



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

It was great to see so many parents turn up for the S'Mart Community get together and AGM last week. The S'Mart Community is an important part of what makes our 'community' work and in many ways the glue that holds it together. Our school prides itself on the strength of connection that we have with our community and S'Mart Community plays a key role in making sure that there is opportunity for these connections to be made for the benefit of our children. If you haven't already, take a look at the S'Mart Community website www.smartcommunity.org.nz and while you're online have a look at the revamped school website www.stmartins.school.nz

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**

Cell phones at school

Children are not permitted to have cellphones during the day, while at St Martins School. The procedure is very simple. When children arrive at school the phones are to be left at the school office where they are kept securely. Children can collect the device after school. (In the event of an emergency the phones are taken to the assembly point as part of our evacuation procedures)

Kind regards

Rob Callaghan
Principal

End of term Assembly

At the end of 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. We hope you are able to come to celebrate the success of our students.

School News

Canterbury Duathlon results

On Monday 27th March we had 30 students brave the pouring rain to compete in the Canterbury Primary Schools duathlon at Ruapuna Raceway. All students did extremely well considering the trying conditions.

We had several place within the top ten for their age group. Results are listed below. (Those making it into the top 10 are highlighted.)



9 year girls and boys	10 year girls and boys	11 year girls and boys	12 year girls and boys
Juliette Fink - 16th	Ruby Young - 9th	Emily Jones - 4th	Annabel Bligh - 5th
Amelie Fink - 17th	Hannah Hughes - 10th	Cara Reid - 5th	Isabella Levestem - 29th
Minah van Dam - 36th	Olivia McCoy - 17th	Emma Cartwright - 16th	Ollianda Clinton-Watts - 49th
Alice Vetcher - 37th	Stella Shields - 28th	Jenna Davison - 31st	Finn Howard - 4th
Josh Bligh - 10th	Jeremy Frew - 69th	Dom Croucher - 35th	They Fink - 13th
Max Groer - 19th	Jack Vetcher - 77th	Yusi van Dam - 36th	Bruno Clausen - 39th
Lewis Taylor - 31st	Daniel McLaughlin - 79th	Max Parsons - 45th	Monte Clausen - DNF
Jordan Anngow - 58th		Fergus Wilson - 64th	

Kids' Lit Quiz results

Last week we had two teams compete in the Kids' Lit Quiz regional heat. This heat is the largest in NZ with 72 teams and both our teams came in the top 25 - one placed 11th, the other 16th. It was hard fought with 10 rounds of questions about a huge range of books and reading ranging from Saints, through Portals to Pigs! Well done to all who took part, you did an amazing job!

House T-Shirts - pre-order now!

You can now pre-order a House t-shirt at the office. They come in sizes 8 to 14 and are at the great price of only \$15 each. See the samples in the office for Bowenvale, Glenelg, Huntsbury and Rāpaki. They look great! You can pay by cash, cheque, Eftpos or straight into the school account. If paying to the school account please state your child's name and 'House T-shirt' so we can identify your payment.



Subway lunch changes - you can order online!

From Term 2 there will be some changes to the Subway lunches. Subway have taken salami off their menu and replaced it with chicken strips. They have also taken off flavoured milk and added Fruit Crush Ups. There are slight price increases for all items. The exciting news is you will be able to order online. 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. 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. Please note each Wednesday and Friday we still run the Lunch Online programme www.lunchonline.co.nz

Off the Shelf



It's hard to believe that the term is galloping to an end! We will be encouraging children to borrow books for the holiday to keep up with their reading but there are also a number of items they can access from home - on the library website there is a section on **AUTHORS AND BOOKS** which gives access to many, many websites - a different type of reading for your children, encouraging them to investigate the authors and characters they love. Don't forget too the great courses which will run at Christchurch City Libraries, there is link on Access-it dashboard to the course brochure. Both Access-it and the Library Website can be found via the School website

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A poem by Rata Airey - Year 8 Room 12.

Creases scar his face like crevasses between waves.

His eyes are pools of knowledge, they've seen everything since the beginning of time. You can see memories of light and happiness, darkness and pain, that glint in their depths.

White frost coats his hair highlighting the few locks of brown that are left. Lips twitch upwards. fathomless eyes smile, lines radiating from his eyes deepen.

I recognise him immediately, it's Mr. P.

Sausage Sizzle!

On Saturday 8th April at 1pm until 3pm outside St Martins New World, students from Room 18 and 19 will be having a sausage sizzle! Sausages will be available for \$2 but feel free to donate more as all money will go towards the Cancer Foundation.



Hello, we are the Student Voice Committee and we have been given a slot in this newsletter to write about different subjects.

This week we interviewed the two new teachers to St Martins School, Mr Lean Massey and Miss Ngan. We asked some simple questions about their favourite things.

Mr Lean Massey

Favourite food: Sushi

Favourite hobby: Mountain Biking

Previous job(s): Teacher, Lawyer & a Musician

Favourite movie: Princess Bride

Favourite colour: Blue

Favourite animal: Tiger



Miss Ngan

Favourite food: Pizza & chips

Favourite hobby: Skateboarding & running

Previous job: Kiwi Bank

Favourite movie: Napoleon Dynamite

Favourite colour: Gold

Favourite animal: Kitten



Make sure you go say hi to these new teachers to make them feel welcome to St Martins School

From the Student Voice

Headed by Annabel Bligh and Isabella Paerata

Term Dates to Remember

6th April

Year 0-3 Conferences

from 3.30pm

7th April

Fortnightly Coffee catch

up in hall from 8.30pm

11th April

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from 3.30pm

11th April

BOT meeting in the

staffroom - 6.30pm

13th April

End of term School

Assembly 1.30pm

14th April

Good Friday - school

closed. School holidays

begin!

1st May

Term 2 begins

4th May

School Cross Country

9th May

South Christchurch

Music Festival rehearsal

Community Notices

HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

We are coming up to High School Open Day season. For those in Year 8 and possibly even Year 7, it is time to start thinking about your secondary school education. Here are some Open Days we have been advised of. Please contact other schools directly for information.

Cashmere High School - Tuesday 23rd May 4pm to 6.30pm in the McCombs Performing Arts Centre - entrance off Barrington or Rose Streets.

Mark Wilson (Principal) will address visitors at 4pm and 5pm. Guided school tours at 4.30pm and 5.30pm. www.cashmere.school.nz ph 3329129

St Margarets College - Monday 8th May 10.30am to 1pm. Principal's address at 11.45am.

For additional information ph 3532563 or email

enrol@stmargarets.school.nz

Shirley Boys' High School - Thursday 25th May 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Commencing in the Assembly Hall. Entrance off North Parade.

www.shirley.school.nz

Avonside Girls' High School - Thursday 25th May 5pm to 7pm.

Commencing in the Gymnasium. Principal Mrs Sue Hume and student reps will address visitors. www.avonside.school.nz ph 3897199

Christchurch Boys' High School - 23rd May 4pm to 7pm - Meet in School Foyer. Headmaster will speak every half hour from 4pm.

www.cbhs.school.nz

Get School Ready

An evening of free professional advice and ideas on preparing your child for school. The Ōpāwaho Learning Cluster is a team of school and Early Childhood Centres that work together. St Martins School is a part of this cluster. This free evening will be presented by Michaela Allen.

Michaela will answer your school transition concerns whilst teaching you invaluable tips and tricks to help get your child ready for school.

Tuesday 16th May from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Hillview Christian School gymnasium - upstairs. RSVP by 9th May via the link:

goo.gl/forms/bwBMjFxDIsCiwXFC3 or visit our Facebook event to

register your interest: www.facebook.com/events/1830729003861090/

Nanny/Nana/Teacher Aide

We are looking for a friendly, experienced person to look after our two children from 7am to 8.30am Tuesday to Thursday starting 2nd May. You need to get the kids up, give them breakfast, get them ready for school and drop them off at Hillview Christian School. Must have own car and handy to the Opawa area. Pay to be discussed and references required. Phone Heidi on 3812963 or 0274206699

Dental Care over the school holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the holidays. This service provides relief of pain only and will not undertake routine treatment. The service will be available each work day from 8.45am until 12.30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street by appointment only. Phone 0800 846 983