



St Martins School

Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga Inspiring a passion for learning



Newsletter 19

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Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

It is very hard to believe that next week is Week 8 of the term. It all seems to have gone so fast, yet there is still so much more to happen. We are also excited about our visit by ERO next week. The team will be with us for most of the week.

Moving towards 2018:

Having gone through our appointments processes we are now able to outline the teachers and classes for 2018.

Principal: Rob Callaghan

Deputy Principal: Bernadette May

Deputy Principal: Jenny Wood

Explorers 1:

Year 0-1: Judy Davies and Ruth Burry - Room 7

Year 1-2: Bethan Dempster - Room 6

Discoverers 1:

Year 2/3: Kate Keenan - Room 1

Year 3/4: Caitlin Ross - Room 2

Navigators 1:

Year 5/6: Jane Williams - Room 14

Year 5/6: Iona Rait (Syndicate Leader) - Room 15

Navigators 3:

Year 5/6: Catherine Dalley - Room 20

Year 5/6: Sheryl Burgess - Room 21

High Fliers 1:

Year 7/8: Katelyn Hill - Room 11

Year 7/8: Carole Clark - Room 12

Year 7/8: Anita McGowan - Room 13

Explorers 2:

Year 1-2: Helen Norcliffe - Room 9

Year 2: Michelle Parsons (Syndicate Leader) - Room 8

Discoverers 2:

Year 3/4: Jenny Oldridge - Room 3

Year 3/4: Chris Sumer (Syndicate Leader) - Room 4

Year 3/4: Jenny Wood - Room 5

Navigators 2:

Year 5/6: Alice Perry - Room 16

Year 5/6: Tamara Saxon - Room 17

High Fliers 2:

Year 7/8: Nicky Pateman (Syndicate Leader) - Room 18

Year 7/8: Jarad Pateman - Room 19

Other Support Positions:

Performing Arts: Trudy Rowe

Reading Recovery/ESOL: Cate van Leuven

Music Specialist: Helen Murray

Kind regards

Rob Callaghan

Principal

Off the Shelf

If you're looking for a book for a Christmas present, and what would make a better gift, then there are a couple of new books out which will doubtless prove enormously popular. Jeff Kinney has the next instalment of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid saga with The Getaway and David Walliams has his 10th children's book, Bad Dad - Frank's father is in prison for driving a getaway car and Frank helps to break him out so that he can make good and give the money back!! Bound not to be as simple as it sounds but bound also to be enjoyed by the whole family - David's books often make a good read aloud. If you're aiming for something more serious then Gavin Bishop's Aotearoa : the New Zealand story is a fabulously illustrated journey through New Zealand's history, loads to learn and a book to keep forever.

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FORTNIGHTLY POWER TIP FROM THE YEAR 5/6 ECO ACTION GROUP

Only use your Christmas lights at night and remember to switch them off before you go to bed!

Sun Smart behaviour is important at this time of year. We'll be adding tips to each newsletter.

Ban the tan

When your skin goes darker it's a sign the sun has damaged it. There's no such thing as a safe tan. Protect your skin, cover up, seek shade and wear sunscreen when outdoors.



We encourage shady behaviour

You've got it made if you stay in the shade. Plant trees, put up umbrellas, build shade structures.



Plight of the Bees Eco Action Group



The Plight of the Bees Eco Action Group has been working towards getting a school beehive. On Tuesday they received their bees. Mr Winter, the school beekeeper, lit the smoker to calm the bees so we could put the nuke into the hive. Next year's Plight of the Bees group will be harvesting the honey and will be taking care of the hive.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Plight of the Bees Eco Action Group. Written by Ruby Leith on behalf of the Student Voice committee.

Calling all old Mobile Phones to help Sustainable Coastlines look after NZ's coastlines and waterways. It would be great if you could have one last rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into school any unwanted phones before the end of term. Phones collected help our school gain valuable rewards and also the environment benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances. Please drop any unwanted mobile phones you may have in the collection box in the school office.

School News and Poetry

Isabella, a Year 7 student in Room 18 was awarded an Outstanding Achievement Award in Chinese, at the Confucius Institute, University of Canterbury Award Ceremony at St Margaret's College. A wonderful achievement, Isabella - well done!



PRISON

Black frost coats the ground of my prison
Its bedraggled and empty halls stand their
ground
Against the growing hope

Light begins to bend the bars of darkness
As a solitary being escapes his bonds
Disappearing into a world of hope.

By Isaac Reynolds - Room 16, Year 6

Alone in the dark
Wind galloping around me
I wonder why?
My mind racing
Trapped
Scouring the umbral plains
Hunting me
Their hatred prevails
I stand
With my last hope
I persist
Holding on
I see the light

By Liam Dixon - Room 17, Year 6

A shiver runs up my spine
A cold hand touches my shoulder
The darkness emerges from the light
Monsters surround me
Their eyes glow

I burn in rage
I find a glimpse of light
I tear at the light
The dark curtains fall
It lives once again

By Poppy Knight - Room 17, Year 6



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Navigators One enjoyed Monday out at Lake Rua learning to sail. We learned how to rig the boat, steer it safely without crashing and turning. The success of the day was determined by how well we worked together. Everyone showed great perseverance and it was a fun day on the water.

St Martins Percussion ensemble is playing at the Repercussion concert at Hillview School on **Sunday 10th December 7.30pm**. Door sales available. This annual concert is a wonderful display of high school / adult percussionists and groups which St Martins has been a part of for a number of years (we are one of two primary schools who perform). A concert not to be missed!



The Homework Club Holiday Programme are currently taking booking for the following dates:

18th - 22nd December 5-13 year olds at Cashmere Primary School, 135 Hackthorne Road

15th - 26th January 5-9 year olds at Cashmere Primary School, 9-13 year olds at St Marks Church, Cnr Somerfield and Barrington Streets

29th - 30th January 5-13 year olds at Cashmere Primary School

The club offers a high standard of quality care and operate from 8am to 6pm during the holidays. Please visit our website www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or email Sara info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz for more details

29 November to 1st December

Book Fair in the library - a great opportunity to find some wonderful Christmas presents!

4 December

Education Review Office visiting this week starting with a Mihi Whakatau at 10.30am on Monday morning. All welcome.

5 December

Year 0-2 Athletics

6 December

Canterbury Athletics for Year 5-8 qualifying students.

7 December

Year 0-3 Conferences

8 December

Year 0-2 End of Year celebration.
Year 8 Graduation at the Cashmere Club.