



# CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday 10 September, 2021 – Week Seven —Term 3

**BE YOUR BEST**  
**Kia Rawa Pai**

## **CUST CONNECTS - WHANAUNGATANGA**

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**CONNECT – YOURSELF HAPPINESS:**

**Week Seven: "Be so happy that when others see you – they become happy too!"**

**What words and body language can we show to spread happiness??**

**Welcome Back – Hoki mai**

It is great to be back, albeit under Delta Level 2.

I have included the guidelines which we will be working under – please adhere to these.

Thank you for your engagement, feedback, and support over the last few weeks.  
We, as a staff, have appreciated this and acknowledge the work you have put in to ensure we all stay connected!

Working from home as a parent...



Be so happy that when others look at you they become happy too!

## Joke Winners:

### Gilby Family

Old McDonald had OCD... EE II OO

### Kearns Family

A man walked into a pub carrying a roll of tarmac.....he said 'I'll have a pint please and one for the road'

### Winson Family

**Q:** What did the daddy spider say to the little spider?

**A:** You spend too much time on the web!!!

## Next Week:

### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos are being taken on Thursday, 16 September commencing at 9am. Please have your child in the appropriate school uniform.

If you would like sibling photos taken, you must request, and complete, a permission slip (refer to slip at bottom of newsletter or to hard copy sent home today). **PLEASE** have the completed form returned to school by **TUESDAY**, 14 September. Ordering of photos information will be sent home when it comes to hand.

## CUST SCHOOL ALERT LEVEL TWO REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS September 2021

Under Alert Level 2, it is safe for all schools to open. Safe and sensible practices for hygiene and contact tracing will be the norm, and all students will be able to return, so long as they remain well.

The key principles for [Alert Level 2](#) are to:

- reduce the risk of someone getting infected in the first place
- ensure we can identify and contact anyone who becomes infected
- understand that Level 2 is not business as usual.

We will continue to focus on:

- **enabling good hygiene practices** – regular washing and drying of hands and good cough and sneeze etiquette remain fundamental to preventing spread of illness such as colds, flu and COVID-19
- **ensuring people with COVID-19 symptoms stay away** from school
- **maintaining physical distancing where practicable** - in schools at Alert Level 2 this means children, young people, and staff maintaining a physical distance so that they are not breathing on or touching each other (there is no minimum distance requirement for schools at Alert Level 2)
- **keeping track of people that enter our school** – through our attendance register, timetable and visitor register.

## Face coverings

### Face coverings are not mandated for use when in schools.

However, the Director General of Health strongly encourages staff and students aged 12 and above to wear face coverings in secondary school settings to align with the requirements when out and about and indoor public places.

### This is not a requirement for anyone in a school setting.

It remains an option for individuals and a decision for the individuals and whānau. Whatever decisions students and teachers make, it is their own to make and needs to be respected. Where an individual chooses to use a face covering they should supply and wear their own, and to do so safely. This option applies to younger children too.

Public health advice for those under six is getting children to cough and sneeze into their elbow and wash and dry hands. The use of masks is permitted but not actively encouraged.

There will be differences of view about the use of face coverings, and it is important to show tolerance toward individual choice in this matter.

#### 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.
- Contact tracing registers will be set up and identify which children and adults are on site, in each teaching space, including recording if there is a different composition of children and adults during the day. This will be done via our SMS and manually. This will include recording visitors to the site, including parents.

**Therefore 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 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.**

- In class, desks, where practicable, will be separated and children, young people and staff should be far enough away from each other so that they are not breathing on or touching each other. There does not need to be a specific measurement but where practicable 1m should be used as a guide, particularly between adults.
- Good hygiene practices will be taught and modelled. Where practicable we will ensure that children and young people regularly wash and dry hands, cough and sneeze into their elbow, and try to avoid touching their face.
- Hand sanitiser will be provided at the entry to class rooms and in shared spaces. Soap, water and the ability to dry hands will be provided in bathrooms.
- Encourage students use personal water bottles
- Physical education classes and break time activities can include access to sports equipment including playgrounds but hygiene practice should be observed after playing with equipment – children will either wash or hand sanitise their hands before and after each break (entry and exit from rooms)
- High traffic touch areas, such as desks, door handles etc will be disinfected and cleaned daily.

- No whole school assemblies – there may be syndicate assemblies but no visitors / parents will be able to attend
- Distance Learning – online learning will continue for children who are health compromised. However, Ministry of Education guidance states there is no expectation to provide a distance learning programme for children who stay at home, unless negotiated with the principal or the class teacher.
- Bus Service - school transport services will continue as normal.

## **PLEASE TAKE TIME TO REVIEW THESE...**

### **POLICY REVIEW**

Policies for review -

1. Concerns and Complaints
2. Behaviour Management

1. Visit the website <http://cust.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>.
2. Enter the user name (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 right hand top corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter the password "pin".
8. Enter your name (optional).
9. Submit your ratings and comments.

### **PTA**

#### **Second Hand Uniform**

Second hand uniform is available from the small room (former coal bunker) opposite the office. See Mrs Thompson for the key. Items are available for a gold coin donation. If purchasing items, please pay at the school office, and don't forget to relabel these items. If donating items, please leave them at the school office - clean and in good used condition (no stains or holes). Remove the name tags.

For more information/contact details:

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

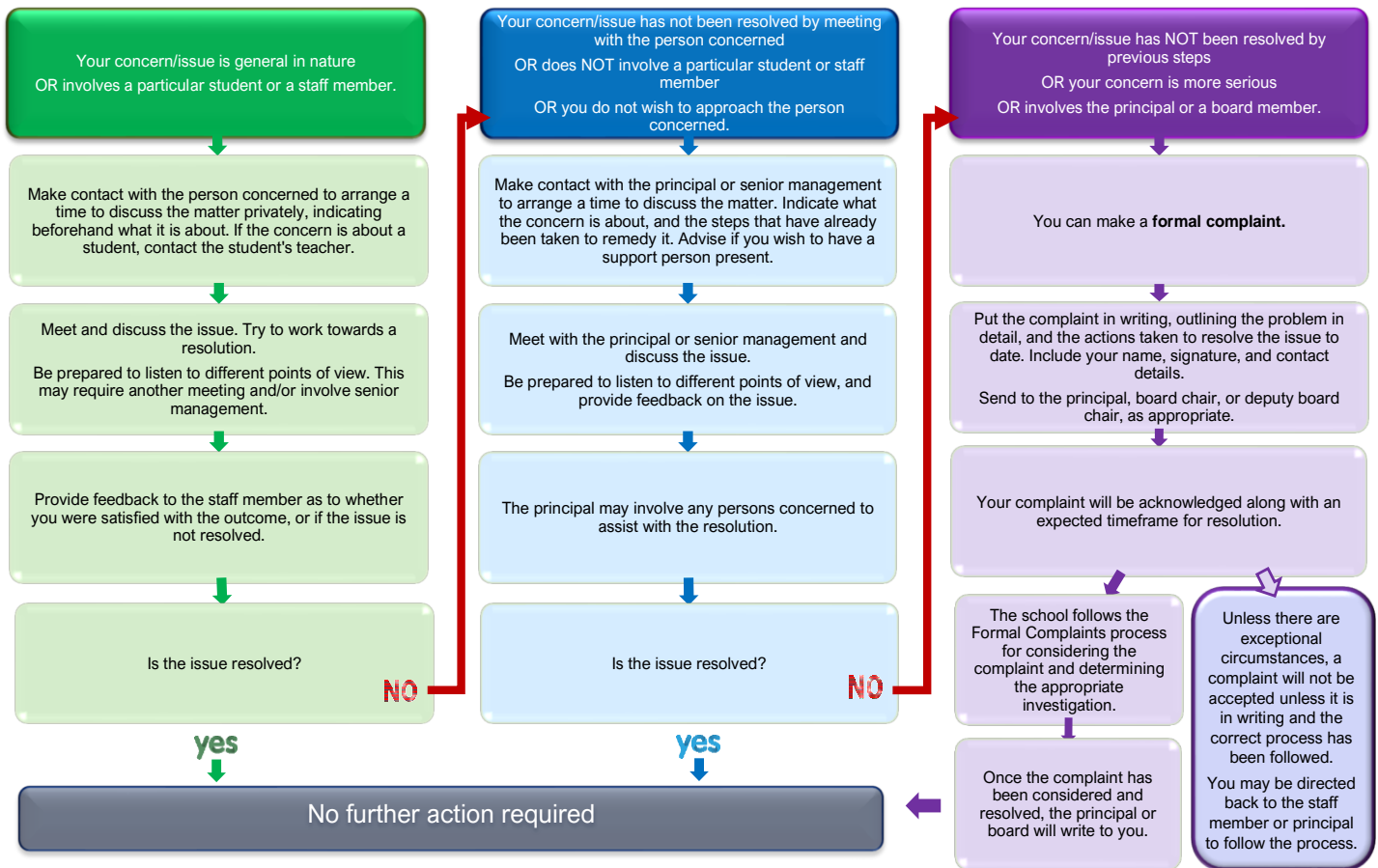
Facebook: Cust School Parent Teacher Association

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

Cust School PTA Bank Account: 02 0876 0291500 000. Please note – this is different to the Cust School Bank Account which you pay school fees etc into.

# Concerns and Complaints Process

Most concerns can be resolved informally by discussions with the people concerned.



This flowchart aligns with the school's Concerns and Complaints policy and procedures.

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## Behaviour Management

Our school provides a safe physical and emotional environment for students and staff.

Cust School is a PB4L school. PB4L stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning and is a positive, proactive, schoolwide organisational framework for behaviour and discipline.

Managing behaviour relies on consistently applying both our school's behaviour plan and strategies to promote positive student behaviour. We also expect high standards of conduct from our school community, which includes modelling good behaviour for students.

At Cust School:

- Staff, including relievers, coaches, and tutors etc, maintain positive learning environments and relationships with students.
- We make a clear statement of acceptable and unacceptable behaviour known to all staff, parents, and students.
- All members of the school, including the students themselves, have a responsibility to recognise bullying and to take action when they are aware of it happening.
- We consistently apply our behaviour management strategies in all cases of unacceptable behaviour, and endeavour to maintain the dignity of the student at all times.

- Staff manage challenging behaviour and use de-escalation techniques if a student's behaviour is becoming out of control and/or poses a danger to themselves or others. Physical restraint is used only in an emergency situation, and only according to our physical restraint guidelines.
- The school actions the procedures outlined by the Ministry of Education for the stand-down, suspension, or exclusion of students, in cases of extreme and persistent behaviour.
- Individual programmes and strategies for students with particular behaviour difficulties are devised with parents and staff, and outside agencies if necessary, and these students may be dealt with outside the school's behaviour plan.
  
- Seclusion and corporal punishment are not used at this school.

See our [Positive Behaviour for Learning plan](#) for more information.

### **Parents' concerns about student behaviour**

If a parent has a concern about an incident at school, the parent should contact the school and the school will deal with the concern. The school believes that parents should not approach other students or parents about school behaviour incidents. This also applies to incidents that occur out of school time or off school grounds but when students are still connected with the school e.g. at EOTC events, while wearing school uniform, or travelling to and from school.

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **OXFORD CRICKET CLUB**

Anyone interested in playing cricket from Oxford Cricket Club this season please contact Johnny Croft on 0275880040 before 17 September. The season starts early October, games are played on Saturday mornings 9am onwards throughout North Canterbury.

# PhotoLife SIBLING PHOTO REQUEST

THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED BY PARENT OR CAREGIVER AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL  
**BEFORE PHOTO DAY FOR PHOTO TO BE TAKEN.**

FAMILY LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

List Full Name and Room Numbers of Children to be Photographed together – **OLDEST FIRST**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room No: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room No: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room No: \_\_\_\_\_

I authorise the above detailed children to be photographed together for a Sibling Photo:

PARENT / CAREGIVER SIGNATURE: .....

**After Photo Day you will receive a Shoot Key to view and purchase your Sibling Photo Pack ONLINE**

We are here to help



If you have any further questions  
please contact us  
09 262 1040 or 0800 501 040

**PhotoLife**  
www.photolife.co.nz