



# CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday, 1 March, 2019 - Week Four —Term 1

## 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

### **YOU WILL NEVER REGRET BEING KIND**

Our 'TIP' for this term is –

- T**HINK
- set goals
  - use knowledge
  - communicate

At our start of the year 3 Way Conferences there was an opportunity to set and share goals for the children and to communicate, in an honest way, how we see the children's start of the year, both socially and academically and to set some goals.

Many thanks to the parents and caregivers who attended these. We realise that due to a number of factors some parents were not able to attend. Please contact the class teacher and they will accommodate you in making an alternative time.

Having a discussion after the conference/interview with your child can be very useful. Share the positive things that have been said and give them plenty of praise. Then talk about anything that has been suggested that can be done at home to help or support their learning.

If you don't agree with something that we have said, it is better to stay positive about the teacher and school in front of your child(ren). If you have serious concerns about anything that was discussed, you should arrange a separate appointment with the school to talk about this further.

**Remember you don't have to wait for a parent teacher interview – you can ring the school and make an appointment to talk to the teacher at any time.**

## JUNIOR SWIMMING

**JUNIOR SWIMMING SPORTS (YEARS 0 – 4)**

**FRIDAY, 8 MARCH**

**CUST POOL STARTING AT 1pm**

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

**On Line Predators:**

As parents, a challenge we face is protecting our children from online predators. **We can diligently monitor our kids' screen usage but all it takes is one child with an older sibling and a mobile phone and the whole group of kids is exposed.**

The internet is such a pervasive part of our children's lives that it follows them everywhere they go — even when they're in a remote setting, with no direct access to devices or the internet.

Nevertheless, there are things we can do to take a pre-emptive strike against these kinds of threats.

The first is to encourage kids talk about what's worrying them — and praise them when they do. If our kids don't tell us what's going on, we can't help them — "teachable moments".

Another precaution we can take is to make sure our kids have someone to confide in who isn't us. A common tactic of predators — both online and off — is scaring kids into not telling their parents. Kids also withhold information from their parents because they are worried they might get into trouble.

For these situations enlist in a trusted adult or close friend to provide confidential non-judgmental advice to your child. Of course, if it's serious, these trusted adults must encourage children to tell the parent what's going on.

The other step we can take to help protect our children is to build a network of parents to share information.

**We need to work together to keep all our kids safe.**

**Traffic Outside School:**

As our school roll grows and the number of cars outside the school increases, particularly in the afternoon (3pm pick up), can I please request that you are calm and considerate when parking.

That is, walking across the road at the appropriate place and parking appropriately (not across other peoples' driveways and not in the middle of the road!). Let's role model good and courteous road manners.

Please note that the car park is for staff and visitors who need wheelchair access.

**SCHOOL DONATION AND ACTIVITY INVOICES**

While the Governments 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 is included with the invoice.

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.

## **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

## **CERTIFICATES**

- Room One: Student of the Week awarded to Jacob O. for setting some great goals and settling well into Room One.
- Room Two: Student of the Week awarded to Quayde for using his knowledge to write an awesome story.  
Student of the Week awarded to Izzy for using her knowledge to complete tasks confidently and to a high standard.  
Student of the Week awarded to Delta for using her knowledge to extend her story writing. Keep up the great work.
- Room Three: Well done to Kate for showing success in Piko's tips for your amazing determination in swimming.  
Well done to Levi for showing success in Piko's tips for your attention to detail in your work when working independently.
- Room Four: Well done to Sonora for showing success in Piko's tips by using your knowledge from last year's writing and maths to help your learning this year.  
Well done to Mackenzie for showing success in Piko's tips by using your knowledge from last year's reading to help with reading this year.
- Room Five: Well done to Alistair for showing success in Piko's tips. You have been working really hard to communicate calmly with the whole class and share your ideas.  
Well done to Aaron for showing success in Piko's tips. You show stunning persistence and problem solving skills in your work. Keep it up Aaron.
- Room Seven: Well done to Hugh for showing success in Piko's tips for setting goals, stepping up as a senior role model to share/care and include others.  
Well done to Sophie for showing success in Piko's tips for being highly organized, showing effort in producing quality work.

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

Tuesday 5 March – PTA Afternoon Tea

Friday 8 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

## **ROOMS ONE AND TWO**

Kia Ora,

Many thanks to all those caregivers, who attended our 3-Way Conferencing this week. We firmly believe that when all parties involved are actively promoting learning, our students can't fail to make progress!

With the shortened days we have been just focusing on getting the basics done, so hopefully children are coming home with the usual spelling, basic fact and reading (Years 4/5 20mins silent reading daily, Year 3 books from school) homework. Please check!

Today, next Monday/Tuesday Kathryn Winson will be in Room 2 for Ros – same programme and routines, and don't forget – Junior Swimming sports are on next Friday 8 March.

Kia pai tō mutunga wiki  
(Have a great weekend)  
Eddie, Linda & Ros

## **ROOM THREE**

Kia ora Parents / Caregivers

A slight change in temperature now as I have had to heat Room 3 in the morning to take the chill off the room. In saying this, I am hearing a few sniffling noses so please ensure that your child brings their jersey to school and I will do my best to make sure they wear it at school when necessary.

On another note, thank you for finding the time to come to school and meet with me this week. It's hard to say everything you want to in the allocated time and you may have since then came up with a few questions that need answering. If so please do not hesitate to email me. Thank you again for remembering to sign the homework books too. Next week your child will bring home spelling words in the front of their book, so remember to look out for them.

Measurement is coming to an end as we finished by measuring things with standardised units using rulers. Next we will move into number and begin by learning some fun maths games that can be played independently. Room 3 are also enjoying sharing their written work with the class at the end of writing and I have been enjoying reading their lovely work.

Have a great weekend  
James

## ROOM FOUR

It was lovely to see you all at 3 Way Conferences and have the opportunity to discuss with you and your child their learning.

Following an inspiration to make kites and learn about planes we visited the Belworthy's to learn more. Penny very kindly showed us their different home-built aircraft, explained how they flew and answered questions. Many thanks to Tracey and Mitzi who were able to come with us to help with supervision.



It has been great to see the progress that most children are making with their swimming. They are looking forward to showing off their skills at the Junior Swimming Gala on Friday 8 March at 1pm.

In the classroom we have eased ourselves into learning. All the reading, phonics, writing and maths groups are up and running. Any questions about homework please come and see me.

Enjoy the summer sunshine,  
Kennys

## ROOMS SIX AND SEVEN

Kia ora koutou,

We enjoyed the opportunity to meet whanau this week at our 3-Way Conferences. It is a valuable experience sharing your child/ children's learning and personal goals together. We look forward to supporting the students to achieve these goals this year.

Excitement and anticipation is building in the senior classrooms in the lead up to our class camp at Curious Cove. This will be a very worthwhile experience for all involved (fingers crossed for warm weather!).

Mathematics this week, sees our focus move from interpreting statistical results to studying 'mean, median and mode'. Students are working at their own level and pace with Miriam, Robert and I assisting their learning.

Curriculum Vitae and supporting letters are complete for the senior responsibilities available within our school. The applicants now know their role/job and the commitment involved to follow these through successfully in 2019. Good on you all Room 6 & 7- you have stepped up and are willing to make a contribution to Cust School and fellow students. We are very proud of you!

Our shared novel 'Fish in a Tree' by Lynda Mullaly Hunt is captivating us all -chapter by chapter each day! We will begin working on activities that compliment this, working with the whole class and focus groups, learning skills and structuring responses to the text in class next week.

Enjoy your weekend.  
Nha mihi,  
Miriam, Annmaree and Robert.

## ROOM FIVE

Kia Ora,

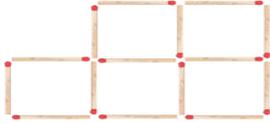
It was great to meet all of the parents who came along for three way conferences this week!

Statistics has come to an end in Room 5. We've all learnt how to draw and analyse graphs. We'll be getting started on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division next week!

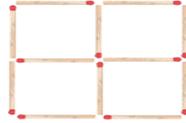
We had a try at some matchstick challenges this week. See if you can solve these.

### Matchstick Puzzles - #1

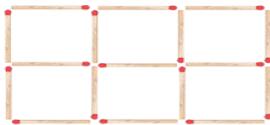
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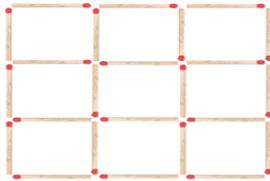
4. Leave just two squares by removing two matchsticks.



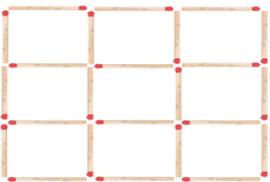
2. Leave just three squares by removing five matchsticks.



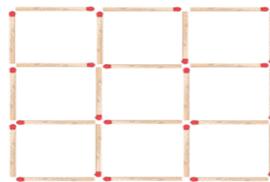
5. Leave just six squares by removing eight matchsticks.



3. Leave just two squares by removing eight matchsticks.



6. Leave just three squares by removing six matchsticks.



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We completed our character descriptions of The Big Bad Wolf last week. They're all in their e-portfolios, so please take the time to have a read through with your child. We've been enjoying crafting and sharing some quick writes where we have been experimenting with our descriptive writing and opening sentences. You're welcome to pop in to have a read at any time.

For reading this week our theme is The Ocean and we're focusing on learning to take notes. The children have a whole host of options to read about, and can choose a level they feel challenges them.

A number of our class are struggling to find reading books that appeal to them. We've decided that each Thursday we are going to have 'Book Sell'. We will bring books in that we would recommend, make sure our name is in them, and lend them to someone who would like to read them too. The class have decided to set a rule that these books must not leave the classroom.

Have a great weekend,  
Eleanor

## PTA NEWS

### Afternoon Tea for Parents and Caregivers

The PTA will be providing afternoon tea from 2 pm on Tuesday 5 March in the Multipurpose Room.

All parents and caregivers are welcome, with a special invitation to our new families.

### Spring Bulb Fundraiser

In the heat of summer, it seems a funny time to be thinking of lush greens and spring flowers. But it's time to be planning for it because it won't be long before it is bulb planting time. This year the PTA has teamed up with NZ Bulbs as a fundraiser, with the PTA receiving a portion of the total sales. A booklet has been sent home. If you wish to order, please place your order in the office mail box with payment. These will be due in by 31 March.

## **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, 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: 03 1783 0502131 03

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

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **MCDONALDS YOUTH DUATHLON ORGANISED BY GARDEN CITY ROTARY**

Registrations open now.

The 2019 McDonald's Duathlon to be held at Hagley Park on Sunday, 7 April 2019. This event is run by volunteers from Garden City Rotary Club.

Entries are open to 7 -15 year olds and the duathlon includes a run, bike and run. Entrants can look forward to receiving a Competition Medal, Gift Pack of sponsors' products and a competition T-shirt.

7 - 10 Years - Run 1km, Cycle 4km, Run 500m

11 - 15 Years - Run 2km, Cycle 8km, Run 1km

The McDonald's 2019 Youth Duathlon is organized by the Rotary Club of Garden City Christchurch, to promote the development of healthy, fun-loving and well-adjusted young people.

Entry forms available from the website: [www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz](http://www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz)

Brochures also available from the school office. Final date for entries is Friday, 22 March.

### **SWANNANOA COUNTRY FAIR**

Sunday, 3 March, 10am – 3pm. Swannanoa Domain, Tram Road.

Huge range of craft and trade stalls, classic car display and kid zone, white elephant, cake stalls, country talks and demonstrations, auctions, raffles, food and drinks, helicopter rides, fire brigade hose splash, live music and all day entertainment. Adults \$5 donation.

### **OPEN DAYS AT ST DAVID'S CHURCH, AND THE ADJOINING HALL, BOTH ON MAIN STREET, CUST**

Friday, 1 March (St David's Day) 7pm – 9pm.

Saturday, 2 March 10am – 4pm

Refreshments, Saturday only (tea, coffee, cold drinks, sandwiches and cakes available in the Hall, and a sausage sizzle outdoors).

- Kids are welcome to set up a mini-stall for free: Let us know if you need space!
- Check out our lovely Church for your wedding venue...
- Packs of beautiful David Bell Daffodil bulbs will be on sale  
(St David is Patron Saint of Wales: The daffodil is a national emblem of that country).

Come and check us out. All welcome. Enquiries to Anne Croft 3125513.

### **CUST NETBALL**

Cust Netball AGM Tuesday 12 March 2019 7pm Cust Hotel.