



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

INSPIRATION / RANGA WAIRUA Personal Inspiration Hauroa and Wellbeing

Personal Inspiration - Hauroa and Wellbeing

CUST SCHOOL CLOSED WEDNESDAY 29 MAY

There is a lot of talk about wellbeing in the media – the upcoming budget is known as the “Wellbeing Budget.”

Last week I focused on some basic ideas for everyone, so I suppose it is a nice segway onto the teachers strike next week.

I have previously stated that our job has changed a lot in the last 5 years and on a basic level we are fighting for our wellbeing as teachers – the ability to feel good and function well in our job.

We have some goals around this in our school charter – things we can control directly. Our strike action is attempting to influence the government to act.

We greatly appreciate the community support that we have already received following the decision by teachers and principals to strike on Wednesday 29 May.

The decision to take further strike action was not taken lightly by any of us. For the first time, both primary and secondary teachers are striking together because the crisis in education hits us all very hard and we need the Government to understand how serious it is.

Schools are grappling with the fallout of a 40% nosedive in the number of people training to be teachers between 2010 and 2016, even while the population grew by 400,000. While the situation improved a little last year and the Government has announced an urgent \$95m package to recruit teachers, this is not sufficient to address the crisis. Schools struggle daily to find enough teachers to meet their relief teacher needs and this will worsen as winter approaches. There is also a desperate need for more support for children with additional learning needs.

The fact is that teaching is no longer considered an attractive profession due to long-term under-funding of the education sector. A significant pay jolt is part of the solution, alongside significant improvements to our heavy workloads. Otherwise our schools will end up with larger class sizes and more teachers leaving.

Therefore on Wednesday 29 May we will be closed, so our teaching community can stand together and make a difference.

Eyre Cluster Cross Country:

On Thursday 23 May, we held the Eyre Cluster Cross Country event. Cust did really well and below are the children who finished in the top ten. A big thank you to all the parents who helped with transport. Well done for showing resiliency and confidence.

Year 5 Boys

9th Kyron East

Year 6 Boys

3rd Riley Winson

5th Takoda Kaiser Leyendecker

7th Harvey Croft

Year 8 Boys

2nd Blake Packham

4th Aidan Lapslie

Year 5 Girls

7th Bianca Reynolds

Year 6 Girls

1st Estelle Letton

8th Lucy Stephenson

9th Louisa Croall

Year 7 Girls

1st Alice Barnes

2nd Billie McLachlan

5th Emily Pye

6th Sophie Bell

Year 8 Girls

5th Tynisa Kaiser Leyendecker

The North Canterbury Sports Trust gave us some recommended “must be faster than times” that children had to meet to qualify for Rakahuri Cross Country. Well done to the following children who will be competing at this event on Tuesday 28 May. You should have some information provided today.

CUST SCHOOL – SPELL-ATHON

Term 2 2019

This year we are having a Spell-athon.

Our Aims:

1. Cust School wants all our children to be confident able spellers.
2. To raise some money from this Spell-athon to support the PTA in the playground project.

What the children will have to do:

1. The children will be given a list of spelling words (appropriate for them) on **Monday 27 May**
* Note : If you have any questions/concerns, please contact your child’s teacher.
2. Time will be allocated each day during school time for learning and practice to take place, however, the children will be expected to spend 5 to 10 minutes at home practicing their spelling words –
4 weeks
3. The test will be on Thursday 20 June

How it Works:

1. We are asking you to sponsor the learning of these “spelling words” by “so much money” per word spelt correctly

OR

2. Some parents and friends may prefer to make a donation.

Experience tells us that work places are often very supportive.

WE ASK THAT THE CHILDREN DON’T:

- i. Go around the streets seeking sponsors,
- ii. Sponsor other children at the school.



PLEASE NOTE – ALL INFORMATION WILL BE GIVEN TO THE CHILDREN ON MONDAY

Cust School Uniform:

As the winter months come about, we do tend to see a bit of variation to the Cust School uniform. Therefore, I have added the policy to the newsletter as a reminder

CUST SCHOOL

Uniform Policy

Cust School - Uniform Procedure

At Cust School we have introduced a compulsory uniform. This will enhance the sense of school community, an important ingredient in creating an effective learning environment.

Students are expected and encouraged to take pride in their uniform and general appearance. If a parent has philosophical objections to their child wearing the uniform options available, they are free to apply to the board of trustees for a dispensation. Financial advice and support is available from the principal to parents who have concerns about clothing costs.

Purpose: -

- * To establish a sense of identity, equality and pride within the school population.
- * To provide a visual recognition of allegiance to Cust School.
- * To clarify the exact requirements of the compulsory School Uniform, so that parents and teachers have a common understanding of standards and methods of enforcement.

Guidelines

- * All students are required to wear clothing that falls within the following stated options:
- * The school colours are Red and Navy
- * All clothing is to be named
- * The manner in which the uniform is worn, is subject to school enforcement

The uniform is available from The Warehouse.

Merino jerseys are available from www.merinowoolforschool.co.nz

The PTA has some second hand uniform items for sale.

No jewellery is permitted except for wristwatches, a plain stud or keeper in each pierced ear. No rings are allowed. No students may wear make-up, coloured nail polish, or stick-on tattoos.

Hair must be clean and tidy, and kept off the face.

If a student has a legitimate reason for not wearing part of the uniform, parents are asked to supply a note stating the reason and the estimated time frame of the breach.

If a student breaches our dress code without such a note, we take the following steps:

1. The student is asked by the teacher to explain the breach.
2. Second breach, we send a letter home reminding parents of their obligations regarding the uniform.
3. After a third breach, the principal is notified and parents are invited by phone to attend an interview to discuss uniform requirements.
4. After further breaches, we invoke our formal discipline plan.

Uniform

Boys (summer and winter)

Plain red polar fleece vest or jersey / Plain red merino jersey

Plain navy shorts (knit or cotton drill/cargo)

Plain navy track pants

Red polo shirt (short or long sleeved)

Red skivvy

The Cust School logo is optional for polar fleeces, skivvies and polo shirts. (The logo is available from the school office).

Practical, flat-soled shoes/boots, or sandals in terms 1 and 4

Blue or white sports socks (preferably)

Navy full brimmed sun hat or bucket style sunhat in terms 1 and 4 (Named)

Sports: navy shorts and navy T-shirt (with Cust printed on back and logo on front – available at school office).

Optional navy and red sports jacket (available from Mainland **Uniforms**).

Girls (summer and winter)

As above, plus:

Plain navy culottes or blue gingham culottes

Navy shorts (cargo shorts okay)

Blue gingham dress with white collar and zip front

Note: our blue gingham has a red stripe to match other parts of the uniform.

Navy tights

All uniform items must be clearly named. The manner in which the uniform is worn is subject to school enforcement.

CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Well done Corey for showing success in Piko's tips for creating super tension in his writing about My Hiding Place.
Excellence awarded to Mia for being an independent reader.
- Room Two: Student of the Week awarded to LLogan for a lovely effort in his maths. Demonstrating great skills.
Student of the Week awarded to Katelyn Taaffe for showing persistence and effort in maths. Great job.
- Room Three: Great work awarded to Fitz for your fantastic writing Fitz. You have been taking on advice and applying it to your writing. Keep up the superb work Fitz.
Great work awarded to Marco. You have shown fantastic diligence and perseverance in your writing and have made amazing progress. Keep up the good work Marco.
- Room Four: Great work awarded to Andrea – you are a very tidy organized person Andrea and great at packing up.
- Room Five: Great work awarded to Libby – you put 100% effort into everything you do and this shows in the work you produce. On top of your work, you're always willing to go the extra mile to help others. Go Libby, you're a star!
Great work awarded to Emily – you have blown me away this term! You've been putting great effort into your reading contract and completing tasks independently. Despite some struggles, you completed a stunning pencil sketch. Well done.
- Room Seven: Well done Maddie for showing success in Piko's tips. Congratulations! Wonderful to see you further developing skills in persistence and effort.
Well done Alice for showing success in Piko's tips. Congratulations! Showing great focus in writing.

ROOMS ONE AND TWO

Kia Ora,

Again, we are loving this lovely weather to do our daily jump jam and games -what a difference some sunshine makes!

Many thanks for the great turnout to our annual cross - country. It is always a wonderful celebration of all the hard work which has gone before and it was wonderful see everyone doing their best

This week we have been continuing our art topic on sketching – with many budding artists showing their skills, continuing number in maths and completing some assessment tasks in reading, basic facts and writing.

Miss Hodgson, an ex-ballet teacher has been helping us with our new dance unit and 'what dance actually is', and looking at basic folk dance moves, has been our focus for this first week.

Also winter sport has started for the Y5-8s on Friday afternoons with the Y4s all joining R2.

More of the same next week.

Enjoy your weekend,
Eddie, Linda, Aimee and Ros

ROOM THREE

Kia ora

Cross country was a huge success, the children showed great tenacity and determination and they should be very proud of themselves. The past two weeks have seen Room 3 continue their work with native animals. Room 3 have finished making their Kea wings and Fantails which are perched around the classroom. Please feel free to visit Room 3 to see their creations for yourself. This is also a good time to mention that you should have also received a letter home regarding the Orana Wildlife Park visit. This letter outlines everything you will need to know regarding the field trip.

The students have been hard at work in maths settling back into a routine of working on number knowledge and strategy. We have been writing cinquain poems about autumn and animals and the students have shown fantastic creativity. I have also displayed some of the alliterative sentences on the wall in Room 3 so again feel free to come and visit.

Have a great weekend

James

ROOM FOUR

We sadly say goodbye to Indigo Baker this week and wish her all the best as she moves to a new school in Blenheim.

The children are continuing with their own goals for reading, phonics, writing and maths. In topic we are talking about facial expressions. We have looked at angry and surprised and identified times when we feel these emotions.

The children were very proud of their achievements in the Cross Country and many thanks to the parents and family who turned up to support the runners. Now that the Cross Country has been run we have started a fun movement programme to begin our day.

Enjoy your weekend,

Kennys

ROOM FIVE

Room Five have been very busy these past few weeks!

In literacy we have started learning about the International Space Station, which has been mind blowing at times. We continue to focus on answering comprehension questions with detail and proving our answers using a quote from the text.

Our writing has been focused around crafting CVs. We have just completed CVs for our Enterprise project this term. Children will be grouped, according to their CVs, into businesses ready to make a business plan and prototype next week.

In maths we have continued with The Block. Bathroom Week has just finished and we'll move into Living and Dining next week. We continue to practise our algorithms, number knowledge and Basic Facts to ensure fluency.

Using sketching skills learnt previously in the term, the class have all completed a beautiful portrait of a person who inspires them.

Cross Country was a huge success last week. Every child pushed themselves to their full potential and should feel very proud of their efforts.

Eleanor

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Cust Girls Sevens:



LUNCH TIME BIBLE IN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

The lunch time Bible in School programme will run again this year, beginning in the next couple of weeks on a Thursday for Years 5-8 and on a Friday for Years 1-4.

The junior group held on a Friday will run from 12.30pm to 1pm. The senior group which offers a fuller programme every alternate week, will continue the activity based programme making sushi for sale for school lunches. The fuller senior programme alternates between this charitable work and a Bible story/lesson every other week.

If you would like your child or children to come to a half hour once a week lunch time Bible in School programme, kindly fill in the form below and return it to the school office.

Please return to School Office

I give _____ from Year _____ permission to attend the Bible in School programme for half an hour, once a week, during lunch time.

Name _____ Signed _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Date _____

PTA NEWS

The PTA AGM is scheduled for Tuesday, 18 June at 7.30 pm in the Multi-Purpose Room, for any who would like to attend. This will be followed with our regular monthly PTA meeting.

The school Disco is also coming up on Friday, 21 June. Further details will be available closer to the time.

Entertainment Membership Fundraiser

Still only \$70. Every sale contributes to our cause.

You can order online at www.entbook.co.nz/136p123 or from the school office.

For more information or to arrange collection contact Kate Powell, 0272295026 email oldschoolpowells@xtra.co.nz

Second Hand Uniform

Second hand uniform is available from the small room opposite the office.

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

FISH AND CHIPS, AMERICAN HOT DOGS – Thursday, 6 June

All orders need to be in the office by **9.00am**. No late orders as we will not be going down to the hotel.

Please note the following:

- All envelopes (no scraps of paper and notes left on the counter are acceptable), are to be clearly labelled with names (please put full names as we have several children at school with the same Christian names)
- Correct monies (as no change will be given)
- No add-ons of drinks, as this service is solely for the items listed below from the Cust Hotel.

Prices are as follows**:

1 scoop chips	\$2.00	½ scoop chips	\$1.50
Hot Dog	\$3.00	Fish	\$3.00
Sausage	\$3.00	American Hot Dog	\$3.50
Mince Pie	\$5.50	Mince & Cheese	\$5.50
		Hash Browns	\$1.00

***Note prices for some items have increased.*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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.

CUST/OXFORD STJOHN AREA COMMITTEE invites you to the AGM being held Wednesday, 19 June 2019 at 7.30pm.

Venue: Cust Community Centre.

This will be our last AGM as our committee will soon be amalgamated with three other local committees.

Reports will be presented, followed by supper.

Thanks

Liz Smith

Secretary