



St Martins School

Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga Inspiring a passion for learning



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Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

Next Wednesday, 8th November at 5pm and 6.30pm we will be delivering a presentation that you won't want to miss! After waiting a very long time we are very excited to have our Chief Architect, from Baldasso Cortese (Australia), Peter Brown, and the team from Noordanus Architects (Christchurch), Tim Chaplin and Jenni Snowdon coming to walk you through our 'virtual' school!

This presentation will explore where St Martins currently is as a school, provide some background on our design process and provide a 3-D virtual tour through the new build and the areas to be refurbished. We have decided to run this meeting twice to allow as many parents as possible to attend, even to take turns so that child minding doesn't prevent you from being there.

We know know this is something we have all been waiting for, for a very long time and we are really looking forward to sharing our new school with you. If you have any questions you would like to make sure we cover in the presentation please click on the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/19WdH0k9rS94Nzeox3PoTP-CZSUHoLvn4GNEmMs2RBdw/edit>

This week and last week has seen the school experience a wave of very unwell children. A severe vomiting bug has been working its way through the school. We ask that if your children are complaining of a queasy stomach that you do not send your child to school. Several students each day have been hit by this bug at school with up to 20 plus off on most days. Reminding children to wash hands before eating will support the messages we are giving at school.

Kind regards

Rob Callaghan
Principal

Off the Shelf

This term is galloping by and it's hard to believe that we will only be issuing books to the children for another 4 weeks, after that our focus will be on getting them all back for the dreaded stocktake! We are happy to issue over the summer holidays with this being done after stocktake in the last full week of term, more information to follow at a later date. As it's such a busy term with sports, trips etc etc we've decided against sending overdue books home for now, many classes have to reschedule their visits and many of the overdue books will be unnecessary - however if at any time you'd like to know what your child has on loan please contact us, we can easily let you know. Overdue lists will go to the classrooms so the children should know what they need to return. We are trialling a new incentive for getting the children to clear their borrowing records before stocktake, hopefully it's one they'll enjoy - we'll let them know all about it nearer the time. If you're looking for festive present buying opportunities we'll be having a Book Fair on 29th, 30th November and 1st December plus (hopefully) a sale of our withdrawn books prior to that - something for everyone!!

School News



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

When you can, print in black and white, not colour!

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

Too much UV is not very groovy

Ultraviolet radiation is what makes our skin burn. It is especially harsh in New Zealand. Remember to cover up, seek shade, and wear sunscreen during the summer months.



Lay it on thick

If you have to be outdoors between the hours of 10am and 4pm, make sure you wear plenty of sunscreen - apply it thickly and evenly.



Christchurch Schools' Music Festival

Last Friday the Senior Choir sang at the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival and they were amazing. Adding to our talented musical students were Nicolae Didenco in the Concert Band and Abigail Wheeler, Orla Dunlop, Sophia Matviets, Tristan Dunlop and Daniel Crellin who were all in the orchestra. Well done to you all for your amazing talent and hard work!

Celebrating Student Success

The Canterbury School Champs in Orienteering were held on 16th and 17th September. We had a group of students from St Martins attend and they all did a great job. The Year 6 and under girls won the school team competition and were presented with a trophy at school assembly. The results are as follows:

Sprint: Year 6 and under girls

2nd Karin Prince, 3rd Thelma Jolly, 5th Leah Jones, 12th Greta Prince.

Sprint: Year 6 and under boys

1st Jack Vetcher, 4th Payo O'Sullivan



Sprint: Year 7 and 8 standard - 4th Emily Jones, 6th Grace Howell

Long: Year 6 and under girls - 3rd Karin Prince, 5th Alice Vetcher, 7th Greta Prince, 10th Thelma Jolly

Long: Year 6 and under boys - 10th Payo O'Sullivan

The Inter-regional Cross Country Championship

was held this year at Ashbury Park in Timaru. The race included running as well as leaping over hay bales.

Minah van Dam came 14th in the Year 5, 2km race. She was also part of the Canterbury B Team and received a bronze medal for the team placing. Cara Reid and Emily Jones competed in the Year 7 3km race and although they did not place they both had a great race. Well done to you all.



Canterbury Junior Cricket Reps

Three of our Year 6 boys have been selected for Canterbury Junior Cricket Association representative teams. Lewis Taylor - Room 14, Fergus West - Room 20 and Oliver Williams - Room 14. This is an amazing achievement and we look forward to hearing more about their successes and time in the representative teams. Oliver Williams was also part of a Canterbury Representative football team (U11) that played in Nelson during the last set of school holidays. Obviously sport is very much in Oliver's blood!



Community News

Christchurch Rudolf Steiner School Due to unprecedented interest in our school for Year 9 next year, we are opening a 2nd Year 9 stream for 2018. This means we can offer places for students who missed the opportunity for enrolling earlier in the year. If you are interested to join our successful and integrated whole person school, please ring the office and make an appointment to visit and chat. Ph 3370514.

Christchurch Boys Choir - Auditions for boys aged 8 to 14 with treble (unbroken) voices are being held on 2nd December from 4pm at Christ's College Music School on Rolleston Ave. Boys who audition will be required to sing the English verse of the New Zealand national anthem. To register your interest in auditioning, please email musicaldirector@christchurchboyschoir.co.nz



Community Bootmarket and Thorrlington School Kids' Market - Saturday 25th November 10am to 2pm Come along and join in the fantastic fun and entertainment at Thorrlington School, 22A Colombo Street. There will be live music, a huge variety of stalls, games and activities, food, coffee and much, much more! If you would like to book a \$25 boot market site please email: bootmarket@thorrlington.ac.nz

Looking for a house to rent - a St Martins School family with a well behaved dog are looking for a house to rent from 1st December. Phone Rebecca on 021 0244 9647



We are now taking registrations for the January 2018 Sport Canterbury Active Kids Holiday Programmes. Week one: 15th - 19th Jan Week two: 22nd - 26th Jan Phone 03 373 50 60 Email activekids@sportcanterbury.org.nz www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

5 November

Guy Fawkes - keep your pets safe over the weekend!

8 November

Rebuild meetings in hall - 5pm and 6.30pm

13 November

Zone Athletics Day

17 November

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

21 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!