



# 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

### DON'T LET ANYONE DULL YOUR SPARKLE

Holiday – Have an enjoyable holiday. Here is a secret mission for the children to try:

How many acts of kindness can you do over the next two weeks?

### SMALL ACT, BIG IMPACT

<b>Give someone a compliment</b>	do something small for someone to make them feel like they matter in this world!	Tell a silly joke to someone and make them laugh!	Help carry something, run an errand, help with chores for someone.	Write them a short note, explaining how they have made a difference to your life.
Volunteer or donate to a charity you love.	Give away gently used treasures you never use	<b>Write someone a note telling them you're thinking of them!</b>	Tell a family member today in-person, in a text, or on paper why they are so important to you!	It's a me, me, me world! Let someone go ahead of you in line, today!
Surprise a friend with a special treat.	Offer to help someone organize or clean something today!	Hold the door for someone	Go on a trash hunt with a friend and clean up all of the trash you see!	Write three kind notes and post them around your home and community!
Make a card for a senior's centre	Tell someone you're happy to see them!	<b>Bake some biscuits or buy some treats to share with your friends...just because!</b>	Say or send a positive message to 5 people today!	<b>Smile or say hi to 5 people you don't know well, today.</b>

**ANZAC Day** – Wednesday, 25 April – Memorial Service at Cust Community Centre, 10.00 am. Following the service there will be wreath laying and Last Post at the Cust Memorial. Wreaths will also be laid at the West Eyreton Memorial Hall gates. All would be most welcome to attend. We will remember them.

### **Learning Engagement Report:**

Each child will receive, by the end of this term, either a written copy or in their eportfolio, a snapshot of their learning engagement for Term 1, so you can see how your child is tracking, before fuller reports are provided.

They provide information on how your child is tracking compared to the expected curriculum levels and their disposition to learning (Cust School TIPS)

These judgements are based on a combination of tests, class work and observations.

If your child is not meeting the expectations, we encourage you to have a conversation with them in the first instance. If you want further clarification in a particular area then contact the class teacher, so that we can work together to ensure your child is achieving to the levels of which they are capable.

We hope that as the year progresses, you will look at the pattern of the grades and where there is variation, ask your child why that variation might have arisen.

Stay well - Noho ora mai  
Robert

### **Cyber Safety:**

#### **Social Media**

How old should kids be before they get social media accounts? The minimum sign up age for Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter and YouTube is 13. Of course, if they're under the age minimum it's always better that they're honest with you about using an app or site, rather than doing it behind your back. This way, you can help them to stay safe online.

Here are Netsafe's top tips for setting up social media accounts for your child:

- Make sure you've taught them the online safety basics (this includes how to set up a strong password, what information they need to protect online, what is appropriate online behaviour and what they should do if they need help or if something makes them uncomfortable or upset).
- Help your child to set up the account. Pay particular attention to the privacy settings when you sign them up. Depending on their age, use your email address to sign up.
- Enter their actual birth year in the sign-up process so they're less likely to see inappropriate content.
- Become their friend, or follow them – that way you can keep track of what they're doing online.
- Teach them about the safety tools available – most social networks include tools to block, report or remove harmful content. Make sure they know how to use these to keep themselves safe.

For more information about keeping your children safe online visit [www.netsafe.org.nz](http://www.netsafe.org.nz)

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

Friday 12 April – Term One ends

Monday 29 April – Term Two begins

## **CUST SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Earlier this year we undertook community consultation on Religious Instruction. We had 70 respondents and 75% of these were in favour of offering both Religious Instruction in its' current form and happy with this group selling food as a fundraiser. We also took note of the comments and at our last meeting minuted the following policy:

### Cust School Religious Instruction Policy:

The Board of Trustees, in accordance with most parents' wishes, provides the opportunity for religious education for children whose parents approve of it.

Parental approval is sought at the start of every year, and parents who want their children to participate must actively "opt in", through signed parental consent.

The board approves that Religious Education may be held at the school for half an hour per week, during lunchtime, under the provisions of the Education Act, Clause 77,78.

Religious instruction develops children's spiritual dimension by encouraging an understanding and appreciation of religious beliefs and values through a non-denominational programme of instruction. This programme is available for parents' perusal.

The following rules apply to our religious instruction programme:

- All Religious Education teachers follow the programme of instruction as made available to the board and parents before the start of the year's programme.
- All volunteers delivering the programme are police vetted.
- All teaching avoids putting pressure on the children to adhere to particular religious beliefs or views.
- No member of the school teaching staff may conduct religious instruction.
- If the religious instruction programme involves an aspect of "service" i.e. fundraising – selling lunchtime food, then this must be agreed to by the principal, communicated to the parents of the children involved and, if applicable, a suitable charity be agreed.
- Religious instruction activities that are irregular parents can opt their children out by informing the classroom teacher.
- All communications about these programmes will be placed in the community section of the newsletter only.

## **BOT ELECTIONS:**

### **Election theme**

The 2019 election theme is "Step forward for our schools". We aim to encourage potential candidates to think about the difference they can make in the lives of Kiwi children.

### **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

## **SCHOOL DONATION AND ACTIVITY INVOICES**

We do ask that you pay your donation and activity fee 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.

## **CERTIFICATES**

- Room One: Student of the Week awarded to Corey for setting goals in your learning and working hard to achieve them.  
Well done to Charlie for showing success in Piko's tips for using knowledge to solve maths problems.  
Well done to Josh for showing success in Piko's tips for showing great communication skills.
- Room Two: Student of the Week awarded to Poppy for showing an excellent attitude to her reading with a noticeable developing fluency.  
Student of the Week awarded to Kate for showing a great positive mindset and working really hard in her maths. Keep it up Kate.
- Room Three: Student of the Week awarded to Isabel for producing the best writing of the year so far. Well done Isabel.  
Student of the Week awarded to Amelie for showing Piko's tips in class. Well done Amelie.
- Room Four: Excellence awarded to Andrea for being a great role model in Room Four.
- Room Five: Well done to Katie for showing success in Piko's tips. You show independence in all of your work. This has been particularly clear in your café project. Keep it up Katie.  
Well done to Milla for showing success in Piko's tips. You've demonstrated wonderful independence all term, working hard to complete your work to your best ability. This has particularly shone in your Tom Fedro art. Well done.  
Well done to Estelle for showing success in Piko's tips. You work hard in everything you do demonstrating independence. You've created some stunning art pieces this term which is a credit to your perseverance.
- Room Six: Student of the Week awarded to Connor W. for great work researching and publishing during our 'New Zealand Geography Challenge'.
- Room Seven: Well done to Finley for showing success in Piko's tips for thoughtful and meaningful contributions to class discussions.  
Well done to Caitlin for showing success in Piko's tips for setting goals that challenge and striving to always achieve them.

## **ROOMS ONE AND TWO**

Kia Ora,

This last week of term has been all about tying up some loose ends. We have been completing writing samples, reading contracts and a variety of topic based activities including friendship posters and growth mind set tasks, in order to begin new units next term.

With the lovely autumn weather we have also made the most of the opportunity to practise for the cross-country (Week 3 Term 2), as well as having some outside games.

Today we say goodbye to Miss B who has completed her placement at Cust. We have all appreciated her contributions to our middle school collaboration, and wish her the best of luck for her future career.

Our annual Easter egg hunt was again a highlight to complete the term and please remember students have their engagement reports either in their homework packs (Year 3) or on their google doc account (Years 4/5) for you to view.

Have a restful and safe holiday,  
Eddie, Caroline, Linda & Ros

### ROOM THREE

Kia ora,

It has been a pleasure teaching and getting to know your children this term. As I reflect on the beginning of the term and now, it becomes apparent how far they have progressed in their learning, self-management and maturity.

Room 3 have worked very hard this term and are in need of a well-deserved break. It is important to continue reading with your children over the school holidays to ensure they start next term with one foot forward.

Enjoy your break with your children and I will see you all next term.

Kind Regards  
James

### ROOM FOUR

We welcome Lacey Traynor who has begun her pre-school visits.

To finish off our unit on Planes we were lucky to have Greg Belworthy come and speak to the children about being a pilot. He is an ex Cust pupil and a First Officer flying for Air New Zealand. Come in and have a read of the awesome questions children came up with and the answers. Greg also showed them some photos of in the cockpit and explained what the instruments were and photos of the sky above the clouds!



Over the last couple of weeks we have been learning about bees – the parts of a bee, types of bees in the hive and their jobs, the life cycle of a bee etc.

Tasi and Lilly from Room 6 came over and showed the children how to make Beeswax Wraps. Simple to make and they smell delicious.

We really enjoyed the hot cross buns – thank you PTA and The Easter Egg hunt today was a big highlight.

Enjoy the holidays and see you next term,  
Kennys

## **ROOM FIVE**

Kia Ora,

The last few weeks have seen us exploring show not tell in our writing to add detail and interest to our work. During reading we have put our investigator hats on to explore a myth in detail and make an informed judgement as to whether it is true or not.

Our Cafe Project is coming to an end, Council applications are being made this week with a detailed, scale plan being submitted.

We have begun a Tom Fedro, Pop Art, inspired art work where we are practising our colour blending skills with paint, and experimenting with hot and cold colours. We've been learning some Ukulele lately, practising playing Riptide by Vance Joy.

It's been a fabulous first term, the children have been working hard and showing wonderful focus and enthusiasm for their work.

Have a fantastic holiday,  
Eleanor

## **ROOMS SIX AND SEVEN**

Kia or koutou,

As the first school term draws to a close...we all look forward to a well-deserved holiday break. Well done to all of our students on a busy and productive term of being Cust School's senior students! Recharge your batteries Room Six and Seven, we have an interesting and new term planned for you.

Mrs Bell has shared camp photos on all our Google account - in a Team Drive. There are many wonderful moments captured by Miriam and Kathryn; thank you both for capturing these great memories!! They will be fun to look at and reminisce over the coming years.

We have completed our Great New Zealand Geography Challenge. Our tamariki have all made progress in achieving goals. Parents/Caregivers can view their child/childrens finished works, and students' reflective evaluations of their achievements via the parent portal on individual e-portfolios.

Have a wonderful holiday, take the opportunity Room Six and Seven to get outside in the fresh air and just enjoy being kids!

Nga mihi,  
Miriam, Annmaree and Robert

## **PTA NEWS**

### **Easter Raffle PTA**

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Lucia Croft</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Finlay Kearns</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Maya Thompson</b>

A massive thank you to everyone who helped to sell and to buy tickets for our Easter Raffle. It was a huge success, and now we can start looking at possible options for our new 'friendship seat'. Congratulations to Tasi, McKenzie and Izzy for selling the most tickets and the biggest congrats go to our winners....who funnily enough were all Cust School pupils!!! Lucia, Finlay and Maya. There will be sugar highs in these households over the hols! Thanks also to Sonya Smith, Yo Lawrence, Mr Schuyt and Mrs Thompson for helping organise the raffle.

Happy Easter  
Kathryn Taylor - PTA President

**THANK YOU** to the PTA for providing Hot Cross Buns for morning tea for the children on Thursday.

## Entertainment Membership Fundraiser

Cust School PTA receives 20% from every Membership sold so tell your family and friends to support us as well.

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

Enjoy thousands of offers for everything you love to do – 2-for-1 offers, special rates and up to 50% off on activities, dining, shopping, travel and leisure.

You can order online at [www.entbook.co.nz/136p123](http://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](mailto:oldschoolpowells@xtra.co.nz)

## Cust Community Cookbook

The Cust Community Cookbook is still available to purchase. (Copy in the school office)

Books are \$25 each, or 5 for \$100, and they will make an awesome present!!

Payment options are cash, cheque made out to Cust School PTA, or by direct credit into the PTA bank account - 03-1783-0502131-03

If you have any queries, please contact Kathryn Taylor at [kathrynkingsbury@hotmail.com](mailto:kathrynkingsbury@hotmail.com)

## Second Hand Uniform

Second hand uniform is available from the small room 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

## CELEBRATING SUCCESS

### Huxster Mountain Bike Race

Last Friday we had several students Connor Smith, Takoda Kaiser Leyendecker, Olly Nesbit, Corey Kennedy, Harvey Croft, Millie McAllister, Billie McLachlan, Belize McQuarrie, Lucia Croft and Lilly Evers compete in the Huxster Mountain Bike race at McLeans Island. The day was cold wet and muddy. The children had a great time though. A massive thank you to Carolyn Smith for coordinating things on the day and to other parents for helping out. Well done to all Cust children.

Results:

Year 5/6 Boys:	5 <sup>th</sup>	Overall 6 <sup>th</sup>	Connor and Takoda
	59 <sup>th</sup>	Overall 78 <sup>th</sup>	Olly and Corey
Year 5/6 Mixed:	6 <sup>th</sup>	Overall 62 <sup>nd</sup>	Millie and Harvey
Year 7/8 Girls:	13 <sup>th</sup>	Overall 98 <sup>th</sup>	Lily and Lucia

*(Overall means boys and girls results combined for the year groups)*



## FOOTBALL TEAM

The Cust Cubs football team played their final game last night 4 all. They ended up the top 6 teams of 18. Sonora Taylor was the player of the day.

## MEASLES UPDATE

Increasing tamariki vaccination rates is crucial to containing Canterbury's measles outbreak.

Canterbury Medical Officer of Health Dr Ramon Pink says the upcoming school holidays is a great opportunity to ensure vaccinations are up-to-date.

The most effective way to stop the current measles outbreak is to vaccinate those aged 12 months to 28 years who have never received an MMR vaccine.

As well as vaccinating those who have never been immunised, to prevent the transmission of measles, and to protect those most at risk of developing serious complications from measles, a second MMR vaccine is being made available to more people. A second MMR vaccination is available to:

- all those aged 12 months–28 years
- caregivers of infants aged up to 12 months
- those aged between 29 and 50 who work with children

Dr Pink says if you are travelling these holiday's please make sure your tamariki are fully vaccinated before departing.

For more information visit <https://www.cph.co.nz/news-events/>

## FISH AND CHIPS, AMERICAN HOT DOGS – Thursday, 9 May (Second week back Term Two)

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

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### CUST NETBALL

Pizza Night - Cust Netball - Join us at Winnie Bagoes Monday, 13 May at 6.15pm for a pizza and fun! Families welcome, tickets \$25 each includes entrees and pizzas. Fundraising for new uniform and gear. Please txt Kirstyn on 021 312 230 or email [kirstynbarnett@gmail.com](mailto:kirstynbarnett@gmail.com) to book your seats as tickets are limited. Thank you for your support!





## HELP US TO HAVE A QUIET HOLIDAY WEEKEND ON OUR ROADS

### Key Messages

- We just want you to get to where you're going safely and enjoy your holiday.
- Decisions you make as a driver impact on everyone. You have a responsibility to yourself, your passengers, and other road users to drive safely.
- When you're driving long distances, pull over and take a break if you're feeling tired, distracted, or frustrated.
- Road safety is everyone's responsibility. Let's keep each other safe on the road this Easter.

### Restraints

- We know that seatbelts make a real difference – the two seconds it takes to put on a seatbelt will be the difference between living or dying if you crash.
- Wear your seatbelt – it may save your life if somebody else makes a mistake on the road.
- Seatbelts save lives – it's that simple.

### Impairment

- If you're in any doubt at all about being safe or legal to drive after drinking, then don't.
- Take regular breaks from driving and share the driving when you can.

### Distraction

- When you're driving, your focus needs to be on the road and getting everybody to your destination safely.
- Drive distraction free. Put the phone away, or pull over.

### Speed

- Speed doesn't cause crashes but it does reduce your chances of surviving.
- Keep an eye on your speed and drive to the conditions – less speed means less harm.
- Watch your following distances. You want to give yourself time to react if something goes wrong ahead of you.

### Tips

- Drive with your headlights on when you're on the open road.
- Enjoy the journey – be patient and considerate. Don't overtake other traffic unless it's completely safe to do so – it's not worth the risk.
- If you are towing, or driving slowly, pull over regularly to let other vehicles pass.