after each other.



## YEAR 5 & 6 CAMP TO LIVING SPRINGS



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Before  
School

After  
School

Holidays

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## AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMMES FOR CUST SCHOOL – AVAILABLE NOW!!

Kidsbase are very excited to announce that we have Afterschool programmes for Cust families available now. Free private transportation from our friendly experienced staff is offered every day from Cust School to our Ashgrove School, Rangiora Kidsbase Programme. Kidsbase offers homework supervision, afternoon tea and lots of awesome activities every day, we are also open until 6pm for your convenience.

2 Different booking options to best suit your needs:

3:00pm – 4:30pm	\$12.00
3:00pm – 6:00pm	\$22.00

**Spaces limited so don't delay!!!!.**

**A Great Fun Way for kids to build friendships, confidence and self-esteem.**

**WINZ Subsidies available.**

Contact us now for full details: 027 239 7690, [www.kidsbase.co.nz](http://www.kidsbase.co.nz)

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# Toot for Tucker

Food Bank Appeal



## Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Donations can be left in the school office or listen for the Toots between 6-7 on the night.



 Be creative with your giving, perhaps some Christmas treats or small gifts for children.

