



CUST SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Friday, 15 March, 2019 - Week Six —Term 1

FROM THE DEPUTY 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

With the seniors away at camp, it has been a quiet week here at school.

On Tuesday we had our junior swimming sports - which after this long hot summer was a celebration of the progress students have made. Many thanks for all the support from parents and caregivers. Also on Tuesday we sent 2 Cust swimmers to the Rakahuri swimming sports at Dudley Park. Well done to Esther Keenan and Lucy Stevenson another fine example of being our best!

Last Thursday a group of Year One and Two students from Cust School won their age grade competition for Touch Rugby 2018-19 season. Congratulations to Olivia Mehrtens, Charlotte Nesbit, Angus and Fitz Letton, Harry Merritt, Kate McAllister, Sam Gartery, Fleur Blatch and Jed Croft. These children celebrated their win with a trip to the Crusaders captain's run on Friday morning. A fantastic effort!



CUST CRUSADERS
Yr 1-2 Touch Rugby 2018/19
CHAMPIONS

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

Eddie Foskett
Deputy Principal

HEADLICE

Can you please check your child(ren)'s head as head lice is back at school. Parents need to be vigilant about this in order to stop it spreading further. Your assistance would be appreciated. Thank you.

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

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,

It has been a quiet week at school with all the seniors absent but also an opportunity to use the courts and sports equipment with little competition!

On Tuesday we enjoyed showcasing our Year 1-4 swimming progress for the 2018-19 swimming season – many thanks for all the support and applause. With some cooler weather arriving we will now call a halt to swimming and focus on other curriculum areas, which have taken a back seat lately.

For maths we have completed our statistic unit and are now working in number. Ask your children what they have been learning this week – as part of our **TIPS for this term students should be able to communicate what they are doing at school each day!**

For topic, as part of our happy, healthy me unit, we have been focusing on working co-operatively. This has included creating personalized board games in pairs and completing a variety of inside and outside team building activities in groups.

For writing we have been enjoying the freedom to have fun and focusing on creative writing styles with the help of Literacy Shed. The children view short film clips which motivate them to write.

Room 1 would like to welcome Caroline B. Caroline is a student training at the University of Canterbury and be will working in Room 1 for the rest of the term and teaching in a variety of lessons. Please pop in and say hello to Caroline.

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

ROOM THREE

Kia ora

Helped by the excellent weather the swimming sports was a great success. All the students involved participated with great courage and Room 3 were very proud to show off their swimming skills to a supportive audience. This will also mean that swimming will now be coming to a close for the term, and swimming togs will no longer be required at school.

As a result of swimming finishing for the year, more time will now be allocated to numeracy and Topic in class which is exciting. Room 3 are relishing the opportunity to work independently during reading and so are beginning to self-manage effectively and efficiently. Room 3 have also been steadily working their way through their self-portraits. I under-estimated the skill that they possess with a paint brush and am impressed with what they have achieved so far.

Room 3 were also given their first taste of Kapa Haka this year and loved performing a haka. Kapa Haka will continue every Thursday for the rest of the year and I urge your children to attend as we had great responses from the students who were involved last year.

One last reminder, that spelling tests will take place every Friday and students will receive a 'spelly jelly' (jellybean) if they correctly spell all their words.

Have a wonderful weekend
James

ROOM FIVE

Kia Ora,

We've had a great few weeks of learning in Room 5.

Our theme this week is Dinosaurs and the children are reading all sorts of information about them. With this information they're organising the main points into subheadings to create an information report.

We've completed our self-portraits this week. We learnt how to find highlights and shadows and blend oil pastels. They look incredible so come in and check out our display!

Have a fantastic weekend,
Eleanor



ROOM FOUR

The children were thrilled that they had the opportunity to show off their swimming skills to you at the Junior Swimming Gala/Sports last Tuesday. They really appreciated having your support. Thank you for making time to come.



After reading our blown up book called 'Let's Have A Swim' we created our own version using animal masks. You are welcome to come and have a read.



Following the children's interest in planes we have been doing some role playing. We created a plane – Cust Air – and they took turns being the Pilot, Co-pilot, Flight Attendant and Passengers. Lots of fun.

Following on from Mr Schuyt talking about rules at school, we have been compiling a draft list of rules for Room 4 and trying them out to see if they fit.

Enjoy the weekend,
Kennys

CERTIFICATES

- Room One: Excellence awarded to James J. for setting good swimming goals and reaching them. Great work awarded to Layce for using her knowledge to write awesome stories. Well done to Eva for showing success in Piko's tips for using her knowledge to show her understanding of Place Value in Maths. Super work!
- Room Two: Great work awarded to Danielle for using her knowledge about descriptive writing to produce some fabulous imaginative 'What and Who am I's'. Great work awarded to Kirah for using her knowledge about descriptive writing to produce some fabulous, imaginative 'What and Who am I's?'
- Room Three: Excellence awarded to Maddy for the kindness you show towards your classmates. Excellence awarded to Jacob for the effort you have been putting into all your school work.
- Room Four: Well done to Amelia for showing success in Piko's tips, for working hard to learn her basic words. Well done. Well done to Indigo for showing success in Piko's tips by trying hard to achieve her swimming goal.
- Room Five: Excellence awarded to Lucy. You are such a bright and positive girl and try your absolute hardest in everything you do. Keep that positivity and keep shining Lucy! Excellence awarded to Caleb. You demonstrated wonderful persistence in completing your art to a high standard. Then showed great care in helping others complete theirs. Well done Caleb.

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.

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 the office for a private discussion on how we can help.

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.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS

The Cust Cubs won their soccer game yesterday 9-2 against Rangiora New Life School. Sam Gartery was our player of the game.

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.

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



Welcome all Kids! This day is for you!

Need to get your skills back up to speed or are you looking to experience ATV riding for the first time. Either way you're very welcome to this event.

The whole day is all about getting your little ones riding and learning ATV, having fun and making friends. Build their confidence on the quads, learn and get to know just what you need to go ride ATVs.

Come on Mum & Dad, bring them out! They will love you for it!

Get the bike out, blow the dust off it and bring it out for the day, it's great fun and we'd love to introduce you to ATV riding.

DATE: Sunday 24 March 2019

Venue: McLeans Island MX Track, Haul Road

Cost: Free if you mention you saw this in school newsletter otherwise \$15

Sign-in: 10:00am

Bike Classes: 50cc to 125cc Please contact us if you have a question.

Minimum safety gear: Helmet and sturdy footwear

Note: The date & details for this event is a tentative date only and is weather dependent. More details will be posted as it is firmed up. Stay tuned! Refer to our Facebook Page or Website: www.atv.co.nz

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.