



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

What an amazing term we have all had here at St Martins School. Our fabulous students have worked collaboratively and with passion on many exciting learning opportunities.

I have really enjoyed looking around at the Year 5-8 Science works on display, with many interesting and varied topics. The Garden to Table and the Eco Action programme have provided a number of exciting opportunities to further our students understanding of the natural world around them.

The Year 1-4 area of our school have also been exploring Science this term and have found out about how a scientist explores our world. The Huff 'n Puff was an exciting event, making sure our young keep a healthy level of activity over the winter months.

Reporting conferences are underway and will conclude next week. Please make the most of the celebration of our wonderful students learning.

I have also had the privilege of watching our new Boys Dance Crew work their creative magic. Watch this space!

Our final assembly for the term will be on the 7th July at 1:30pm in the school hall. We take this opportunity to thank all our students for the effort they have put into their learning this term while celebrating a small number of students who have excelled in the following area: Our School Values, Learning and Effort.

On a sad note, we farewelled a long standing member of staff, Viv Ellis, on Thursday 25th May with a special morning tea, after 17 years at St Martins School. Viv has retired from teaching but will be back to visit from time to time.

Kind regards
Bernadette May
Deputy Principal



St Martins School is very fortunate to have the support of parents and businesses in our local and Christchurch wide community. **HPAC Energy Centre at 355 Blenheim Road** have sponsored us by purchasing sports bags for our Year 5 to 8 Hagley Sports teams. We are so appreciative of their support as our old bags were definitely past their best!

Winter Sports Results

Year 5 to 8 results for 15th June. Sport was not played on 22nd June due to the bad weather.

	Year 5/6			Year 7/8		
		Vs	Score		Vs	Score
Netball	A	BYE		Blaze	Hillview B	Win 27-10
	B	Selwyn House	Loss 23-4	Storm	Ellesmere	Loss 25-7
	C	St Francis	Loss 32-1	Spartans	BYE	
				Titans	Ao Tahiti	Win 17-14
				Falcons	St Peters A	Loss 23-2
Football	A	Heathcote	Win 4-2	A	Ellesmere	Win 5-2
	B	St Francis	Win 10-0	B	Heathcote	Loss 4-1
	C	Redcliffe A	Loss 10-0	C	Rudolf Steiner	Win 4-3
Hockey	A	St Francis	Win 4-3	A	Selwyn House	Loss 10-8
	B	OLA	Win 6-3	Green	St Francis	Loss 7-1
	C	Hillview	Loss 7-0	Blue	Sacred Heart	Loss 6-1
Rugby				A	Ellesmere	Loss 55-0

Update from the Board of Trustees

We started our board meeting this month in a very special way; welcoming Will Kereru as the new Whānau Group representative. The board is committed to working in partnership with Will and the Whānau Group, believing that active participation by Māori in planning, development and strategic decisions is imperative for ensuring success for our Māori students at St Martins School. At this time, we wish to acknowledge Karaitiana Taiuru for his contributions to the board.

Representatives from our local community board and city council attended our meeting this month. They wanted to hear about issues we believe need to be addressed in our local area. We of course highlighted the traffic issue around St Martins School! The council has asked that we promote their 'Snap-Send-Solve' initiative, where you can inform the council of local issues that you believe need to be addressed. Please see the following link for more information:

<https://www.ccc.govt.nz/report/snap-send-solve/>

The board enjoyed viewing a proposal from children in the Year 5/6 syndicate, requesting support for their beehive initiative. We must say, it was a very convincing and well-informed proposal. The board are very happy to support this eco-project.

Finally, news of significance for the board this month is the resignation of Mel Opie. Mel has been a very treasured member of the Board of Trustees since 2011. Mel has always taken her role as a parent representative on the board seriously and she has made so many valuable contributions. Mel has been a true advocate for student, teacher and parent voice. She has worked tirelessly to try and improve communication between school and home. These BOT newsletter updates and our new school website can be credited to Mel. Mel was also part of the huge consultation process that informs our current strategic plan as well as the process that led to the redesign of the school uniform. We look forward to formally thanking Mel in the final assembly this term. We will miss Mel's contributions in board meetings. We will miss her collegiality. All the best for new ventures Mel. With regards, wishes and aroha from the board team.

Off the Shelf



Our Terrific Book Tuesday competitions are proving to be popular - they give the children a chance to win a book to add to their personal library. The quick fire competitions are advertised on Accessit dashboard and in the Library and are changed every two weeks or so. The current competition which wins a copy of one of the enormously popular Tom Gates books, is to draw a favourite book character - any character. This competition will be running over the holiday period so may fill a cold or wet day!

School Notices

We would like empty, clean 1.5 litre clear coke/fizzy bottles for our Eco Action because we are making a Bottle Garden. Can these please be delivered from now until into Term 3 to Room 15 (or you can drop them in at the office). Thank you.

From Home and Garden Olivia F and Maddison K



Matariki

On Friday, we celebrated Matariki in an authentic and rich way, working together, tuakana-teina (older and younger students). We had community guests come and teach us about Matariki. We used ti rakau, made tiki out of clay, made stars, explored Matariki through visual art, drama and performance, sung waiata and told stories. The smiles, laughter and seeing our students and teachers working together was fantastic! Our tuakana students were amazing role models for our teina. We look forward to more tuakana-teina time together.

Arohanui
Trudy Rowe
HOD Performing Arts
TIC Maori for 2017



World Vision Famine

Thank you to those students who have returned their Famine Booklets and money so quickly. If you have not already done so yet, please send them to the office as soon as possible.

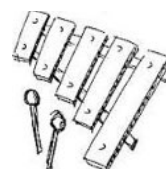


Christchurch Schools' Music Festival Auditions

We had a group of 8 students who attended the auditions for choir and orchestra. These amazing students were Isla Ballantine, Daniel Crellin, Nicolae Didenco, Orla Dunlop, Tristan Dunlop, Sofya Matviets, Vasilisa Matviets and Abigail Wheeler. They all did so well and we are very proud of them!

The following students were successful in their auditions

Daniel Crellin - Cello
Nicolae Didenco - Percussion
Orla Dunlop - Violin
Tristan Dunlop - Violin
Sofya Matviets - Violin
Abigail Wheeler - Violin



Term Dates to Remember

4th July

Year 0-8 Reporting

Conferences. School

closes at usual time of

3pm.

7th July

Last day of Term 2. Enjoy

your holiday break.

24th July

School starts back

for Term 3.

Winter Sports continues

for Year 5 to 8 students

31 July

Zone Winter Tournament

7 August

Zone Winter Tournament

postponement date

16 August

Cultural Festival

Kapahaka Group

performing at matinee

session 12.30pm

25 August

School Disco for Juniors

and Seniors

Community Notices

Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8:45am until 12:30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following times:

Monday, 10th July to Friday, 14th July 2017 (excluding weekends)

Monday, 17th July to Friday, 21st July 2017 (excluding weekends)

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

You can phone and make an appointment for the emergency clinic by ringing 0800 846 983.



Christchurch City Libraries
Te Whare Pukapuka Aa Iwi Otautahi

Christchurch City Libraries Holiday programmes

On the cold and sometimes wet winter holiday days, what better than to pop along to one of our wonderful libraries. As well as great

books to read, audio books, computers and DVD's they run some amazing holiday programmes to. Go to their website for all the details. <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/holiday-programmes/>

The Resourceful Bubble

Art, Craft and creativity classes. After School, morning and evenings. All levels and ages, drawing, painting, felting, printmaking, 3D, and more more. Contact Saskia Stein ph 027 363 5805

Pioneer basketball Club - July School Holidays

Two day clinics suitable from beginner to those playing competitively. Ages 6 to 13 years. Go to www.pioneerbasketballclub.co.nz for details.



Mainland
Football

Mainland Football programmes

Check out the Mainland Football website for a variety of holiday programmes for boys and girls aged 6 to 14 years.

www.mainlandfootball.co.nz

Why not check out Kids Fest these July School holidays. There is an amazing variety of activities. Go online to www.kidsfest.co.nz for details



These are just a wee sample of the holiday activities available in our lovely Garden City. But what about having a wander about the Botanic Gardens on a sunny winter day, having friends over to play, doing some baking on a wet day, or maybe having a tidy up of your room and donating old toys to a charity! Whatever you do - HAVE FUN!