



# 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

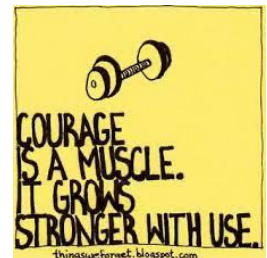
Greetings to all the kura families

Tēnā koutou e ngā whānau o te kura

### CONNECT – YOURSELF Courage:

WEEK SEVEN: **"Courage is a muscle. It grows stronger with use."**

What does the quote of the week mean?



This week has been very quiet at school with the Year 7/8's on camp. Throughout the week we had reports from the teachers that camp was going really well and the children were having a great time. A massive thank you to Mrs Bell and Mr Burke for organising the camp and to all the wonderful parents who went on camp. Also another big thank you to all the parents who helped fundraise.

Here is a photo of the **"winning"** team in the Outdoor Escape the children took part in.

**THE LOST ARTIFACT**

ESCAPE QUEST  
CAN YOU ESCAPE THE ROOM IN TIME?

DATE COMPLETED: 23-11-2021

TIME TO COMPLETE: 61:14

TIME COMPLETED: 02:22 PM

TEAM NAME:

W	S	L	B	R	B	U	A	A	A	S
V	R	K	A	Q	A	T				R
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## Congratulations

At the end of October Kasahn and Kirah Galbraith showed a lot of courage by competing at the Canterbury Primary Schools Trampoline Competition. This competition was for all primary schools in Canterbury. Kasahn and Kirah represented Cust School and came second overall. Well done girls on getting second and putting in huge effort.

### **WAISWIM PROGRAMME:**

We have been notified by the Waimakariri District Council that with the change to the Covid protection or “traffic light system” from 3 December and the effect this will have on their operation, the decision has been made, by the WDC, to delay the opening of Oxford Community Pool by 1 week.

Unfortunately this will mean we will only be able to do 5 lessons at Oxford instead of 10. Waiswim will be from **Monday 6 December to Friday 10 December**.

This will mean that the payment, if you haven't paid, will be \$10. If you have already paid the \$20, previously asked for, we can carry over the extra \$10 to 2022, unless you request a refund via email advising us of your bank details.

Organisation for Waiswim is below:

#### **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.

**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.

**CUST SCHOOL - END OF YEAR EVENTS:**

I am aware there needs to be some clarification around what is happening around End of Year Events, especially for our Year 8's and Leaving Families.

As you know, the Prime Minister has confirmed that all of New Zealand will move to the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF) at 11.59pm on Thursday 2 December.

**Guidance is being developed for the education sector on exactly what is expected of schools under the new framework, and we do have a direction of travel which means you won't have to make any further big changes before Christmas.**

Please be assured, we will communicate any implications and requirements for our school as we plan for 2022.

Therefore, given the information I have and the changing landscape, I have decided that there will be:

1. Year 8 Leavers Event
2. Year 8 Leavers Assembly                      Likely to be one day / night combined in the last week.  
Information regarding these will be communicated specifically to these parents and caregivers asap.
3. Final Assembly – to be held on the last day – children only in attendance. We will be taking photos to send to parents/caregivers.

Regards Robert

## CLASS CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Well done Kate McAllister for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for being persistent with your basic facts and improving your score hugely throughout the year!  
Well done James for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for an awesome attitude and working hard towards learning your sight words.
- Room Two: Well done Corbin for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – Corbin you are working so hard to take care of your belongings, use your initiative and be in the right place at the right time. Great work!  
Well done Maddy for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – Maddy you are always so helpful and kind in Room 2 – you use your initiative and help others to problem solve. You are awesome!
- Room Three: Well done Adam for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – for showing very good independence and creativity in the completion of his research and diorama on "The Kiwi". Well done!  
Well done Andrea for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – for showing very good focus and independence in completing her study and diorama on "The Kakapo". Super effort.
- Room Four: Welcome to Cust School – Maella.  
Well done Spencer for showing success in Piko's tips – PARTICIPATE – for being kind and caring and thinking of others.
- Room Five: Well done Adelaide for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – Addie you have been working very hard to learn all the "Green" list words. Now you know them all. Well done! Keep up the awesome work.  
Well done Addie for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for a massive improvement in her writing skills.  
Well done Georgie for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for continued improvement in all areas of the curriculum.



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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.

