



## Inspiring a passion for Learning

### Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

Welcome to Term 4. We have started the final term of the year with the addition of several new families and we extend to them the warmest of welcomes to the St Martins School community.

Term 4 is always a busy term as we aim to finish strongly and at the same time begin the preparations for 2018. One of those tasks involves the process of class placements. We are now beginning our process for organising the school and pods for 2018. As was the case for 2017 most children will remain in the same pod. However, there may be some movement of students within or across pods in each of the year groups. We now extend an invitation for you to make us aware of, or to discuss any information that might be relevant to placement.

If you would like to offer information that would help support this process, please email [classplacements@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:classplacements@stmartins.school.nz) Bernadette May will then collate this information. Please ensure that you email us any relevant information by **Friday 3rd November**.

As part of our class placement process, it is also important for us to know of any students who will not be returning in 2018. (We do not need to know about our current Year 8 students). Please inform us by completing the form below and returning to the office or by emailing [admin@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:admin@stmartins.school.nz)

Kind regards  
Rob Callaghan  
Principal

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The following child/children will NOT be returning to St Martins School in 2018

Student Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name/signature: \_\_\_\_\_

# Off the Shelf



Hard to believe but it is 30 years since Wally first graced the pages of books imploring us to find him! Where is he now? To mark this occasion we will be running a Where's Wally competition starting next week. Each day there will be a new photo of Wally and the children will need to identify where Wally is (to give you a clue, he's in and around Christchurch), with the answers being handed into the Library the following week. The pictures will be on the Library web app [http://accessit.stmartins.school.nz/#!](http://accessit.stmartins.school.nz/#!dashboard) dashboard and also displayed in the Library. If you'd like to come into the Library and take a look with the children we'd love to see you before School.

## School News

Annabel Bligh, a Year 8 student in Room 13 placed 4th in the Schools South Island mountain biking event on Sunday in Dunedin. It was a tough track and very slippery and wet but this did not stop Annabel from powering through and achieving 4th place. Annabel competed in the under 14 girls section. Fantastic result Annabel!



The Cashmere Technical 10th Grade Girls Blue Team includes Savannah Olsen, Minah Van Dam, Maisy Cowie and Jorja Bethell from St Martins School. They won the Colin Campbell Trophy Junior Merit Award for an outstanding season. Well done to you all for an amazing season. Good luck for the 2018 season!

**Yusi van Dam and Miles Holder**, two of our Year 8 students, did well in the South Island football tournament 2017 representing Canterbury in Blenheim and Queenstown. Yusi's team, Canterbury U12 came third in Blenheim, losing the semi finals only on a penalty shootout, after extra time. They worked hard and did extremely well! Miles Holder's team, Canterbury U13 won the SI Trophy cup 3-2 also in extra time. What a game-80 minutes of non stop excitement in Queenstown!. A special recognition to Miles as well, being awarded the MVP (as voted by the other teams coaches). Well done Yusi and Miles on these wonderful sporting achievements.

## Celebrating Student Success

At the end of last term we celebrated Student success at our final assembly. Congratulations to all students who were given certificates for Effort, Learning and Values. And a huge thank you to all the parents, caregivers and family members who were able to come along and celebrate their success.

Rm	Effort	Learning	Values
22	Fatima Almuqbel	Harry Foote	Charlie Hill
23	Hayley Tiller	Hudson Simpson	Daniella Valentine
6	Lydia Watson	Max Sequeira	William Ellis
7	Marshall Gibson	Findlay Pearson	Adelle Broughton
8	Zachary Elkayem	Martin Condron	Rosemary Billings
9	Bodhi Arthur	Katie Wooster	Jackson Cogle
10	Henry Campbell	Rhys Seath	Daisy Holten
1	Hamish Johnson	Bryah McLean	Noah Hunter
2	Arya Murugesh	Maniah Tie	Samantha Foote
3	Kahutaiki Calman	Vaibhav Jayan	Catalina Williams
4	Samuel Wild	Greta Prince	Ella Tuffnell
5	Isabella O'Connell	Connor Ritchie	Mackay Boswell
14	Danielle Burmester	Jericho Galimba	Anahere Moffat-Whare
15	Joe Lill	Isabella Cragolini	Alice Vetcher
16	Isaac Reynolds	Braydon Charleston	Samuel Kenny
17	Sitara Ferguson	Sofia Strange	Lucy Hudson
20	James Wood	Lilly Cook	Anita Martin
21	Raul Bethell	Max Groer	Maisy Cowie
11	Petra Arthur	Finn Johnston	Hera Edwards
12	Michael Hanser	Abigail Wheeler	Connor Walker
13	Liam Newman	Poppy Sargentina	Caitlin Ford
18	Caleb Wood	Grace Opie	Jenna Davison
19	Isabella Levestam	Te Ao Mārama Hema	John Doyle-Sims

# School News

## Koru Games Tournament - Year 7/8 Syndicate

From 19th-21st September, the Year 7/8 syndicate participated in the South Island Koru Games Tournament. We had students playing netball, football, touch football, table tennis, volleyball, badminton, lawn bowls, basketball and tennis. While competition is an inherent part of the Games, the emphasis is on fair play, sportsmanship, learning new skills, building community and playing within the spirit of the Games.

In the end, we did come away with some medals:

**Girls touch:** silver medal (Annabel Bligh, Rebecca Boon, Te Ao Mārama Hema, Holly Waldron, Emily Simpson, Fritha Reynolds and Isabella Levestam)

**Mixed touch:** silver medal (Caleb Wood, Toby Ryder, Dominic Croucher, Monte Clausen, Jimmy Sutton, Fergus Wilson, Emma Cartwright, Cara Reid, Jessica Fastier, Lara Clough and Sally Clough)

**Lawn bowls:** silver medal (Jaden Farrow and Charlie Johnson)

**Table tennis:** silver medal (Cora Scott, Ollianda Clinton-Watts, Naomi Limmer)

**Girls tennis:** gold medal (Ruby Young and Stella Banks)

We are really proud of how students conducted themselves over the course of the tournament and look forward to doing it all again in 2018.

**In Term 4 we need to be sun smart**, especially with our harsh New Zealand sun.

One of these sun smart requirements is that students need to wear the school hat while outside during the school day. This includes morning tea, lunch break and any other outdoor activities such as sporting and class trips. Make sure you name hats well and if you need to purchase a hat please come and see Diane or Rachel in the school office to purchase one for \$15.00.



**The Sanitarium Weet-Bix TRYathlon 2018** series is coming up and will be held at Jellie Park on Sunday 25th February 2018. St Martins School has in the last two years registered as a school group and had a whole lot of fun on the day. Once again we have registered St Martins School and invite you to register through our school group. There are two ways to do this - you can pick up a permission slip from the school office then drop them into the school office by **Friday 15th December**.

You need to pay by cash (correct change needed as we do not have a lot of cash on site) or by cheque made out to St Martins School. **Please DO NOT pay online to the school account** as it makes things tricky when trying to reconcile payments. **However the best way to register**, and the way we would prefer you to register is online from home. See the link below that connects you with our school group. You can then pay them directly online and your child is added to the St Martins School list. You can register this way until 25 January 2018. <https://registration.tryathlon.co.nz/Home/Event/25/Package/0/Wave/0/Sequence/0/School/74e4cdca-aada-4d90-979b-bcc5ac7cdc7f>

**16 October**

School started back for Term 4.

**23 October**

Labour Day - school closed. Enjoy the long weekend.

**24 October**

Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom - 6.30pm

**26 October**

Athletics Day - Year 5 to 8 students

**27 October**

Christchurch Schools Music Festival - Senior Choir. Horncastle Arena. Tickets can be purchased via Ticketek

**13 November**

Zone Athletics Day

**17 November**

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