



St Martins School

*Kia Maiaangi awe ake te mātauranga* Inspiring a passion for learning



NEWSLETTER 9

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## **“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”**

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

With the end of the term approaching we are very pleased to be able to say that we have filled roll growth, maternity and other classroom positions for the start of next term.

We very warmly welcome Ms Katelyn Hill, who has started already to replace Ms Bethan Dempster in Room 7 while she is on Maternity Leave.

We are also very pleased that Charlotte Bates will start our next New Entrant class at the start of next term. New Entrants continue to arrive, often unexpectedly this year, and this has resulted in very rapid growth in our Junior School.

In week 2 of next term, Ms Emma Risk will begin her Maternity Leave and we are excited to have Ms Alice Perry fill this position until the end of the year.

Finally with Mr Simon Lean-Massey taking up a position at Cathedral Grammar School at the start of next term, we are thrilled to have Ms Brittany Barr, an experienced classroom teacher, join our team.

To those staff leaving we wish them all the best, (we look forward to seeing two beautiful babies very soon) and we trust that Mr Lean-Massey will enjoy his new role also. Ms Perry and Ms Barr will send out letters of introduction to families of their classes prior to the end of this term.

Please note that I will be away for the next two weeks. Our son is representing New Zealand in Ultimate Frisbee and we felt it was important for us to be there supporting him as very proud parents. During this time Bernadette May will be acting in the principal role. The school will be in very competent hands.

As a final note, we are wondering if anyone has rental accommodation in the local or nearby areas for one of our new teachers, Brittany Barr, who is moving to Christchurch to take up her position at St Martins School next term. If you have anything you think might be suitable please contact Michele Stephens in the office or email Michele at [micheles@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:micheles@stmartins.school.nz)

Kind regards  
Rob Callaghan  
Principal

### **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](http://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.

# Winter Sports Results

Unfortunately we are unable to publish Year 5 to 8 Hagley sports results for the last two weeks as Primary Sport Canterbury have not confirmed results to their website.



EPro8 is an engineering and problem solving race with over 700 schools participating from throughout New Zealand. Each team is up against 11 other teams from their district. There are a variety of challenges and each challenge has 4 criteria with each earning a different amount of points from the previous challenge. The winning team gets a 3D printed trophy and the 2nd to 4th place teams also get certificates. EPro8 is an amazing opportunity to work as a team and to stretch your engineering abilities to the limit.

St Martins School had 4 teams in the Year 5/6 syndicate and 4 teams in the Year 7/8 syndicate competing at Opawa School.

Year 5/6 Team 1 (The Mechanics) placed 1st and Year 5/6 Team 4 (Brain Bombs) placed 3rd so they are both through to the semi finals. Year 7/8 Team 1 (The Flabby Children), Team 2 (E Pro Amazing) and Team 3 (D Pro 7s) all made it through to the semi finals as well. What an amazing effort to have 5 of our teams make it to the semis! Well done to everyone who participated. We wish the teams in the semi finals the best of luck. The full list of teams is below:

## YEAR 5 AND 6

### Team 1 - Mechanics

Hugh  
Marley  
Stella  
Jack

### Team 2 - Techno Dragons

Bethany  
Rena  
Max  
Sally D

### Team 3 - Operation 2.0

Jacob  
Dillon  
Payo  
Jack D

### Team 4 - Brain Bombs

Fergus  
Josh  
Rosie  
Hamish

## YEAR 7 AND 8

### Team 1 - The Flabby Children

Theo  
Dominic  
Isaac  
Connor

### Team 2 - E Pro Amazing

Chloe  
Orla  
Jessica  
Ruby

### Team 3 - D Pro 7s

Anna  
Fritha  
Emma  
Bailey

### Team 4 - Techno Wizards

Regan  
Sally  
Lara  
Tyler



Year 5/6 winning teams - Team 1 Mechanics (left) who placed first and Team 3 - Operation 2.0 (right) who placed third. Well done to you all and good luck for the semis!



# Off the Shelf



Over the last few years, probably more than I care to remember, Rick Riordan has become a staple on any School Library shelves. Starting with Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief we've seen a brilliant blend of fantasy and Greek Mythology which has delighted many, many readers. Egyptian mythology was the inspiration for his series the Kane Chronicles and now we've added titles from two new Riordan series - The Trials of Apollo, again with Greek Mythology as it's inspiration and the Magnus Chase series which delves into Norse Mythology. Great books for igniting an interest in mythology and fabulous reads for those children who love a series, or two, to get their teeth into! Take a look at <https://www.fantasticfiction.com/r/rick-riordan/> for more information on titles in the individual series.

## Year 7/8 Canterbury Spelling Quiz

On Wednesday 7th June we had four teams compete in the Canterbury Spelling Quiz at Clearview School. The event is run by Otago Times - the student newspaper that the Year 7/8's subscribe to. Students were selected to represent our school on the basis of their results in the syndicate spelling competition. Miss McGowan's class, Room 13, took out the coveted Class Eagle trophy for scoring the most class points in the event.

The students who competed at the Canterbury Competition were:

### St Martins 1

Ruairi  
Cara  
Anna

### St Martins 2

Leo  
Hayden  
Lewis

### St Martins 3

Vismaya  
Yuji  
Rose

### St Martins 4

Orla  
Ruby  
Isabella

Of the 66 teams from throughout Canterbury who competed, we came away with some pretty amazing results!

Team 2 place 2nd equal on 97 out of 100 points

Team 1 placed 7th equal on 92 out of 100 points

Team 3 and 4 both placed 8th equal on 91 out of 100 points

**We are so very proud of your efforts and the way that you represent the St Martins values.**

## National Young Leaders' Day

On the 30th May the student council heads and a few other leaders attended NYLD. NYLD

stands for National Young Leaders' Day. We had many speeches, activities and Q&A's with different actors, athletes, and people that have started a charity from scratch. We also had a live performance from NoMad. Different schools from all over



Canterbury came to NYLD. All the people that went enjoyed their day and found it very inspirational. Rebecca and I enjoyed listening to Daniel Flynn. He created Thank You! Thank you is a company that creates water bottles, skin care products and nappies to raise funds for countries that struggle to find clean water. This speech stood out to us because of Daniel's efforts. NYLD is an event that St Martins School participates in each year.

Anna Crampton and Rebecca Boon, Communications Committee heads

## World Vision Famine

Congratulations to those students who took part in the World Vision Famine last weekend. Please return your money and booklets to the office as soon as possible. If you took a booklet but were unable to take part please return your booklets as well.



## Term Dates to Remember

### 20th June

Year 0-2 Huff and Puff

from 11.45am to 12.30pm

Postponement date

### 22nd June

### 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.

Winter Sports continues

for Year 5 to 8 students

## Core Maori Values and Principles



This year we are going to explore Matariki in a more authentic way of tuakana (elder)/teina (younger) and whanaungatanga (building relationships) with nga tamariki.

The Māori New Year has always been celebrated with the rise of the star cluster Matariki. It marks the beginning of the Aotearoa/Pacific New Year according to the lunar calendar.

**When: Friday 23rd June prior to Matariki beginning on 24 June**

**What: No assembly - It will be Whanaungatanga time - 1.30-3pm or 11.30-3pm for Year 3-6 - depending on activities chosen to explore.**

**Variety of activities will be explored** - flax putiputi or star weaving / kitemaking / playbuilding around Matariki / outside sports/games together / rakau sticks / visual arts /storytelling / working within a myth / waiata /dance. We would love for you to part of this celebration with us - please talk or email your child's classroom teacher about how you would like to be part of it.