



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 EIGHT: **“Stand up for what you believe in - even if you are standing alone.”**

Have you ever stood up for something - even though your friends didn't?

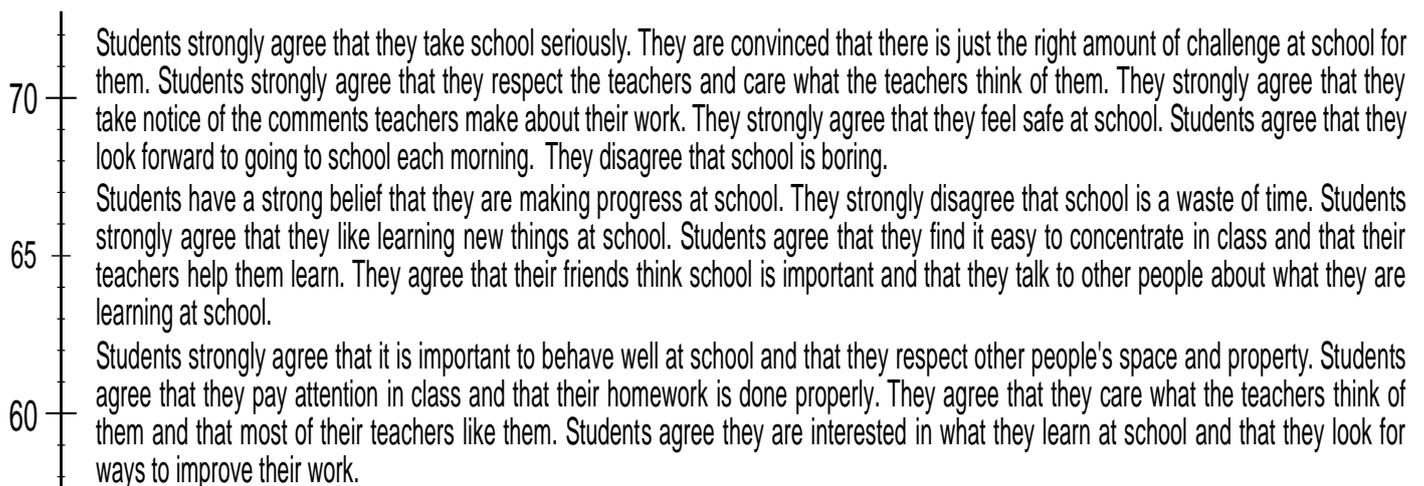
Firstly, I would like to report to the community on some student data that I have been gathering this term.

At the last Board meeting I shared information on:

Engagement: Each year North Canterbury Schools get all Year 5 -10 children to complete a Me and My School Survey. This survey shows how “engaged” the children are at school.

Very simply our results show that we score above the National Median and the North Canterbury Median – in all areas of the school.

Here are some descriptors our children's results show:



At next week's Board meeting I am going to share some very detailed information regarding student progress and achievement over the year.

Student Progress and Achievement: In summary our children continue to achieve extremely well: (these results exclude children who have been at school less than 1 year)

Reading: 90% at or above expected level

Writing: 86% at or above expected level

Maths: 90% at or above expected level

These results are reflected in both our standardized testing (particularly in the middle and senior school) and in our observations/class work.

The continued focus on the below aspects pays dividends short and long term:

- Disciplinary or content knowledge is powerful and is critically important.
- Students should have a solid understanding of the topic on which they are to think critically, communicate effectively or think about in creative ways.
- Building strong relationships, supporting students' wellbeing and promoting a sense of belonging at school are all critical to learning.
- There are different ways to achieve common [high] outcomes in education.

Secondly, I am currently in the final throes of completing the 2022 school organisation.

If there is anything I should know please let me know asap.

Hopefully in next week's newsletter (the last one for the year) I will include important information regarding how the school will be structured.

I will present this to the Board next week and finalise a few more details.

If I am unable to communicate this with you, then be assured it will be done as soon as possible.

It has been a challenging, interesting and different year for us all. From a school perspective, it has been exhausting dealing with the information and having to assimilate this into our school context – at times, with little or no clarity. Things will not be the same as we go into 2022 – using the CPF! As a school we have tried to deal with “stuff” as professionally and timely as possible – controlling what we can. It hasn't always been perfect but I can assure you it wasn't without robust thought and vigorous thinking – making sure we did the right thing!

I am extremely lucky to have a dedicated and professional staff who supported me through the year – they responded to the growing demands placed on them: including personalisation of learning, leadership roles, connect to whanau/family, responding to students with complex needs, assessment, and professional development to ensure effective educational outcomes and an improved working environment and well-being.

The impact has been interesting – we have found that there has been a limited impact on student achievement and engagement over the whole year. What we have found has been the “well-being” of our students, staff and community has been paramount – this aspect has been “more in our face” than ever before. We are not experts in this field but we can certainly support whanau – open lines of communication are so important. Honest conversations need to continue to happen.

REPORTS:

Next week each child will be getting **FULL END OF YEAR REPORT**.

Please note: we are not sending paper copies of our End -Year Report. Your child's **END OF YEAR REPORT** will be available through @school parent portal / app – under “Reports” icon – hopefully next Friday.

Please remember you are welcome to make a time to discuss your child's progress and achievement at any time!

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.



"I'm not saying they look anxious to leave, but they're in V-formation."



"There is no complaint department, Robert."

For Your Information – 2022

Information about the COVID-19 Protection Framework

MORE INFORMATION, DETAIL AND GUIDANCE TO COME...

As of **11.59pm on Thursday 2 December** all of New Zealand has moved onto the COVID-19 Protection Framework (CPF)

Cust School will retain our current public health measures and other requirements that are in place at Alert Level 2, for the remainder of the school year.

The Ministers have agreed that **all schools will retain their existing COVID-19 settings** until the end of the 2021 calendar year, but guidance will recommend that schools outside of Auckland align their practices with the COVID-19 Protection Framework settings, which will come into effect for all schools **from 1 January 2022**.

Public Health Measures are applied across all CPF settings

Basic hygiene

Basic hygiene measures include good hand hygiene, cough, and sneeze etiquette, avoid touching your face, and regularly clean and disinfect surfaces.

Contact tracing

Schools are required to display QR Code posters for the NZ COVID Tracer App. They must also have other contact tracing systems in place, including an attendance register and visitor register.

Vaccination

Getting vaccinated is a key step to gain more protection against the virus.

From 2 January 2022, only fully vaccinated staff and support people can have contact with children and students.

If you are sick - stay home and get tested

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, stay home.

Call your doctor or Healthline on **0800 358 5453** for advice about getting tested.

Staff are to observe children on arrival, checking for symptoms. Those presenting as unwell will be asked to go home or arrange for parents or caregivers to come and pick up.

Ventilation

Indoor spaces should be well ventilated, for example by opening windows, doors, and any vents.

ORANGE SETTING:

Schools and kura are OPEN for on-site learning for all students.

Face coverings are required on school transport for ākonga aged 12 and up.
Face coverings are encouraged but not required indoors at school.

Curriculum related activities - Large activities with students, if they are to go ahead, should take place in well-ventilated areas or outdoors.

Non-curriculum related events may only go ahead if a vaccination certificate is required. If bringing others on site, including parents and caregivers, any general rules for events applicable at the time will apply.

School Events –

- 1. No limits if vaccination certificates are used for school events**
- 2. If vaccination certificates are not used, the following restrictions apply: Up to 50 people (including children) – based on 1m distancing**

CLASS CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Well done Danielle for showing success in Piko's tips – SOLVE PROBLEMS – for persisting with mastering your basic facts and moving from 251/390 to 386/390. Well done.
- Room Two: Well done Ella for showing success in Piko's tips – be – INDEPENDENT – Ella you have worked so hard since joining us at Cust School – you are such an independent, organised, and considerate member of Room 2. Keep it up.
Well done Fleur for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – Fleur you are such an awesome member of Room 2! Kind, empathetic but also focused on your learning – what a fabulous combination! So proud of you!
- Room Three: Well done Alex for showing success in Piko's tips – PARTICIPATE – for playing fair and including others in games. Well done Alex.
Well done Tom for showing success in Piko's tips – be INDEPENDENT – for showing independence in completing his "Cat Poem". A great poem Tom. For improvement in his basic facts speed and accuracy.
- Room Four: Well done Amber for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – for being a great role model and an enthusiastic reader and learner.
Well done Rosa for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – for being a great role model and always doing her best.
- Room Five: Well done Holly for showing success in Piko's tips – THINK – well done Holly! You are showing great persistence with your schoolwork, keep up the great work. You are also one of the kindest members of our class, super stuff!
- Room Seven: Well done Elise for showing success in Piko's tips – PARTICIPATE – for being a big help around Room 4.
Well done James S. for showing success in Piko's tips – PARTICIPATE – for working hard at his reading skills.

Cust School
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
to be held at 7.00 p.m. on 8 December 2021

1. Apologies

Order Paper

2. **Minutes**

2.1 Minutes of the previous Board of Trustees meeting

3. **Correspondence Inwards**

- NZSTA membership invoice – paid
- Resignation letters from BOT – Gabrielle O’Connell & Joe Keenan

3.1 **Correspondence Outwards**

- Selection process email 8/11/21

4. **Principal’s Report (Curriculum)**

- End of Year (EOY) Student Achievement
- Management Plan 2022

5. **Documentation & Self Review Report**

5.1 That the Documentation & Self Review Report be received.

- School Doc’s Advisory
- 2021 Self Review – T3 & T4
- BOT Self Review 2022
- Enrolment Scheme
- BOT – casual vacancy, selection process
- Portfolios
- Code of Conduct
- Community – PTA
- COL board info
- Marae workshop
- Self Review – action for checklist

6. **Personnel Report**

6.1 That the Personnel Report be received.

- Principal Appraisal
- 2021 Appraisal Report

7. **Property Report**

7.1 That the Property Report be received

- Building update

8. **Finance Report**

8.1.1 That the Finance report be received.

- 8.2 That the accounts be received.
- Monthly Accounts

8. **Health and Safety Report**

- Term Four

Date of next meeting: 16 February 2022 (?)

TOOT FOR TUCKER MUFTI DAY TUESDAY 7 DECEMBER Can Donation please

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Secure your special Early Bird entry to the [Christchurch](#) Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon™ before **midnight Sunday 12th December 2021** and go in the draw to WIN* 1 of 3 Summer Sports Packs valued at \$150 each.

The perfect gift for every Kiwi kid this summer – thanks to our awesome sponsors Rebel Sport and Asics!

Enter the morning session and be part of the Cust School group by clicking on this link

: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/GroupAcceptance.aspx?E=44539&G=138465>





Toot for Tucker

Food Bank Appeal



Tuesday 7th 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.

