



St Martins School

Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga Inspiring a passion for learning



NEWSLETTER 4

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“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

Over the past two weeks teachers from Year 4 to 8 have held 'Goal Setting' conferences. These are an important and essential part of our processes for reporting to parents about the learning of their children. Thank you for taking the time to be there and also for being active participants in these conversations with your children about their learning and for being part of determining next steps. Some of you may have noticed that Mrs May and I were 'sitting in' on some of these Goal Setting conferences. We did this for the first time about two years ago so that we could see and feel, first hand, what this important tool for sharing student learning was actually like when being delivered.

As a result of those visits we were able to make some enhancements. These recent visits were to check that these enhancements were in place and that our process was doing what it was supposed to, in a consistent and appropriate way across the school. A special thank you must go to those brave children and parents who allowed us to observe.

Quite frequently we experience people leaving bicycles and scooters at school overnight and sometimes over the weekend. Our trusty caretaker Mike, will often move these to his shed, but this can not always happen. As a precaution we ask that all children who bring bicycles or scooters to school also bring a lock for security purposes. We are not immune from some of these vehicles being moved and even being taken. Your support with this would be appreciated.

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan
Principal

News from the Board of Trustees

SCHOOL HALL REDEVELOPMENT - WORKING PARTY

We'd like to form a working party to progress the redevelopment of our school hall. Monetary and rebuild constraints mean this project can't be all done at once. We hope to get interested people together, form a master plan, and then complete the project in stages ... so that our community can benefit from improvements as soon as possible, while working toward the goal of extending the hall.

We already have some talented tradespeople and professionals who have put their names forward to help. If you have experience, interest, or contacts in architecture, kitchen design and/or supplies, lighting, electrical, building, staging, plumbing supplies, whiteware supply, interior design ... please email micheles@stmartins.school.nz and let her know how you'd like to be involved.

SPONSORSHIP FOR NEW SPORTS BAGS

Is there a business owner within our community that would like to sponsor some new sports bags for our Winter sports teams? Please email micheles@stmartins.school.nz if you can help.

SCHOOL DONATIONS

Thank you to the 60% of families who have paid their school donations this term. These funds help us to run such a wide range of programmes at St Martins School. Remember that donations are tax deductible. You can get up to one third back and claim tax rebates for the previous 4 years. Go to ird.govt.nz or schoolrebates.co.nz for more info.

Term Dates to Remember

24th March

Fortnightly coffee catch up from 8.30am in hall

27th March

Canterbury Duathlon for Year 5-8 qualifiers

27th March

Canterbury Lit Quiz 10am

Cobham Intermediate

6th April

Year 0-3 Conferences

from 3.30pm

7th April

Fortnightly Coffee catch up

in hall from 8.30pm

11th April

Year 0-3 Conferences

from 3.30pm

13th April

End of term School

Assembly 1.30pm

14th April

Good Friday - school

closed. School holidays

begin!

1st May

Term 2 begins

School News

SCHOOL INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY AND CLASS PHOTOS

It has been great to see all the school photo orders coming into the office. You will see that you can now pay Heritage Photos online - their bank account details are on the order form. You can also pay by cash or cheque made out to Heritage Photos. Please note that if you pay online we still need you to drop in your order form with the photo attached. **Orders close on Friday 31st March.**



END OF TERM ONE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

At the end of each term we have a special assembly to celebrate student learning, achievement and values. This term it will be on **Thursday 13th April** as school will be closed for Good Friday. If your child is to be presented with a certificate then the class teacher will be in contact with you to see if you are available to attend assembly.

Year 5 to 8 Basketball

Expressions of interest for St Martins Year 5 to 8 Basketball Teams closes this Friday. Forms available at the office.



House T-Shirts - coming soon!

Look out for details soon about the launch of St Martins School house t-shirts. You will be able to purchase a t-shirt in the colour of your house group with the house name on it - Bowenvale, Glenelg, Huntsbury or Rapaki. If you would like to order a house t-shirt we will be arranging a pre-order system soon. Keep an eye on your in-box for details.



S'Mart Community Survey and Get Together

Don't forget to tell us what YOU would like from your school community by filling in this online survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CFGFTV2> or by returning the hard-copy

survey to the office by 3pm TODAY to be in the draw to win a \$25 Fava voucher.

We also look forward to seeing you at 7:30pm Wednesday 29th March for the S'Mart Community Get together in the St Martins School hall. Wine and nibbles will be provided - a chance for you to get together and put forward your ideas.

Off the Shelf

We've just finished processing a few new books which we're sure the children will be keen to get their hands on! Stick Dog series by Tom Watson looks set to please Captain Underpants fans, as they enjoy the adventures of Stick Dog and his friends, trying to track down the perfect burger or steal breakfast for hungry pals. Cartoon drawings, clear font and lots of white space on the page make it great for more reluctant readers too. Flying Furballs series by NZ author Donovan Bixley follows the adventures of feline pilot Claude D'Bonair, illustrated throughout we're sure these will prove popular! Finally Radio Boy by Christian O'Connell looks full of fun, after losing his job on hospital radio Spike decides to start his own show from his Dad's shed and quickly becomes an underground hit, however was calling for a homework strike really a good idea?!

Student News

THE SEA

A wet cold liquid
that we can't seem
to catch! Sand and water
mix together to make a
cloudy patch!
Swirling
whirling whirlpools.
Greeny blue waves
floating up then
down.
Sometimes you can see yummy
looking fish!

By Kahutaiki Year 3, Room 3



Kahutaiki wrote this wonderful poem called 'The Sea' for a Seaweed Poetry Competition run through Ecan. Kahutaiki won 2nd place in the Primary 5 to 8 year age group and as well as getting a certificate, Kahutaiki also received a really cool book about the sea. Well done, Kahutaiki for your wonderful poem and thank you for sharing it with us at school assembly last Friday.

Our two Lit Quiz teams are hard at work preparing for next Monday's Lit Quiz competition. The Year 6 to 8 students are Rose, Ruairi, Grace O, Orla, Liam, Leo, Maia, Grace H, Cora and Jessica. Good luck to all of you!



World Irish Dance Championships

Two of our students, **Ella Gray a Year 8 student in Room 19** and her sister **Maya Gray a Year 6 student in Room 21** have worked hard and have earned their place at the World Irish Dance Championships in Dublin in April.

You may have seen Ella and Maya dance for us before school on St Patricks Day last week. They both have an amazing talent and we will be very excited to hear about their experiences when they return. What an amazing achievement and such an amazing experience that awaits them. Good luck, Ella and Maya!



Community Notices

HOCKEY - Carlton Redcliffe Trials

Trials have already started but there are still opportunities to come along.

Year 7-8 Boys and Girls - Sunday 26th March 5pm to 7pm at Nunweek park

Year 5-6 Boys - Sunday 26th March 3.30pm to 5.30pm and Tuesday 28th March 4.30pm to 5.30pm at Shirley Boys High School

Year 3-4 Boys - Sunday 26th March 2.45pm + 3.30pm (sign up) at Shirley Boys High School.

Please note Year 3-4 and Year 5-6 Girls trials and sign up were held prior to this newsletter. You may wish to contact the club for more info. Contact Katherine Pierce 0212882426.

Halswell United AFC Football Season Starts 1st April

Online registrations are open for all players. Early bird fees before the end of March.

For more information go to www.hawkfootball.org.nz/register email: huafcGM@gmail.com

HOLIDAY PROGRAMMES THAT YOU MIGHT WANT TO CHECK OUT

Timber Nook - Nature based holiday programmes now open for registration at Cracroft Guide Centre (151 Cashmere Road). For more information or enquiries about the range of programmes contact via ph 027 9340409

kim.Tenebaum@timbernook.com

or visit <http://www.timbernook.com>



Sport Canterbury Active Kids Holiday programme

Join us for a week of action packed fun and adventure with plenty of sport, onsite activities and outings. To check out the programme details for each venue or to register online go to

www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

Library and Learning Centre School holiday programmes

Go to <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/holiday-programmes/> to find out what is available at a library or learning centre near you.

The Mind Lab School Holiday fun

A range of full day activities for 7 to 12 year olds. Check out their website for details.

themindlab.com/workshop/christchurch-school-holidays/

Pioneer Basketball Club School holiday Clinic for 6 to 13 year olds

Passing and Dribbling - cost \$60.00 for 2 day clinic. Wednesday and Thursday of each week of the school holidays from 1pm to 4pm each day. Registrations online at Pioneer website -

www.pioneerbasketballclub.co.nz Email: pioneerbasketballclub@gmail.com

Websites for some other holiday programmes

www.caspa.org.nz/pages/8/holiday-programme.htm

www.ymca.org.nz/children/holiday-programmes/

www.iceberg.co.nz/our-experiences/school-holiday-activities/

Ōtākaro Avon Rover Community Day - Saturday 25th March 10am to 3pm Haeta Community Campus, 240 Breezes Road, Wainoni.

Journey through an interactive experience to learn about the land and river, then share your thoughts on how this area could shape an exciting future for Christchurch. Enjoy free red zone bus tours and family activities including a sausage sizzle, face painting and a bouncy castle.