



St Martins School

Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga Inspiring a passion for learning



NEWSLETTER 3

9 March 2017

“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

‘Our Best Always’ is the vision statement that sits alongside our school’s key mission of ‘Inspiring a Passion for Learning’. While the concept of ‘always doing your best’ is an ideal, this is the direction we are pushing towards. One of the vehicles that we use to carry this is our Values and Beliefs.

Through our Values and Beliefs we encourage the children to make the best choices and to ‘do the right thing’. These are the messages we have been promoting strongly and we will continue to do so. It is part of growing up, and learning social norms, that children sometimes say or do things that they shouldn’t.

For that reason we need to be there at the right time to work through the ‘impact’ of these behaviours on those in our learning environment. We believe St Martins School has strong systems and processes for dealing with concerns ranging from ‘minor issues’ right through to ‘bullying’. But we do need to check that our beliefs around this are accurate, and so to that end we will be reviewing with our children what it is like to be at St Martins School. The review will be led by the principal and deputy principal but will be utilising our newly created Student Council team ‘Student Voice’ to help gather a picture of our children’s views and perceptions.

At the end of the day our Values and Beliefs are realised when our children choose ‘to do the right thing’ and for the right reasons. We want a safe, caring and dynamic environment for our children to learn in so we need to make sure that that is what we are providing at St Martins. We will keep you informed as this review progresses.

Reminder - Scooters and Bikes

Please make sure that your children are aware that scooters and bikes need to be ‘walked’ not ‘ridden’ down the driveway and through the apron outside the school gate after school. With so many people the likelihood of an accident makes this a potentially dangerous activity. Your support is appreciated.

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan
Principal

CHRISTCHURCH SCHOOLS MUSIC FESTIVAL AUDITIONS

Applications are open for students wishing to audition for the Special Choirs and Orchestra for the Christchurch Schools Music Festival in October. Students will need to be in Year 5 to 8 and be proficient in playing of musical instruments for the orchestra and be a confident singer for the Special Choir. The website link is http://musicfestival.school.nz/?page_id=907

and contains detailed information regarding the auditions. Our school code this year is 1234 for this application. St Martins has always had students involved in these auditions and have had many students achieve these sought after positions. If you need any clarification about these auditions please contact Miss Rowe by email - trudyr@st.martins.school.nz



Term Dates to Remember

9th March

SCHOOL CLOSSES AT

12.30PM FOR ALL

STUDENTS DUE TO

GOAL SETTING

CONFERENCES

9th March

Year 4 to 8 Goal Setting

Conferences.

14th March

Zone swimming

15th to 17th March

Book Fair in library 8.30am

to 3.30pm. Eftpos

available.

15th to 17th March

Second hand uniform sale

in the library - please take

any clean, saleable items

to the office by Tuesday

14th March. Gold coin

donation to sell items.

16th March

Year 4 to 8 Goal Setting

Conferences. School

closes at normal time - 3pm

School News



This is what our Lost Property often looks like! There is a lot of it and we don't have the time to sort through it. Would there be parent willing to spend a wee bit of time each week going through it and finding owners for the named items? If so please see Diane in the office. And please, please, please name all of your school uniform!!

BLANKET PERMISSION FORMS

Last year our school families were sent Blanket permission forms for each child. This gave permission for students to attend Level 1 and Level 2 events without obtaining a signed permission form each time. As new families enrol at school, blanket permission is sought at this time.

As a reminder, **Level 1** activities are at school or in the immediate local area and cover such events as sports, fun days, nature studies etc.

Level 2 events are off-site occurring in school time and finish no later than 4pm. For example zone sports, team sports, museum trips.

Parents are advised if the event will finish later than 3.15pm. Parents will be told of all of these events, however they will not need to provide written consent each time as the blanket permission form covers this.

Level 3 activities such as water activities (excluding swimming sports), rock climbing etc and **Level 4** activities (overnight such as camp) will always require a signed permission form for each event.

If you have any questions about this please talk to your class teacher or office staff.

ICAS TESTING - Year 4 to 8

ICAS tests are being run again this year for Year 4 to 8 students who would like to participate. Notices are being sent home via classroom teachers. The available exams are:

Digital Technologies, Tue 23 May (\$9.50)

Science Wed 30 May (\$9.50)

Writing, Mon 12 June (\$20.50)

Spelling, Wed 14 June (\$11.50)

English, Tue 1 Aug (\$9.50)

Mathematics, Tue 15 Aug (\$9.50)

Payment for the exams can be made by cash, cheque, Eftpos or directly into the school bank account. Exam papers will not be ordered for students who have not paid for the tests in full by the closing date. Forms need to be handed into the office by Thursday 23rd March.



LOST

One of our students has lost a very precious bone carved pendant on a pale knotted string. It was possibly lost in the school grounds/hall in the last two weeks. Please hand in to the office if found.

Off the Shelf



A couple of weeks ago we were lucky enough to have Kim from Christchurch City Libraries outreach team come and see our Year 0-4 children. She read some stories, a personal favourite being the trumpesque Don't Cross the Line, one to be read on many levels! She also talked about new books such as the Upside Down Magic series (on order for St Martins) which she described as Harry Potter for younger children and also told us about the huge range of services available from the City Libraries - borrowing up to 30 items, clubs, reading to dogs etc. If you're not a member of the libraries but would like to join we have some forms, drop in and see us in the School Library or send me an email and I'll send a form home with your child. A great service and all at NO cost to children!

Performing Arts

Hi everyone, Danial Neale here. You may already know me as the mentor of the St Martin's school rock band. You may also be aware that I am a private guitar and drum tutor. I now have a few time slots that have become available for either drum or guitar students, with the option of having the lessons at the school. If anybody is interested in learning either guitar or drums please let Diane at the office know or contact me directly on 0278211544 or email lessons@rockitchch.com



Tru Talent Youth Theatre Company at St Martins School in 2017!

Tru Talent Youth Theatre Company is a space and place for youth to explore and share their own stories through drama and performance arts. Students will be able to explore performance skills, in a safe environment and be able to devise their own performances. This gives an empowered experience for students and lets them have a voice!

It is an innovative project, led by Trudy-Anne Rowe, who is highly skilled and experienced in Arts education and an experienced performer and professional director herself. Trudy-Anne Rowe is Head of the Performing Arts at St Martins School.

It has always been on the "bucket list", so it is time to get amongst it and bring to the Youth of Otautahi.

Sessions are being held at St Martins School, in the Learning Room on Mondays, starting Week Three, Term One.

3.15-4.00 - 5-8 year olds
4.00-4.45 - 9-12 year olds
4.45-5.30 - 13+ year olds
\$80 Term One start up, one off special!
Term Two-Four - \$120 per term.

Contact Trudy-Anne Rowe on trulent@xtra.co.nz or check out the Tru Talent Youth Theatre Facebook page <https://m.facebook.com/TruTalentYouthTheatreCompany/>

Student Writing

All of us were shocked and saddened at the intensity and size of the fires that ravaged our lovely Port Hills recently. Rosie was inspired to write this very descriptive piece to share with us.

The Port Hills Fire

The blazing crimson flames tore away dry and charred the trees. It crackled and roared while helicopters zoomed and soared trying to put it out. The insanely dry grass was being devoured and the sunburnt hills are being burnt to crisps, the billowing smoke blackening the air, the wind ferociously blowing the menacing charcoal clouds, dyeing the sky.

By Rosie Gamble Year 6 Room 14



Community Notices

What a 3-7 Year Old Needs to Learn. Nathan Mikaere-Wallis Parent Evening, 10th April 2017

Internationally renowned neuroscience educator Nathan Mikaere-Wallis is coming to talk to parents in the Ōpāwaho Cluster about 'What a 3-7 Year Old Needs to Learn'. Nathan will also include in his talk how we can help children who display anxiety.

Monday 10th April, 7.30pm, Beckenham School Hall, \$5 ticket payable at door - numbers are limited, to secure your seat go to <https://goo.gl/forms/ofL9jf4nH3VQqcVB3>



Bring your kids to after school Orienteering on Monday 13th March.

Meet at the St Martins School adventure playground at 3.15pm. Maps will be provided, no experience is necessary and instruction will be available. No charge.

St Martins Scouts Ice Skating Fundraiser - Sunday 9th April 4.30pm to 6.30pm

The St Martins Scout Group is holding a fundraiser to help us do up our den once the EQ repairs have been completed - new paint job, new back door, better storage, new carpet, new equipment etc. Come along to Alpine Ice Arena at 495 Brougham St, tickets \$15, includes skate hire. There will also be a couple of raffles running. For ticket sales or if you would like to donate something to the raffle please email Tanya: cubs@smartscouts.co.nz



Job Opportunity - Part time telephone advertising sales role. Ideal for parents seeking school hours. Hourly rate plus commission. Contact Sally Fitzsimmons at Core recruitment - 03 928 2290

Lyttelton Rugby Club - looking for new members to join our great club. Also starting an under 8's all girls ripper team. All new members will receive a gear bag, beanie, socks, mouth guard and a jacket. Subs are \$40 for one child and \$60 for two or more children from the same family. Please contact Linda on 328 7471 or 027 385 9392.

Redcliffs Mount Pleasant Bowling Club Have a Go Day - Sunday 19th March 1pm to 3pm

Give Lawn Bowls a go. Bring the whole family. Free to attend. Free sausage sizzle. Spot prizes. www.redcliffsbowls.co.nz



Highland Dancing Class - Saturday morning lessons

Classes held at the Scottish Society Hall, cnr Edgware and Caledonian Roads from April to August. Boys and girls 4 years and over are welcome to join. For further information contact Cushla Piesse ph 352 7251 Email: cp.piesse@orcon.net.nz

HOMES TO RENT

Tidy and warm 3 bedroom flat for rent in the St Martins School zone - Flat 1 - 28 Hillsborough Terrace. Available from 28 March. \$450 per week. See Trademe #FEK 184. Be in quick. Phone 02102763445.

3 bedroom, 2 storey rear section home to rent at 12B Ford Road, Stream boundary, spa pool, gas hot water, double garage. \$480.00 per week. Phone or text Omar on 0277104755. (Please note this is not in the St Martins School zone)