



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

INSPIRATION / RANGA WAIRUA

With a focus in Term One on - **BE INSPIRED - Inspirational Friendships**
Emotional Literacy, Wellbeing, Resilience, and Interpersonal Skills

KINDNESS IS THE NEW COOL

Reading:

We all know that reading to our children is important. But did you know that toddlers and pre-schoolers who are read to every day have many advantages and benefits. Not only does reading enhance a child's vocabulary, and to help them understand how to read and write, but reading aloud to children also helps them to understand different topics about the world and everyday life.

The importance of reading cannot be emphasised enough in young children and we need to make reading a priority.

Mastery of language is crucial to succeeding in whatever you do – whether it's writing a report, a letter or a job application. Your ability to "win friends and influence people" will only be as good as your language skills. **The best way to hone them is to read a lot, and read some more. Novels, histories, science-fiction – it doesn't matter, just read!**

What difference can you make as a parent?

You can make a huge difference! Parents are the most important educators in a child's life – even more important than their teachers – and it's never too early to start reading together.

Please make Reading a priority at your home!

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES: CYBER SAFETY

**PARENT CYBER SAFETY EVENING
MONDAY, 25 MARCH CUST SCHOOL
MULTI PURPOSE ROOM 7PM
ALL PARENTS WELCOME – (YRS 0-8)**

ADVICE ABOUT CHILDREN VIEWING UPSETTING CONTENT ONLINE:

Netsafe encourages anyone that comes across content relating to the Momo Challenge or other similar 'challenge' content to immediately report it to the social media site or website that it's on. In New Zealand, it is against the law to incite another person to take their own life. If somebody is targeting a young person to play this "game", or attempting to incite suicide, you should contact the Police and Netsafe for help, and a mental health service for support. Netsafe can also provide advice for any parents who are concerned about this challenge. If young people are expressing feelings about self-harm or suicide then this should be followed up with appropriate mental health support.

Netsafe's advice for parents about exposure to upsetting content:

- Have a conversation with young people about what to do if they do come across upsetting content online
- Let your child know that they can come to you when they find something upsetting and they won't get in trouble
- Stay calm if they do come to you – don't assign blame, reassure them that it's not their fault and don't punish them for seeking help
- Normalise their feelings – let them know that it is normal to feel scared, confused or upset
- Don't over-react by taking away the technology – this may make them less likely to talk to you if something else happens
- For young children in particular, consider using parental controls to block out specific keywords like "Momo"
- If you or your child comes across this type of content report it to the platform that it's on
- If your child is expressing any concerning feelings, follow up with mental health support
- If you know that a young person has been engaging in this challenge, report it to the Police and Netsafe, and contact a mental health service for support.

SCHOOL DONATION AND ACTIVITY INVOICES

While the Government's policy to overhaul the school donation system will be considered for Budget 2019, I think(?), the Board has decided to stay with the status quo.

You will have received by separate email, and also a hard copy via your child, the 2019 School Donation and Activity Fee invoice. An explanation of how this is used was included.

We do ask that you pay your donation and activity fee by the 31 March either by cheque or through internet banking – Cust Board of Trustees ref School Donation 03 1592 0074218 00. Tax deductible!

If payment of any school activity is an issue, you are welcome to pay it off in smaller payments. Parents/caregivers are welcome to contact me for a private discussion on how we can help.

IMPORTANT DATES – please check the calendar on the school website for updates

Tuesday 12 March – Junior Swimming Sports (Years 0-4)

Monday 11 – Friday 15 March – Year 7/8 Curious Cove Camp

Tuesday 12 March – Rakahuri Swimming Competition

Monday 18 March – PTA meeting

Thursday 21 March – North Canterbury Swimming Competition

Monday 25 March – Canterbury Duathlon

Wednesday 3 April – Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday 4 April – Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming Competition

Friday 12 April – Term One ends

2019 Great Kiwi English, Science, and Mathematics Competitions

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The University of Canterbury is offering your child the opportunity to participate in the Great KIWI English, Mathematics and Science competitions. These competitions take place annually and are designed by New Zealand teachers for New Zealand students based on the New Zealand curriculum.

The competitions are administered by the Centre for Evaluation and Monitoring (CEM) at the University of Canterbury. The competitions are open to all Year 5–10 students in English, Mathematics and Science. Students can enter in one or more subjects. The competition provides teachers, parents and students with an independent, comprehensive record of a student's performance in key school subjects. The supervised online tests will take place in the last 3 weeks of Term 2.

Certificates will be sent to all participating students and prizes will be awarded to top students. Entries are administered by the school. For further information, please consult the CEM website www.canterbury.ac.nz/cem

Please return THIS section to the school office by **Friday 12 April**. No late entries will be accepted.

I give permission for my child

DOB

Class

to participate in the 2019 KIWI competitions.

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter.

Subject	Year Level	Entry Cost	Fees Enclosed
English		\$9.00	
Maths		\$9.00	
Science		\$9.00	
		Total	\$

Please pay by internet (School's bank account number is 03 1592 0074218 00) reference child's name and CEM Tests

Name of parent /caregiver

Signature

CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Great work awarded to Xavior for using good knowledge to improve in your basic facts. Excellence awarded to Taylor for setting good writing goals and reaching them.
- Room Two: Well done to Casey for showing success in Piko's tips for using your knowledge to add detail in your writing. Well done. Keep it up!
Well done to Petal for showing success in Piko's tips for using her knowledge to be a phrased, fluent and expressive reader.
- Room Three: Student of the Week awarded to Olivia for her fantastic listening in class.
Student of the Week awarded to Sam for your thoughtful contributions in class.
- Room Four: Well done to Adam for showing success in Piko's tips by trying hard to achieve his swimming goal.
Well done to Indigo for showing success in Piko's tips by trying hard to achieve her swimming goal.
- Room Five: Student of the Week awarded to Liz. You set yourself high standards and persevere until you reach your goal. Your hard work is admirable.
Student of the Week awarded to Connor S. You consistently share your ideas and understanding with the class. I've been particularly impressed with your contribution in maths.
- Room Six: Student of the Week awarded to Emma Stephenson for using her knowledge to ask intelligent questions about her learning.
- Room Seven: Well done to Keegan for showing success in Piko's tips for always being persistent showing great effort and trying your best.
Well done to Keirra for showing success in Piko's tips for being an excellent role model! – setting goals, being organized and showing great effort.

BOT ELECTIONS

Board Elections are coming around and we will publish promotional material soon.
In the meantime, does this whet your appetite to put your name forward?

School boards are responsible for the school | kura's performance and ensuring that all legal requirements are met.

Every state and state-integrated school | kura in New Zealand has a board of trustees. The board of trustees is a crown entity – that is, an organisation that is part of the New Zealand public sector.

The board

- is accountable for student achievement
- sets the vision for the school | kura
- ensures the school | kura complies with legal and policy requirements

Some of the specific things boards do:

- Set the strategic direction and long-term plans for the school | kura in consultation with the school | kura's community
- Monitor the board's progress against its strategic goals and targets
- Monitor and evaluate student progress and achievement
- Oversee the management of staff, property, finances, curriculum and administration
- Ensure that government priorities are met
- Fulfil the intent of the Treaty of Waitangi by valuing and reflecting New Zealand's dual cultural heritage
- Appoint and support the principal and assess their performance.
- Act as good employers to all staff at the school | kura

PTA NEWS

Spring Bulb Fundraiser

A booklet has been sent home with your eldest child. If you wish to order, please place your order in the office mail box with payment. These will be due in by 31 March.

For more information/contact details:

Website: www.cust.school.nz (School Info Tab)

Facebook: Cust School Parent Teacher Association

Email: custschoolpta@gmail.com

Cust School PTA Bank Account: 03 1783 0502131 03

Our next meeting is Monday 18 MARCH at 7:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room.

Primary school and above – measles information for school newsletters/email from the Canterbury District Health Board

March 6 2019

Since 26 February 2019, the number of cases in the latest Canterbury measles outbreak has been steadily climbing and as at 5 March we have had ten confirmed cases, with more likely to be confirmed over the next days and weeks. Some are children who have yet to complete their MMR (measles, mumps, rubella) vaccinations, but four are adults aged between 27 and 50 who have had only one measles vaccination, which was standard practice between 1969 and 1990. Cases have now spread throughout Christchurch.

Measles is a serious and highly contagious, viral disease where up to 30 percent of those who catch it will develop complications – usually children under 5 and adults over the age of 20. Measles during pregnancy increases the risk of miscarriage, premature labour and low birth-weight in babies. Measles is spread through droplets in the air and through contact, so that anyone unprotected who has been in the same room as someone with measles will likely get it.

The surest protection is for people to have had both of their MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) vaccinations, scheduled to be given to children at 15 months and at four years. As long as children of school age are up-to-date with their vaccinations they should be protected against measles. People vaccinated between 1969 and 1990 should contact their GP team who will provide a booster vaccination. People born before 1969 will have been exposed to measles and will be immune.

Family members who aren't sure if they have been immunised with two doses of MMR vaccine should talk to their GP team who will be able to provide a vaccination if they need it. An extra vaccination will not cause any harm.

Measles symptoms include:

- A respiratory type of illness with dry cough, runny nose, headache
- Temperature over 38.5 C and feeling very unwell
- A red blotchy rash starts on day 4-5 of the illness usually on the face and moves to the chest and arms.

More information about measles is available at <http://www.immune.org.nz>

If you think a child at your school has measles, keep them away from other children until they can be collected and taken home. If they are already sick they should stay home for at least five days after symptoms such as a rash appeared. Once measles has been in your school, parents of any children who are not fully immune (2 doses of MMR) are advised to keep them home for 14 days from the likely date of exposure.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Food and fun for everyone!

Have a fun and relaxed outdoor evening with family and friends before daylight savings finishes.

Something for all ages:

- A great selection of well-priced, family-friendly food stalls
- Family sideshows/Children's stalls
- A huge white elephant with clothes, household goods etc
- Bouncy castles
- Garden and produce stalls
- A giant bake sale
- A high tea cafe
- Raffles, music and much more...

And new this year, our student art sale, where art completed by Clarkville School students will be sold throughout the night.

So make sure you come along rain or shine! Parking available for gold coin donation in Rice Park (opposite the school). Exchange some of your money for "Gala Dollars" to buy some tasty treats or have some fun. Cash is preferred but eftpos will be available onsite if required.

Follow us on Facebook for more details : [Clarkville School Twilight Gala](#)



FIREWOOD FOR SALE

Dry Old Man Pine – 3mtrs \$290 Del., 4 mtrs \$380 Del., 5 mtrs \$470 Del.

Contact Stan or Michelle 0274209146 or 3125303 please leave a message. Stan-Michelle@farmside.co.nz

\$10 donation going to school for any 3mtr or more load sold.

PIANO LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS

Time to be arranged to suit **students**.

Cost is \$10 per lesson (lessons are 30 minutes)

Place is in Summerhill, Cust.

Teacher is Yulissa Louw, she is a teen with 8 years' playing experience.

Books: A piano book will be recommended.

Contact us on 0274448390 to arrange for a free trial lesson.