



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

All good things come to an end and it is with great sadness we farewell our trusty bursar and office staff member, Pam Greenslade after 27 years of loyal service for the community of St Martins School. Many of you will know Pam and the great work she has done for our school over several decades and will understand it is a difficult role for us to fill.

We have just completed the appointment process and it is with great pleasure we can announce to our community that Megan Moore, who is also a parent of our school, will begin in the bursar position at the start of Term 4.

It has been fantastic getting around the classrooms and seeing the exciting things children are doing in preparation for the Film Festival 'Through the Lens'. Going into classrooms at anytime I have seen children filming, acting, editing or directing. Having seen snippets of these amazing creations we are in for a real treat!

As a result of some amazing work the Year 5/6 Eco Group are involved in there have been some startling new initiatives that will happen for St Martins School in the very near future. This week we received a special gift from Beeline of a beehive and soon to arrive a family of bees who will soon be pollinating and producing honey for St Martins School. More information will be shared with you by the Eco Team about this wonderful project.

In addition to this, New World St Martins are very generously donating a Bee house with 50 hibernating bees, a mounting post, wildflower seeds and a bumble bee nesting box. The bees are leaf cutter bees which are gentle, pollinating specialists. They don't make honey and therefore don't aggressively defend their hives. The 50 bees inside will be dormant and won't emerge until it has been 21 degrees celsius for 21 days (non-consecutive). To learn more about our declining bee population check out this awesome new website <https://www.beegap.co.nz>

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan
Principal

School News

Year 7/8 Open Night - Thursday Sept 7 6.30pm to 7.30pm

Off the Shelf



This week we've had a lovely addition to our Library called 'Christchurch - Our Underground Story' a lift the flap book for children describing the underground infrastructure of Christchurch since the repair and recovery post the 2010/1011 earthquakes. The book came to us via Downer and Hudson's Grandfather - thank you. If you'd like to take a look at it call in and see, I can see this being a lovely book for the teachers to share with their classes. There's also a few long awaited titles being added to stock including David Walliams' Worlds Worst Children 2, Dog Man - a tale of two kitties and The 91 Storey Treehouse, the last of the ever popular Treehouse books, wonder what Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton will come up with next?

Come along to Room 18 and 19 to meet the Year 7/8 teachers and learn about the special programmes that are only available to our Year 7/8 students here at St Martins School. See students showcasing their amazing work and listen to some ex-St Martins students as they share about their experiences of transitioning to high school.

Te Wiki o Te Māori - Week 8, September 11 to 15

Week 8 will be a time to celebrate and share in Te Reo Māori, as it is Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. We will be holding our Nga Mihi competition during this week. This is where representatives from each pod will be sharing their Nga Mihi with us. This is to encourage speaking of Te Reo within St Martins School as well as acknowledging and celebrating Te Reo as one of Aotearoa's official languages.

When: Friday 15th September during school assembly

What: Kapahaka, Waiata, Nga Mihi finalists

Who: Juniors (0-4) will each speak for 10 to 20 seconds, Seniors (5-8) will each speak for 1 minute.

We are so looking forward to sharing and listening to our students mihimihi.

THE HIVE HAS ARRIVED!

The Year 5/6 Eco Action group, the Plight of the Bees, would like to announce the arrival of our hive!

At Monday's syndicate assembly we were lucky enough to have Adrienne and Brian from Beeline, Dunedin, come along to deliver our hive. They shared a lot of interesting and helpful facts about how we can care for our bees. They generously donated some vital beekeeping



equipment including the Bee Bible, a smoker, a scraper and a bee brush. The Plight of the Bees are currently organising the arrival of our nuc of bees, and once they are installed in their new home we should be all up and running. We will keep you updated!

Celebrating Student Success

Congratulations to Billy Knight, one of our Year 8 students in Room 11. Billy received the award for 2017 Junior Hockey Umpire of the Year for outstanding service to Avon-St Michael's Hockey. Billy has worked hard at umpiring so it is wonderful to see he has been acknowledged for his dedication, skill and knowledge of the umpire role.

Congratulations to Miles Holder (Grade 13 boys) a Year 8 student in Room 13, Yusi van Dam (Grade 12 boys), a Year 8 student in Room 18, Ruby Young (Grade 11 girls), a Year 7 student in Room 18 and Jessica Fastier (Grade 12 non travelling reserve), a Year 7 student in Room 19. They all made the Canterbury Representative Football teams this year. They will play against other South Island teams in competitions held in Queenstown and Blenheim held in the last week of the October school holidays. Well done and good luck!

Student Poetry

Standing tall
Lustre snow eddies down
Coldness envelopes, feeling weak, but not.

Silhouettes loom ahead
Echoes of mocking words reverberate
Feeling free, but not.

A solitary glimpse of sun shines through
Two paths await
One light, one dull
I knew now path was destined for me
Feeling ready, but not.

By Hannah Hughes, Year 6 Room 17

Tru Talent Youth Theatre Company sessions are held at St Martins School in the Learning Room on Mondays from 4pm to 4.45pm for 7 to 12 year olds.

The charge is \$120.00 per term and bookings are now available for Term 4. Trudy-Anne Rowe is highly skilled in Arts Education.

To find out more or to register email trutalent@xtra.co.nz or check out Facebook <https://m.facebook.com/TruTalentYouthTheatreCompany/>

I asked a little boy who cannot see
And what is colour like?
Brown is the colour of bark that kids play on.
Green is the colour of grass growing in a paddock,
And black is the colour of cannonballs
blasting and booming across was torn fields,
And orange is the colour of the sun rising in
the morning.
Red is the colour of fire blazing on a cold
day licking the glass in the fireplace.
And pick is the colour of a thunderstorm,
rain falling to the ground.
And white is the calm colour of your dreams.
Silver the shiny metallic colour of flashing
light,
Gold is a colour of a happy sunny day filled
with the sound of children's laughter.

Adapted by George Cook year 4, Room 3



Community Notices

Book Fair - Books Wanted!

St Martins Scouts will be attending Stavely Camp in January 2018 and we need your help. The cost per scout is around \$500 each so we are holding a Book Fair on Saturday and Sunday 145th/15th October from 9am to 3pm. Do you have any quality pre-loved books to donate? If so drop them at the door of the scout den at 297 Centaurus Road on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons/evenings or email Tanya at cubs@smartscouts.co.nz to arrange collection. Please no Mills & Boon, magazines, music or video tapes. Thanks for your support!!

The Homework Club Holiday Programme

The Homework Club are currently taking bookings for 2 - 13th October for the following programmes based on two age groups:

5-9 years programme at Landsdowne Terrace Community Centre, Landsdowne Terrace, Cashmere

9-13 years programme based at St Marks Church, cnr Somerfield and Barrington Streets

The club offers a high standard of quality care and operate from 8am to 6pm during the holidays.

We also have before and after school care programmes that operate during the term time from 7.30am for before school and from 3 to 6pm for after school. You are most welcome to visit our

website www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or email Sara info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz for further information.

Mainland Football October Holiday Programme

Available from 1 to 3 consecutive days, suitable for children aged 7 to 14 years. Each session includes skill-based training, so kids can learn the tricks and techniques to become better players.

<http://www.mainlandfootball.co.nz/whole-of-football-plan/holiday-football/>

October Holiday Programme

CASPA is now accepting enrolments for the up and coming October Holiday programme. Please book online via caspa.aimyplus.com or phone 349 9260 www.caspa.org.nz

Beckenham Tennis Club

New members and coaching opportunities at Beckenham Club. From beginners to the more advances, children and adults. www.beckenhamtennisclub.co.nz

Heathcote Cricket for Juniors, Registration Day Saturday 23 September

The club run a range of teams for boys and girls. Go to www.heathcote.co.nz for details.

11 - 15 September

Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori. Nga Mihi competition at assembly on the 15th. See information in this newsletter for more details.

13 September

Year 7 and 8 ski trip to Mt Hutt.

Christchurch Schools' Music Festival rehearsal at Shirley Boys High for Year 5 to 8 Senior Choir

21 & 26 September

Year 0/3 conferences for some students.

27-28 September

Through the Lens Film Festival.

29 September

Last day of Term 3.

16 October

Welcome back to the final term for 2017!