



Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

Thank you to those who were able to be with us last Wednesday to share the 'New Build' presentation. We understand that even while we had two sessions the times may not have suited everyone. Our lead architect, Peter Brown from Baldasso Cortese flew from Melbourne for the evening. We were joined also by Jenni Snowdon and Tim Chaplin from Noordanus Architects and Diane Pringle from Octa. It was very handy to have questions sent through in advance as many of these were able to be answered during the presentation. There was also opportunity for other questions to be answered on the night. All questions asked were recorded and we will compile a log of the questions and answers and post this in the very near future. We are currently investigating how best to provide access to the presentation provided by Baldasso Cortese, and especially the rolling 3D images shown at the end. This material will be made available as soon as possible.

The project is very soon to go out to tender. Because the Ministry of Education has a shortlist of construction companies who are obliged to tender and commit we are still hopeful that building can begin during the January break.

Once we have any further information we will share this at the earliest possible time. It is likely that we will hold other community meeting opportunities to share first hand any relevant detail. This is a very exciting time for St Martins School. After a very long time and intense process the Board of Trustees is thrilled to be at this point.

There is still a great deal to be worked through with the project, (which is expected to take about 18 months to complete) but we finally have a sense that we are finally underway.

Kind regards

Rob Callaghan
Principal

Off the Shelf

The weeks are galloping by and already we're thinking about final dates for issuing books and our end of year stock take. We will issue books to the children up to, and including, next week giving the children 2 weeks to finish with them and get them back to us. Obviously as soon as they have finished we'd love to have them back, they don't need to wait for the two weeks! Towards the end of term we will have some dates for lending to families for the summer break, children wanting to borrow over the summer must have cleared all loans from this year. We will let you know if your child has any outstanding loans once the books start to be returned and we've liaised with the classroom teachers. For anyone who's recently returned our books in error to City Libraries you'll be pleased to know that we've had a couple of parcels from them!

School News



FORTNIGHTLY POWER TIP FROM THE YEAR 5/6 ECO ACTION GROUP

Don't charge technology if it is over 50% charged.

Sun Smart behaviour is important at this time of year. We'll be adding tips to each newsletter.

There's strength in numbers

There's a reason for the numbers on your sunscreen. They tell you how much protection the sunscreen gives you from sun damage. The bigger the number, the more protection. The Cancer Society recommends SPF 30



Plenty of cloud?

Even on a cloudy day, UV radiation is all around you. Light cloud in a blue sky can even make sunburn worse as the UV radiation reflects off the clouds. Remember to cover up, seek shade and wear sunscreen when outdoors.



Silver Ferns - Holland's Suzuki

On Friday 6th October a number of our St Martins School netball players headed to Holland's Suzuki in Shakespeare Road, Waltham to meet three of the Silver Ferns - Bailey Mes, Kayla Cullen and Kelly Jury. The children got to meet the Silver Ferns, have photos with them and play fun games. Here are comments from some of our Year 5/6 netball players. "The Silver Ferns were nice and it was cool to see how tall they were", "It was fun!", "They were really kind and welcoming", "They played a fun game with balloons and it was really worthwhile meeting them and getting photos and their signatures", "It's not often you get to meet people that you look up to" We must say a HUGE thank you to Holland's Suzuki for inviting our netball

players to this wonderful Meet and Greet session, because as well as having a lot of fun and meeting some sporting heroes St Martins School have also received an amazing donation of \$1000.00 from **Holland's Suzuki** to go towards funding and equipment for our school netball teams. Thank you so much, Holland's Suzuki!



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On Thursday 2nd November, twelve Year 5 and 6 students participated in the Speech finals. Congratulations to everyone who took part, Mrs Pateman and Mrs Hayes had a hard time picking the top three.

1st - Josh Bligh - Why you should own a Lamborghini

2nd - Liam Green - How everyone should attempt to play sport instead of gaming

3rd - Amelie Fink - Cucumbers

The other worthy finalists and what they talked about were **Maia Crampton** (Malala Yousafzai), **Nerhys Gordon** (What inspires me), **Jeremy Frew** (Homelessness), **Max Groer** (The Future's technology), **Rosie Gamble** (Poaching), **Rowan Bouwmeester** (Racism), **Molly Bloy** (Fake advertising), and **Marley Purdue** (Why we should be allowed out of school at lunchtime)

The St Martins' Jubilee Trust was set up 10 years ago at the school's 50th Jubilee. Its objective is to support St Martins students who would otherwise struggle financially to join in with activities such as going on camp or outdoor education. Over the years it has been largely forgotten by the St Martins community, but it still makes regular contributions to support students in need. We would really like to be able to grow the Trust in order to support more students, widen its positive impact and create a lasting legacy for the school. Currently the Smart Community give any money from donated uniform sales to the Trust. The Jubilee Trust has its own bank account and donations can be made directly to the Westpac Account: 03 1598 0409429 00. If any families are interested in finding out more or becoming a Trustee to the Trust, please contact the office for more information. Information can also be found on the school's website under the 'Community' Tab.



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Your child's school stationery list requirements are uploaded on myschool.co.nz. You can shop online, in-store, by phone or simply download a copy of your child's list.

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Once again the school Stationery lists will soon be available on the Office Max website for your 2018 class stationery needs. We would prefer if you purchased your child's stationery from Office Max, but if you do not, please ensure you purchase the same items as listed as these have been selected specifically by the teachers. If your child started as a New Entrant in Term 4 2017 you **do not** need to purchase Year 1 stationery for 2018.

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With our Automatic Worm farm, your plants will flourish! Are you having problems with your worm farm? Is it getting waterlogged? Is it too heavy to move around? Have you got a worm farm?

Luckily for you Smart Worms is here. If you're having problems with your worm farm then get Smart Worms Automatic Worm Farm. This worm farm is great because it doesn't get waterlogged thanks to the small holes on the side of the inside container. This worm farm

also has a handle on the outside container for easy access when moving the worm farm around. It also feeds directly to your plants, just simply dig the metal legs into the ground beside your plant so the container is standing directly over your plant. If you want to get this worm farm visit our website, <https://mayag27.wixsite.com/smartworms> Our worm farm is \$28, you can contact Alice Vetcher at alicev@stmartins.school.nz to order. With our automatic worm farm yours plants will flourish!



It was a great day at Hansen Park on Monday 13th November. The weather played it's part and the students all competed well and played fair. Liam, Joe, Josh and Freddie were part of the 9 year old boys relay team and were victorious! Well done boys for this awesome achievement. We will share more achievements in the next newsletter. A big thanks to Mr Pateman for running this event.

17 November

Canterbury Show Day - school closed. Enjoy the long weekend.

20 November

Itinerant Music Concert 6.30pm in the hall

20 November

Board meeting in staffroom 6.30pm

29 November

Canterbury Triathlon day

30 November

Year 3 -4 Athletics Day at Hansen Park - come and enjoy the sports and bring your wallet to have a coffee from the coffee van!

29 November to 1st December

Book Fair in the library - a great opportunity to find some wonderful Christmas presents!