



Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

Last Wednesday our amazing Senior Kapahaka group stole the show at the Horncastle Arena. Their performance was outstanding. The clarity of the Te Reo, the purity of the singing and the confidence of delivery made this one of our best ever performances. Congratulations must go to our fantastic kapahaka students for putting in the extra effort to deliver a perfect performance.

We are extremely fortunate to have Willie and Tania Nathan as our Kapahaka tutors. Year after year they raise the bar. Willie and Tania have high expectations of our students and use their skill and mana as leaders to improve year after year. If you want to see the performance it is available on Youtube - the link is on the school website under 'News'. I hope you enjoy watching.

Once again our senior students have excelled in receiving leadership awards from Cashmere High School for 2018. This year Te Ao Mārama Hema was awarded the Māori Scholarship. I believe this may be the first time a student from St Martins has received this award and it reflects Te Ao Mārama's very high level of talent and her hard work.

Lucia Tod and Caleb Wood, two of our school's very popular leaders have been granted the Cashmere High School boy and girl Leadership Awards. It is very pleasing to see that their hard work, determination and open and inclusive leadership skills have been recognised and rewarded by Cashmere High. We are very proud to once again provide students who will continue to lead at High School.

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan
Principal

Orienteering Event for Years 3-8 Canterbury Schools Orienteering Festival will be held at Ferrymead Heritage Park and Spencer Park the weekend of 16th and 17th September. Look to www.papo.org.nz for more details of the event, and email Fiona Vetcher to enter - fionavetcher@outlook.com

Orienteering Trainings Hansen Park - Tuesday 29th August, 3:30-5:00pm South Brighton Domain - Monday 4th September, 3:30-5:00pm Bottle Lake Forest - Wednesday 13th September, 3:30-5:00pm. Contact Fiona if you are interested in attending any of these training sessions. Carpooling options can be arranged.

Off the Shelf



What next?

That's often a question from children, parents and teachers. In the Library we've got different ways for the children to think about what they might like to read next:

reviews by other children on our library catalogue Accessit, a section of the library website dedicated to alternatives - the

If you like tab and finally we have suggestion lists printed off in the Library for the children to use.

We're always happy though to help individual children look for a great new read.



We would like to congratulate the St Martins Winter Sport teams we will be sending to the Canterbury Winter Sport tournament on the 24th August. We are sending two Year 5/6 teams, the A netball team and the A hockey team and two Year 7/8 teams, the A netball team and the A football team. We wish these teams the best of luck and hope for good results for all teams.

Student Voice Committee - Isabella Paerata and Annabel Bligh

Year 0-3 Reporting Conferences - Term 3, 2017

Thursday 21st September and Tuesday 26th September from 3.30pm

Bookings can be made online at www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and are open now. Please use Event Code: 6j96h. Online bookings close 2.00pm Friday 15th September. You will have received a notice if your child requires a conference. If you are unsure please check with your class teacher.

School closes at the usual time of 3.00pm for all students. A crèche will be open in the school library for siblings to be cared for while you have your conference time. If you do not have internet access please contact Michele in the office to arrange a booking.

Ben Coughlan, a Year 4 student in Room 1 wrote his own version of the poem titled "I asked the little Boy who cannot see" Ben has written a wonderful version of the original.

I asked the little boy who cannot see,
"And what is colour like?"

Blue, he said, is the gentle calmness of the sky on a warm summer day;

Green is the kind nature of vines swaying in the wind;

White is the calmness of snowflakes floating to the ground;

Black is the darkness of the night swooping after the sun sets;

Brown is the crackle of 1000 year old parchment being unrolled by human hands;

Yellow is the laziness of the sun falling down onto the still water;

Orange is the flames on a burning tree, flaming branches falling to the dead grass underfoot.

Performing Arts Update

As always, there have been amazing things happening and that are going to be happening in the Performing Arts at St Martins School.

A massive sausage sizzle was held to generate some more funds for arts based learning experiences for our students. We raised over \$800, which is fantastic. We plan to hold another sausage sizzle on Tuesday of Week 10.

Our stunning **Kapahaka** roopu performed in the Cultural Festival - they represented St Martins, their whānau and themselves beautifully. They performed with professionalism and passion. We are so proud of you all.

During Monday lunchtimes, **Senior Choir** has begun and our focus will be our involvement in the Christchurch School Music Festival next term.

Our **Tuesday Dance Crew** have been choreographing and rehearsing two dance performances. On Wednesdays, our **EPAC group** have been busy devising a preschool performance based on Aladdin and some funny tales about underpants and aliens. We will be performing this for preschools early in Term Four.

Our **Wednesday afternoon Dance Crew** have been busy choreographing and rehearsing for their music video creation. This crew is made up of predominately boys, who have challenged themselves artistically and physically to create some incredible dance works.

During their Performing Arts time, the students have been exploring in to dramatic conventions and are devising their own performance pieces, based on Māori mythology. There are some really incredible performance pieces.

School wide - we are gearing up for our Film Festival "Through the Lens". Classes are busy creating and using technology to create their amazing films. Poster about this stellar event will be going up soon!

Exciting things are coming for Christchurch, in the Christchurch Arts Festival. There is a lot to see and do as a family. <http://www.artsfestival.co.nz> The festival goes from 30th August to 17th September.

Key dates coming up for the Performing Arts:

Week 5: Royal New Zealand Ballet performance attendance for 16 students of Romeo and Juliet.

Week 6: Both dance crews will be performing in Friday assembly.

Week 8: Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori (Māori Language Week)

Week 8: Wednesday - Senior choir massed rehearsal at Shirley Boys High School

Week 8: Ngā Mihi competition in Friday assembly

Week 10: "Through the Lens" Film Festival. Wednesday 27th September - Matinee 1pm to 2.30pm,

Wednesday 27th September - 7pm to 8.30pm, Thursday 28th September - Morning 11am to

12.30pm, Thursday 28th September - 7pm to 8.30pm.

Creative regards

Trudy Rowe - HOD Performing Arts/Publicity

Top 10 skills children learn from the Arts: 1. Creativity, 2. Confidence, 3. Problem Solving, 4. Perseverance, 5. Focus, 6. Non-verbal communication, 7. Receiving constructive feedback, 8. Collaboration, 9. Dedication, 10. Accountability.

Cultural Festival

We are brimming with pride over the wonderful performance of our Kapahaka group. You can see the performance on YouTube and there is a link on our school website under 'News' that takes you straight to the video. Please have a look. The tutors and students all worked hard and this shone through in their stunning performance. Well done!



Environmental Committee News

Two St Andrews College boys have started a business called ABC. Their item that they have started to sell is a badge to support the recovery of the Port Hills after the fire. Badges will be \$4.00 and you can order them at our school office. (Payment needs to be cash - please have correct change as we do not hold much money in the office). Badges will then be delivered to your child's class in the following weeks. Orders to be in by Friday 8th September. John Doyle-Sims on behalf of the St Martins School Student Environment Committee.

25 August

Junior School Disco
from 5.30pm to 7pm

Senior School Disco
from 7.30pm to 9pm

In school hall

4 to 6 September

Year 5/6 camp at
Hanmer Springs.

18 to 22 September

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21-26 September

Year 0/3 conferences
for some students.

27-28 September

Film Festival - we look
forward to seeing you
there!

29 September

Last day of Term 3 -
enjoy the holiday
break!

16 October

Term 4 begins -
welcome back!