



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

### Ngā Mihi Competition:

What a fantastic celebration of Te Reo at St Martins School at last week's assembly. Thanks to all the students throughout the school who shared their mihi in their classrooms and to those who spoke at Assembly. It was amazing, as standing up in front of such a huge number of people can be very overwhelming.

Thanks go to a number of people for making this a success. To the Kapa Haka group for performing with Tania and Wille's support, Henare Edwards as Kaumātua for opening and closing our Ngā Mihi, our whānau group who introduced themselves and their exciting initiatives and the judges - Maria Hema and Ranui Calman.

### The winners of the competition:

Y0-4

- 1) Kahutaiki Calman - Discoverers 2
- 2) Max Gibbs - Discoverers 2
- 3) Maia Kelly - Explorers 1

Year 5-8

- 1) Te Ao Mārama Hema - High Fliers 2
- 2) Hera Edwards - High Fliers 1
- 3) Keegan Kereru - High Fliers 2

### Through the Lens:

Make sure you get tickets for this exciting school celebration showcasing what students have been working on this term - tickets are selling fast. The students and teachers have been working very hard to put together an amazing Film Festival and we can't wait for you to come and see what they have achieved.

Kind regards  
Rob Callaghan  
Principal

# Off the Shelf



We are just adding some books to stock which we know will be flying off the shelves as soon as they are ready! Additions to series which the children eagerly wait for, reserve if not available and discuss enthusiastically with friends: 91 Storey Treehouse, the last in the Andy Griffiths/Terry Denton series, Family, Friends and Furry Creatures the latest Tom Gates, a number of Alice Miranda titles from Jacqueline Harvey, some more in the Weirdo series and also the Bad Guys series from Aaron Blabey. We don't expect these to be on the shelves for long so children will need to reserve if this is the case. Our webapp can be found via the School webpage or directly at: <http://accessit.stmartins.school.nz/#!dashboard>

## Board Of Trustees Update

Our BOT meeting this month started with a presentation from a group of amazing Year 5/6 tamariki: Minah, Liam and Jack. These talented, confident and driven students were seeking the board's support for their power saving campaign. The board were impressed with the informed presentation and the creative ideas these students had for educating others. We look forward to working with Minah, Liam, Jack and their Year 5/6 peers as we explore power saving options during the detailed design phase of the school's rebuild.

A big issue for the BOT at present is managing the budget. Currently there are greater costs than the income we receive from the Ministry of Education. If we want to continue running the amazing programmes at St Martins School, we need all families to pay the school donation. Currently only 61% of families have paid. Thanks in advance for your cooperation here.

The BOT are finally feeling like we are in a good position to start sharing information about the school rebuild design. Our plan is to set a date with our architects for a parent information evening early next term. More details to come.

The BOT are always impressed with the many great things that happen at St Martins School. We wish to congratulate the kapahaka group who performed brilliantly and represented our school with pride at the recent Cultural Festival. We look forward to 'Through the Lens' - the St Martins school film festival that takes place later this month.

## St Martins School Performing Arts Sausage Sizzle.

The Performing Arts student team will be running another sausage sizzle on Tuesday 26th September. Our last sausage sizzle raised over \$800 for the Performing Arts. These sausage sizzles will be raising money to access more arts based learning experiences.

Sausage, bread plus sauce will be \$2.00. All sausages are gluten free and there will be gluten free bread available for those who are intolerant. These sausage sizzles are great for Performing Arts and hungry tummies!

We also want to say a HUGE thank you to Steve Anngow who through his contacts has been able to get us lots of sausages for us to sell. Without the support of people like Steve in our St Martins School community, these fundraising ventures would be that much harder to run.

Look out for another sausage sizzle at the start of term 4 - the Whānau Group will be cooking up more tasty treats for us!



## School News

# MUFTI DAY!

WHEN? TUESDAY 26TH OF SEPTEMBER.

WHAT? DRESS UP IN MUFT!

WHY? TO RAISE MONEY FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR FIJIAN CHILDREN

HOW? MS ROWE IS TAKING ALL THE SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO FIJI THESE HOLIDAYS.

BRING? A GOLD COIN DONATION TO PARTICIPATE.

To date Sustainable Coastlines have removed a whopping 1,316,573 litres of rubbish from coastal clean ups and planted 51,138 trees along our riverbanks and waterways. St Martins School has helped make this happen by donating old, unwanted cell phones. Check out the Sustainable



Coastlines website to see all the amazing things they do.

[www.sustainablecoastlines.org](http://www.sustainablecoastlines.org)

Please drop any unwanted phones in the collection box in the school office to help this good cause.

## Celebrating Student Success

Lara and Zoe, Year 7 students in Room 13 cleaned up at their Marist Albion netball prize-giving on Saturday. Zoe was awarded Most Improved Player of the Year and Lara was awarded Most Valuable Player. Well done Lara and Zoe on these amazing awards! Their U12 team also scooped a Club award, beating 28 teams to get the Fletcher Trophy for Most Improved Team in the Junior Club. If you are wondering why they don't look like your usual netball players, prize giving was a themed dress up event hence the tutus and wacky hair! You certainly both make a statement!



## Community Notices

### Are you or is your child interested in learning French?

Miss Brittany Barr, a Year 7/8 teacher at St Martins School can tutor French for any age level of experience from Preschool to University. She can work on all four curriculum streams: reading, writing, listening and speaking, or can personalise tutoring to whatever areas you wish to strengthen. Brittany has a French Honours Degree with a specialisation in teaching and has three years teaching French in Canada plus two years teaching oral communication at the University of Waterloo. If you are interested, Brittany can be contacted via her school email [brittanyb@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:brittanyb@stmartins.school.nz) at which point she can provide you with her phone number for further communication.

**Opawa Tennis Club** - Tennis opportunities for all age groups. FREE have a go in our Hot Shots coaching for x2 weeks. Starts Saturday 14th October ages 5 and up. Contact Andrea on 0212327141 or [ja.opawatennis@gmail.com](mailto:ja.opawatennis@gmail.com) for more details.

**Science Alive School Holiday Programme** - a fun two hour holiday programme about electricity. "Get Connected" to Christchurch city centre and rebuild, then "Get Connected" to electricity through circuit building and design. 3rd, 4th and 5th October - \$18 per child. For 7-9 years olds go to <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/get-connected-juniors/christchurch> and for 10-13 year olds go to <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2017/get-connected-seniors/christchurch>

**Kids Karate Classes** - Port Hills Karate supports a safe, caring and respectful learning environment at Christchurch South Intermediate. Principal Instructor, Dan Jakes, has been trained in Karate for over 30 years, holds a third degree black belt and is a former National Champion and NZ Representative. For more info visit <http://www.porthillskarate.nz/> ph 3665058 or 021408036 or email [dan@sanctuaryhealth.co.nz](mailto:dan@sanctuaryhealth.co.nz)

**Want to get fit and have fun** - come along to circuit training in the school hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting 8.45am \$8 per session. All fitness levels catered for. Contact Janelle, a qualified personal trainer on 0274642041

**2 bedroom flat in St Martins area** (easy walk to St Martins School) unfurnished, would suit small family, available beginning of October. Ph/text Kirsty 0210722939

**Come and visit the team at Cheeky Browns Hairdressing** - We have a new team who are fun, creative and motivated and looking forward to seeing you. We have a special St Martins School offer for children - 5 hair cuts and the 6th is free. Call Tania and the team on ph 3322205

### 21 & 26 September

Year 0/3 conferences for some students.

### 27-28 September

Through the Lens Film Festival.

### 29 September

Last day of Term 3.

### 16 October

Welcome back to the final term for 2017!  
Athletics training starts

### 19 October

Whānau Group  
Sausage sizzle

### 23 October

Labour Day - school closed.

### 26 October

Athletics Day

### 27 October

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