



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 BEGINS WITH YOU

Last week was a “memorable” week on many levels. Whatever happened, whatever we had to put up with in our lives, was put in perspective considering the events which occurred in Christchurch last Friday.

Appreciate each other and be kind.

There are probably many stories floating around the community about our camp. Don't listen to gossip – there are only 7-10 adults who know the whole story and what actually transpired. The children will have their perspective and it is not always accurate e.g. everyone got sick (not true.) There a lot of details the children (and community) don't know which I will save for a chapter in my autobiography.

I would like to publicly acknowledge...

The children – they were fantastic. The well ones just rolled with what was happening and adapted to our programme. The sick ones were so polite, even in at their darkest moments. Everyone was respectful of what was happening and supportive of each other.

The adults – Miriam, AnnMaree, Kathryn, Lynley, Phil, Sarah, Nikki, (and Nicky, Flint and Jenny) were AMAZING! What they did in order to care for ALL the children cannot be overstated. The list of jobs / sacrifices etc they endured is too many to list – **I cannot say thank you enough to them.**

What was reassuring is that the decisions, practices and strategies we put in place were supported and commended by the medical experts - we did everything right.

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES: CYBER SAFETY

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

Online Gaming

Gaming is everywhere. Many mobile games are played online and can have a multiplayer option where gamers can interact with their friends, as well as strangers all over the world. Many also have private messaging features.

Here are Netsafe's top tips for parents wanting to keep their children safe while they play online games:

1. **Set up parental controls:**

Both mobile and traditional gaming platforms offer parental control features or apps which requires you to okay any game your child tries to download.

2. **Set boundaries:**

Talk to your child about the game before they get started and set some boundaries about how many hours you think it is appropriate for them to play the game each week. It's also a good idea to discuss appropriate online behaviour and the expectations you have of their own online conduct. Remind them that they should never share any personal or private details with someone they meet online.

3. **Make a plan for if something goes wrong:**

It's important to talk with your child about the types of behaviour they may experience from other players while playing the game – unfortunately some of this may be negative. Make sure they know how to use any blocking and reporting features and let them know that they can always talk to you if they encounter something that makes them feel uncomfortable or upset.

4. **Check in:**

Check in with your kids when they're playing games and show interest in their progress. Ask how they are going and if they have any concerns about other players. Note any changes in behaviour or sleeping patterns, or if they start talking a lot about a new friend they met in the game.

For more information on online gaming advice visit netsafe.org.nz/gaming

SCHOOL DONATION AND ACTIVITY INVOICES

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 also 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

Monday 25 March – Canterbury Duathlon
Parent Cyber Safety Evening

Tuesday 26 March - PTA Meeting

Wednesday 3 April – Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday 4 April – Canterbury Primary Schools Swimming Competition

Friday 12 April – Term One ends

SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB

Brochures have been sent home. If you would like to place an order refer to payment information in the brochure. *All parent credit card orders must be placed via the LOOP platform.* You can order online at scholastic.co.nz/LOOP, mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz or via the LOOP mobile apps. **NOTE:** skip the box that asks for suburb, enter Cust in the school name and then proceed. If you require any help just ring them and they are happy to talk you through. (0800 266 525)

Returns need to be in by **9am Friday, 29 March.**

POLICY REVIEW

Policies for review -

1. Alcohol, Drugs, and other Harmful Substances

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.

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

KEY DATES

11 April	Main Roll open for inspection
8 May	Close main roll
8 May, after noon	Open supplementary roll
10 May	Call for nominations
22 May, noon	Close supplementary roll
24 May, noon	Nominations close
By 29 May	Post voting information (if necessary)
7 June, noon	Election Day – close voting
13 June	Votes counted
	Declare final results
14 June	Board takes office

Jennifer Thompson
Returning Officer

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: Student of the Week awarded to Mia for settling well into Room One and setting good goals. Student of the Week awarded to Harry Mehrtens for setting goals in story writing – fantastic progress writing juicy stories.
- Room Two: Well done to Harry Merritt for showing success in Piko's tips for using his knowledge to show very good understanding of place value in maths. Well done to Corbin for showing success in Piko's tips for using his knowledge to show very good understanding of place value in maths.
- Room Three: Excellence awarded to Alex for your fantastic writing. You have been following the advice of the teacher and this shows in your writing. Excellence awarded to Leo for your general excellence in all your school work. Keep up the great work Leo.
- Room Four: Well done to T.J. for showing success in Piko's tips by working together with Michael to complete a complicated jigsaw. Well done to Michael for showing success in Piko's tips by working together with T.J. to complete a complicated jigsaw. Well done.
- Room Five: Student of the Week awarded to Riley who has shown incredible persistence in maths this week! You should be very proud of yourself. I am. Student of the Week awarded to Sophie who has such a beautiful caring nature, always looking for ways to help others, including the teacher and your peers.
- Room Six: Student of the Week awarded to Max for having an infectiously positive attitude. Student of the Week awarded to Morrin for showing great resilience and determination when climbing Mt Kahikatea!
- Room Seven: Excellence awarded to Alice for showing all of Piko's Tips on camp. Well done. Excellence awarded to Charlie for showing all of Piko's tips on camp. Well done.

PTA NEWS

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 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.

Entertainment Book Membership

An information sheet has been sent home with the eldest child in a family. Memberships are available as a book or as a digital membership app. Both are full of great value and you only need to use your membership once or twice and it will have paid for itself. Membership \$70.

Great offers which include 2-for-1 offers, special rates and up to 50% off on activities, dining, shopping, travel and leisure. Something for everyone.

If you purchase your membership before 5 April you will receive bonus offers value at \$150! Subject to availability.

For more information contact Kate Powell 0272295026, email oldschoolpowells@xtra.co.nz

Second Hand Uniform

Second hand uniform items are 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 (School Info Tab)

Facebook: Cust School Parent Teacher Association

Email: custschoolpta@gmail.com

Cust School PTA Bank Account: 03 1783 0502131 03

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

Cust Cubs won their football game on Monday against Swannanoa 5-0. Players of the game were Evie and Jacob.

FOR SALE

Avanti Black Thunder kids bike for sale.

Black frame, 16", good tyres, stand and working brakes. \$30

Contact Deb 0274289016.

CHILDCARE

Are you re thinking your child care due to the recent outbreak of measles?

I am a home based educator located local to Cust in Springbank. We are on 10 acres so a lovely property for children to learn through play. Currently I have one placement coming available as one of my children is heading off to school.

A wee bit about what we do...We have playgroup once a week for a larger group setting, but with lower numbers and less foot traffic of people so less exposure to illness and colds etc. Playdough, art and craft, music, reading, loose parts play, large back yard with fort, large spring free tramp, climbing frame, monkey bars are just some of what we do.

Full access to all ECE subsidies and work and income subsidies. Playgroup once a week with learning stories monthly for each child and a daily journal of what we have been doing for the day as well.

Please contact Rebecca on 02040228795 or 03 3102170 to pop out to have a look.