



St Martins School

Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga Inspiring a passion for learning



NEWSLETTER 8

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“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

Congratulations and thanks to our very brave students and teacher who shaved their heads for Breast Cancer Research. On Friday 9 students, Cara Reid, Billy Knight, Toby Ryder, Regan Braam, Finley Bloy, Duncan Gardner, Daniel Limmer, Troy Turner and Jimmy Sutton, and Room 6 teacher, Kate Keenan, put themselves on the line, and because over \$1000 was raised each surrendered the hair on their heads. This is a most worthy cause and it looks like the final total raised might get close to \$3000.00. A fantastic effort!



I would like to warmly welcome Katelyn Hill to our staff beginning Week 7 of this term in Room 7. Katelyn will replace Bethan Dempster who will be going on Maternity Leave for the rest of 2017. Katelyn will visit with the class prior to starting so that she can meet our wonderful children.

It is with sadness that we farewell Simon Lean-Massey at the end of this term. Simon has won a position at Cathedral Grammar School. We wish Simon all the best for the future. The appointments process to find a replacement has been activated.

By the time this newsletter reaches you, the roadworks on Albert Terrace will have commenced. We expect that the initial works will be completed by this Friday, but the works will then move onto Roscoe Street. During this time parking will be difficult and we ask that you work with the school to ensure that all road and footpath users are kept safe. Please take particular care to be courteous and lawful in your driving and parking behaviours. This situation, footpath closed on one side of the road, has the potential to be very disruptive and present risks if we do not take care. Please park legally - not where cones have been placed, and follow any directions given by the SMS people or our staff. Please be prepared for the presence of road works near the school for the next week or so while fibre optic cable is laid.

We have been experiencing relatively high levels of student absence due to ill health. There are bugs about and therefore this is a very appropriate time to speak to children about what they can do to keep themselves healthy, in particular washing hands. Please, if your child is unwell the best place for them to be is at home.

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan
Principal

Winter Sports Results

Our Year 5 to 8 students are all involved with sports each Thursday afternoon during the Winter sports season. One group of students go to Hansen Park and learn great skills with Kelly Sport. The other group go to Hagley Park and compete against other schools. Here are the results for the last two weeks. We will include this as a regular part of our newsletter.

Year 5/6 Hagley Winter Sport

		18/05/17		25/05/17	
		Vs	Score	Vs	Score
Netball	A	Redcliffs	Win 11-5	Thorrington	Win 13-11
	B	Rowley Ave	Loss 9-8	Bye	-
	C	Addington Kowhai	Win 5-2	Addington	Win 5-2
Football	A	Bye	Bye	OLA Blue	Win 1-0
	B	Redcliffs	Win 9-0	Thorrington B	Win 7-4
	C	OLA Blue	Win 12-0	Addington Avengers	Loss 5-2
Hockey	A	Selwyn House	Draw 2-2	Hillview	Win 5-0
	B	Rudolf Steiner C5	Loss 2-4	St Francis Panthers	Loss 7-3
	c	Thorrington	Loss 10-0	St Francis	Draw 2-2

Year 7/8 Hagley Winter Sport

		18/05/2017		25/05/17	
		Vs	Score	Vs	Score
Netball	Blaze	St Martins Storm	Win 28-17	Darfield High School	Loss 27-9
	Storm	St Martins Blaze	Loss 28-17	Bye	-
	Spartans	Bye	-	Rowley Ave	Loss 18-4
	Titans	Bye	-	Sacred Heart B	Win 13-0
	Falcons	Bye	-	Rudolf Steiner A	Loss 18-5
Football	A	Bye	-	St Francis Magpies	Win
	B	Bye	-	Ellesmere College A	Loss
	C	Bye	-	Selwyn House	Win 4-3
Hockey	A	Bye	-	St Francis Lions	Win 7-2
	B	Bye	-	Cathedral College A	Loss
	C	Bye	-	OLA Royals	Loss
Rugby	A	Bye	-	Ellesmere College	Loss 60-20

Off the Shelf



Overdues! Don't we all hate them, but a necessary evil for us sadly! We do find that if we keep on top of our overdue books we're much more likely to get them back and so we thank you for your support with this. Each week we send a list to the classroom teacher who let's children know what they have overdue but if they remain overdue the following week we'll email yourselves so that you are aware to. At that time we haven't checked our shelves, there are just too many (404 last week), so if your child believes they have returned it all they need do is come and let us know so that we can check the shelves together, the first step to getting it sorted. If it's there that's great, if not at least we all know we need to continue looking!

Mega Stage Challenge Success!!

Kia ora whānau

We are so super proud of our students who performed at Stage Challenge on Thursday 18th May.

82 Year 7/8 students took to the Horncastle Arena stage to perform our work of "Homelessness - not everyone sees them", in front of an audience consisting over 2000 people.

Our Stage Challenge entry won 7 AWARDS!!!

These awards were for....

- *J Rock Participation plaque
- *The Ministry of Education Award of Excellence for Concept
- *The Edge Award of Excellence for Soundtrack
- *Award of Excellence for Stage Use
- *Award of Excellence for Set Design and Function
- *Upstart Award of Excellence for Drama
- *Award of Excellence for Choreography
- *Award of Excellence for Lighting Design

I am super proud of all of our Stage Challenge students - some of our students have been working on this since Term Four, 2016 and we have been working intensively on choreography and learning the movements since the beginning of the year. It is a fully student devised piece of performance.

As always, it was a full team effort to get this performance piece on to the Horncastle Arena stage. Thank you so much for our parents who helped on the day / evening for supervision and organising kai for our students. Thank you to Mel Opie and Katrina Gordon with set and costume design. Thank you to Amy Kenel, Caitlin Ross and the Senior Teachers who helped with supervision during the day and evening.

We are looking at exploring entering Stage Challenge again for 2018, for our Year 7/8 students. It is an amazing example of student agency and encompasses everything that we work hard for our students to achieve at St Martins. I have loved working alongside such amazingly creative students during our Stage Challenge process! You inspire me everyday.

Thank you so much
Creative regards
Trudy-Anne Rowe
HOD Performing Arts, Head of Publicity

Reminder - Reporting Conferences

Tuesday 27th June from 1.30pm to 8pm (SCHOOL CLOSSES AT LUNCHTIME 12.30PM)

Tuesday 4th July from 3.30pm to 8pm (SCHOOL CLOSSES AT USUAL TIME OF 3PM)

Bookings: Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and enter the booking code **t96zq** to start the booking process. **The bookings open on Monday 22nd May and close on Friday 23rd June.**

If you do not have internet access please contact Michele in the office to book an appointment.

Term Dates to Remember

5th June

Queen's Birthday

School Closed

14th June

South Christchurch

Music Festival Rehearsal

20th/21st June

South Christchurch

Music Festival

27th June

School closes at

12.30pm to enable

Year 0-8 Reporting

Conferences

4th July

Year 0-8 Reporting

Conferences. School

closes at usual time of

3pm.

7th July

Last day of Term 2. Enjoy

your holiday break.

24th July

School starts back

for Term 3.

Student Poetry

Facing Fear

My body tenses,
a wave of fear flows through me,
my heart pounding faster than ever,
tears bursting to break free.
Facing a fear of failure.

Telling myself it's alright.
Taking deep breaths.
Preparing myself and Venus
to canter out into the arena,
to help my team claim victory.

As I kick her on,
she bolts from beneath me.
Suddenly, I feel like a child,
a child on the back of a lion.
Yet a heartbeat later I'm safe.
I've stabbed fear itself in the back.



Petra Arthur - Room 12, Year 8

Freedom

The sun emerging at the water's edge
Illuminating the rippling sea
Silhouettes hovering above.

Stars light the path, leading to an opening
Freedom warming unhelpful souls.

A bird sings nature's song
I have the urge to dance
Freedom envelops me.



Sophie Perrem-Tait - Room 17, Year 6

(Sophie received a Principal's Award for this poem.)



We made a bit of a mistake in the last newsletter! The school office opening hours should have stated 8am to 3.30pm.

Wanting to Rent

2 bedroom house by a reliable long term tenant. Please phone Wendy on 027 7522 013 or phone the school office.

