



**St Martins School**

*Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga*  
Inspiring a passion for learning



29 January 2015

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Families.

Welcome back to St Martins School for 2015. We hope you have all had a safe, happy and restful summer holiday break and are now energised for the year ahead!

We look forward to seeing all the familiar faces back at school and to also meet with new students and families. If you see someone new make sure you make them feel welcomed into our wonderful school community. Here is the list of new students who start today or within the next week .

**New Entrant Students:** Nicholas Capaldi, Isla Ramsay, Rosa Sakarai-Sarll, Matilda Williams, Noah Hunter, Isaac Conner-Watson, Callum Coles, Abaigh Kelly-McDonald, Mackay Boswell, Fizza Siraj, Lara Webber.

**Students starting in other syndicates:** Tristan Dunlop - ex Rudolf Steiner, Flynn McAlpine - ex Burwood School, Thomas Ball - ex Linwood Ave School, Rowan Bouwmeester - ex Queenspark School, Patricia Reyes from the Phillipines, Catalina Williams returning from Argentina, Lucas and Amy Skelhorn from the UK, Jordan Anngow - ex St Pauls School, Talina Pattis - ex Seven Oaks School, Tessa Wyse returning from Scotland and James Shagov back with us for a term from France.

We are very excited to welcome two new teachers to St Martins School. Iona Rait joins the Year 5/6 syndicate and Gabby Petheram joins the Junior Syndicate.

There have been many changes made during the holidays and some work is still to be completed. The funky block, the swimming pool and the old toilet block have all been removed. The areas are being reinstated and new fencing will be installed in the near future. There have been some minor alterations made within the rooms and with a number of classes being 'moved about' the school there will be a new look and feel to St Martins. We are looking forward to a positive start to another successful school year.

We will be holding the Back To School Family Picnic and BBQ tomorrow (Friday 30th) from 4.30pm. Bring a picnic and join in the fun! There will be a free sausage sizzle and bring some spare change for a twirly potato, ice creams and coffee. Postponement date is Sunday 1st February.

A reminder that next Friday 6th February is Waitangi Day and school will be closed for the day.

Our school uniform is listed below. Please ensure children are wearing dark coloured shoes, preferably black, but navy and dark brown will be acceptable. This is a 'sunny term' so please make sure your children have a school sun hat.

**Compulsory Uniform:**

Polo shirt  
Bucket hat - Terms 1 & 4  
Long socks/Girls tights - navy blue  
Ankle socks/hideaway socks - white or navy blue  
Shoes - preferably black, but navy or dark brown are acceptable.

**Optional Uniform Items:**

Unisex cargo pants  
Senior Jacket - Year 7 & 8 only  
Long sleeved thermal  
Senior Scarf - Year 7 & 8 only

Polar Fleece Jacket  
Unisex shorts or girls skort

Winter Jacket  
Girls Summer royal blue gingham dress - Terms 1 & 4  
Beanie

Please ensure your child's uniform and hat are clearly named as we often have a pile of unnamed hats and fleeces in lost property and it is very hard to match them with the correct owner!

The first full school newsletter of the year will be coming out on **Thursday 5th February**. Newsletters are sent home fortnightly on a Thursday so look out for them on these dates for Term One:

**19th February**

**5th March**

**19th March**

**2nd April**

**Subway** school lunches will restart this year on **Wednesday 11th February**. Subway is available each Wednesday and Friday with orders needing to be placed in the school office before classes start for the day. Subway do not give change with the school lunch orders and we do not hold much cash in the office so please have the correct money for your order.

There may be times when you have questions about your child's education, the running of the school or just general queries. We are always available and happy to help you. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher before or after school, see one of the ladies in the office for general enquiries or call to arrange an appointment if you need more time to discuss any issues or concerns you may have.

We look forward to working with you and your family in 2015 to ensure your children have a positive, supportive and enjoyable learning experience at St Martins School.

Kinds regards,

*Rob Callaghan*

Principal