



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

Welcome back to Term 2 of the school year. We extend a very warm welcome to all these children and families who are new to St Martins.

New Entrants: Jordyn Derry, Samuel Copson, Hayley Tiller, Josh Anngow, Lucas Tong and Charlie Hill.

Year 2: Daria Alexander

Year 4: Fransiska Hanser

Year 5: Joe Lill

Year 7: Michael Hanser

Year 8: Te Ao Marama Hema, Tyler Barrett

It feels quite evident that Winter is coming. The mornings have been colder and darker, and we can probably expect them to be a little wetter also. We ask that extra care is taken when dropping children off, or picking them up, and that any driving manoeuvres are safe and legal. Just a reminder that it is not legal to allow children to disembark from a vehicle when parked on a yellow line. This does happen with surprising frequency and the Christchurch City Council wardens will ticket if they see this during one of their random visits. We also ask that courtesy is shown to our school neighbours and additional care is taken not to park over driveways. Your co-operation with these requests would be most appreciated.

Dealing with concerns

From time to time you may have a concern or questions that you would like answers to about your child's learning or wellbeing. Please don't hesitate to make contact at the earliest point of concern. For classroom concerns or questions, please speak to your child's teacher in the first instance. If it is something that they are unable to answer, the teacher will tell you who is best to ask. If it is something of a more general or serious nature, a senior teacher, the deputy principal or the principal may be better placed to provide the answers. We do encourage you to start with the teacher, especially if it is a classroom related issue. We do have a comprehensive website (www.stmartins.school.nz) and a quick look at this might answer many of your questions. It also gives you links to our school policy site. You can go there directly by going to www.schooldocs.co.nz the user name is **stmartins** and the password is **huntsbury**

Kind regards

Rob Callaghan
Principal

A timely reminder to name all school uniform items. Some classes will soon be doing swimming/water safety lessons. If fleeces, shorts, skorts, polo tops etc are not named it may be hard to identify items when exiting the pool. Please check and name all items.

Celebrating Student Success

Congratulations to the students listed below who received certificates for Effort, Learning and Values at the End Of Term Assembly for Term 1. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who were able to attend this assembly and help us celebrate the success of their children.

Rm	Effort	Learning	Values
	Junior Syndicate		
22	Martin Condron	Toby Carpenter	Zoe Johnson
23	Laurin Pattis	Lucy Webber	Sivaan Laming
6	Annabelle McLaughlin	Charlotte Campbell	Mason Fry
7	Zooni Ahuja	Sebastian Low	Liam Mooney
8	Finlay Williams	Samuel Just	Milly Wenlock
9	Sarah Ashworth	Clement Arnold	Sophie Beer
	Year 3-4 Syndicate		
1	Emily Easterbrook	Elsie Brown	Jesse Mechen
2	Danica Neels	Arthur Norman	Felicity Newsom
3	Jerome Lea Tuilau	Aroha Reihana	Lara Webber
4	Leroy Harford	Simone Strange	Amelia Fraser
5	Talina Pattis	Theresa Spring	Zoe Johnston
	Year 5-6 Syndicate		
14	Kiara Kereru	Jorja Bethell	Hamish Coughlan
15	Max Walker	Maddie Keene	Jack den Hollander
16	Payo O'Sullivan	Tristan Dunlop	Beth Simpson
17	Marlon Kingi	Isla Ballantine	Eli Nixon
20	Sofya Matviets	Fergus West	Nadia Chitpientram
21	Leah Ashworth	Ryan de Bruin	Sharzia Cross
	Year 7-8 Syndicate		
11	Yuji de Burgh-Hirabe	Keegan Olsen	Chloe Tindall
12	Kayley Chandler	Rata Airey	Tyler McCavitt
13	Finley Bloy	Vismaya Jayan	Braxton Ashworth
18	Duncan Gardner	Yusi van Dam	Naomi Limmer
19	Max Parsons	Michaela Tiller	Jay Watson

Off the Shelf

Having seen a couple of amazing films we've now bought "the book of the film" for both Lion and Hidden Figures. The were such gripping stories and, in the case of Hidden Figures particularly, I'm horrified that they weren't lives we/ knew about. Both are available in our fiction sections, I'm hoping the book is as good as, if not better than, the film!

Another favourite addition to our Junior Non-fiction has been Bug Wars - great illustrations of bugs, blown up well beyond reality, reveal alien type creatures - who will win the battle when they are pitted against each other?

We're still hopeful for a couple of parent volunteers either to help us actually in the Library for an hour or so a week, or if not possible we do have a job which can be taken away and done at home at your leisure. If you're interested just pop in to see us and we can explain more.

Student Fundraising Success

During the school holidays a group of St Martins Year 7/8 students collected money for CanTeen at St Martins New World. **The students were Cara Reid, Jimmy Sutton, Holly Flintoff, Isabella Barrie and Duncan Gardner.** They raised \$331.00.

As part of their Term One inquiry project the group has decided to raise money and participate in the Shave Your Lid for A kid event. Some of these students along with some others from the senior school are planning on shaving their heads during an upcoming assembly on Friday 26th of May. There could also be two female staff members who may shave their locks for the cause.



If you would like to donate and support this cause in the meantime, please visit the link below for more information: <https://give.everydayhero.com/nz/shave-your-lid-for-a-kid>

The students will also be outside St Martins New World on Tuesday 9th May and Sunday 14th May.



There was a lot of fundraising at the end of last term and we are so very grateful to all the students and their families who donated to our worthy causes. **Lucia, Gabriella and Finn from the Student Council Fundraising Committee** went to Ronald McDonald House with a box of Easter Goodies and a generous cheque. Another amazing fundraising effort was Room 16 and 17's cupcake fundraiser. They raised a whopping total of \$764.40 and this was donated to Kidscan and Fill Their Lunchbox - both very worthwhile charities.

On Saturday 8th April we held a Sausage Sizzle at St Martins New World. We had so much fun and we made heaps of money. All of the money will go to the Child Cancer Foundation. The total raised was \$431.00. Thanks to all of the people who bought a sausage and who donated extra money.

Monte, Emma, Holly W, Isabella L, Michaela and Fergus.



Term Dates to Remember

4th May

School Cross Country

9th May

South Christchurch

Music Festival rehearsal

14th May

Mothers' Day

18th May

Year 5 to 8 Winter

Sports begins

5th June

Queen's Birthday

School Closed

14th June

South Christchurch

Music Festival Rehearsal

20th/21st June

South Christchurch

Music Festival

27th June

School closes at

12.30pm to enable

Year 0-8 Reporting

Conferences to take

place

Student Achievement

Future All Whites in the making!

Congratulations to Year 8 students Yusi van Dam (Grade 12) and Miles Holder (Grade 13) who were selected for the Mainland Federation Talent Centre Football camp that was held in the School holidays. The boys were selected out of players from Canterbury, Nelson and Malborough. Well done and we hope you both enjoyed the experience.

School News

Student Council Blog

We are happy to say that the new Student Council blog is up and running! We will post updates and reminders about upcoming events happening at school. On this blog you can also see what is happening on the Student Council for 2017. If you wish to access the Student Council blog, there is a link on the school website that will take you there. Thanks.

The Communication Committee

www.stmartins.school.nz > Community > Student Council

Remember school lunches can be ordered online!

A reminder that you can now order Subway online. Go to www.subway.co.nz/schools You will still be able to order via the envelope system in the office but we do encourage you to order online. There has been a price increase and some changes to the menu so please do not use any old Subway order forms you may have at home. Please note that correct change is required for the envelope orders and as we do not hold much cash in the office we are not able to provide change. We also run the very popular Lunch Online programme where you can order sushi, rice balls, quiche, mini pizza, filled rolls and more. Go to www.lunchonline.co.nz Subway and Lunch Online lunches are available each Wednesday and Friday.

Community Notices

Predator Free Port Hills

The Summit Road Society has a new initiative whereby they are developing a trap library so Port Hills Residents can trap possums, rats and stoats in their backyards. This should lead to an increase in our native bird population. If you live in Huntsbury, Hillsborough or the Vernon Valley and would like to host a trap please contact Sally Hickling by emailing buzzybeesw@hotmail.com

The Dyspraxia Support Group holds fun groups for children aged between 5 to 13 years of age on Saturday afternoons during term time. The groups participate in a programme put together and delivered by a team of enthusiastic supervisors. If you have a child or know a child with Developmental Dyspraxia/DCD who would be interested in attending, please contact Sue on 358 3249 or email dyspraxia.centre@xtra.co.nz.