



NEWSLETTER 5

23 April 2015

“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

Welcome back to St Martins for the start of Term 2. A very special welcome to those families new to our school. We welcome:

To our New Entrant classes: Findlay Pearson, Griffith Newman, Lydia Watson, Oliver Sadler, Sebastian Low and Clement Arnold.

To other syndicates: Bailey Taylor - Room 4, Thelma Jolly - Room 21.

Newsletters are sent home fortnightly on a Thursday. This term our newsletters will be sent home on 23rd April, 7th May, 21st May, 4th June, 18th June and 2nd July. These newsletters and the S'Mart Community newsletters can also be found on our school website.

The roll continues to grow with 521 children at our school today. We are certainly back to pre-earthquake numbers, and with the loss of some classroom space we are tight for classroom accommodation. Consequently, the zone will remain closed. We wish to keep class sizes at a manageable level, relevant to the age of the children, (eg: we like to maintain class sizes of around 16 for New Entrants to ensure a strong start) but this means we use more space. Accepting out of zone enrolments at this time would impact on this strategy. The Board of Trustees is supporting our strategy of maintaining the lowest possible class sizes whilst ensuring that our special learning programmes and other support programmes are readily available.

With the start of a new term this is the time to make sure that your children arrive on time and are ready to start the day. Classes start at **8.50am** and children need to be present and ready to go! The impact that regular lateness has on the individual child is significant, without mentioning the disruption it can cause while a teacher 'catches' the child up. Please make every effort to ensure that your child is early for school.

Kind regards

Rob Callaghan

Part time short term office position available

We are looking for someone to fill the position of Office Support Worker on a Wednesday morning each week until the end of 2015 in the St Martins School office.

The person would need to be available each Wednesday and it would be preferred if they were available at other times if the need arises.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Michele Stephens in the office and she will send you an information pack. Applications for this position will need to include a one page CV and will close at 3.30pm on Friday 1st May.

Call in to see Michele in the office between 8am and 4pm or email:

micheles@stmartins.school.nz (phone 332-6121 ext 701)



Term Dates to Remember	Student Achievements			
April 27	Congratulations to all students on a successful first term of learning. The students listed below were selected by their teachers as standing out in either Effort, Learning or School Values. They each received certificates celebrating their achievement at the End of Term Assembly on Thursday 2nd April. It was wonderful to see so many parents, caregivers and other family members at the assembly. Well done to all students who received an award.			
Anzac Day celebration day				
School closed.				
April 30				
Canterbury Duathlon	Rm	Effort	Learning	Values
May 6	1	Samuel Wild	Talina Pattis	Xavier Ballantine
School Cross Country	2	Lucy Moore	Fergus McLaren	Layla Mobbs
Year 5 - 8	3	Tristan Dunlop	Alex Wallis	Taylah Russ
May 7	4	Thomas Hudson	Lara Etheridge	Amber McCavitt
Year 7/8 Winter Sports starts	5	Aroha Reihana	Jordan Spiewak	Leon Nixon
	6	Abaigh Kelly-McDonald	Mila Dijkstra	Isaac Conner-Watson
	7	Isla Ramsay	Leroy Harford	Fizza Siraj
May 8				
Year 5/6 Winter Sports starts	14	James Wood	Ryan De Bruin	Lucy Hudson
	15	Evelyn Low	Liam Dixon	Rowan Bouwmeester
	16	Kyla Elkayem	Olivia Farrell	Caleb Thorburn
May 20	17	Max Sakarai-Sarll	Max Walker	Jordan Anngow
Zone Cross Country Year 5 - 8 qualifiers	20	Maisy Cowie	Samuel Kenny	Noah Fanene
	21	Scarlett Boswell	Sofia Strange	Max Groer
June 1	8	Sam Cook	Grace Opie	Lucia Tod
Queens Birthday School closed.	9	Georgia Fleming	Bruno Clausen	Fergus Wilson
	11	Gabriella Wood	Pete Greenslade	Anna Crampton
	12	Daniel Limmer	Ollianda Clinton Watts	Rata Airey
June 10	13	John Doyle-Sims	Hayden Topperwien	Ruby Young
	18	Lily Pringle	Jonas Crellin	Ella Patterson
Year 0 -3 Reporting Conferences	19	Holly Reid	Paris Duerden	Kelley Broeksteeg
	22	Caleb Nieuwenhuize	Ben Tuffnell	Ruby Kenyon
	23	Zoe Onslow	Finn McFarlane	Amy Clough
June 18				
Year 0 -3 Reporting Conferences				
June 23				
Year 0 - 3 Reporting Conferences				

Library News



Unsurprisingly there has been a huge amount of publishing to commemorate the 100th anniversary of World War 1 and amongst it are some lovely picture books in particular. **Glyn Harper's Le Quesnoy** tells the story of the French town liberated by the New Zealand Division in 1918 without any loss of civilian life. David Metzenthen looks at the Remembrance Day in his powerful **One Minute's Silence** - supported by striking, barren illustrations the reader is invited to imagine how much can be remembered in one minute, looking at forces on both sides of the war and finally realising that the individual soldiers are not so different from each other. The image of disinterested youngsters at the front changing to alert individuals as the book finishes is very powerful. For younger readers **Peter Millett's The Anzac Puppy** tells the forgotten tale of Freda, the official mascot of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade who provided love, warmth and friendship to the Kiwi soldiers so far away from home.

Student Achievements

Canterbury Children's Athletics Association

Following their success at the Canterbury Children's Athletics Association 2015 Championships the following students were selected to represent Canterbury against Tasman in Nelson on March 22nd.

Here are their results:

Orla Dunlop - Grade 8 Girls: 200m - 3rd, Long Jump - 3rd

Jenna Davison - Grade 9 Girls: 100m - 1st, 200m - 2nd, Long Jump - 3rd

Jake Waldron - Grade 11 Boys: High Jump - 3rd, Shot Put - 4th

Congratulations to Orla, Jenna and Jake on their amazing efforts!

South Island School Orienteering Champs

St Martins School had a successful weekend at the South Island School Champs. The children tested their map reading skills and did admirably as you can see by the results below.

Orton Bradley Long Course:

Year 6 and Under Boys: **Jack Vetcher** - 1st

Year 6 and Under Girls: **Alice Vetcher** - 4th

Lincoln University Sprint Course:

Year 7 and 8 Boys Championship: **Louie Howell** - 5th

Year 7 and 8 Boys Standard: **Jake van Keulen** - 2nd

Year 7 and 8 Girls Standard: **Holly Cartwright** - 5th

Year 6 and Under Boys: **Jack Vetcher** - 7th

Year 6 and Under Girls: **Emma Cartwright** - 4th, **Alice Vetcher** - 5th, **Grace Howell** - 8th



A great effort by all involved. It would be great to get more children interested in orienteering and put some teams together for the Canterbury Champs in September. Orienteering is a lot of fun and you can learn new skills. If you are interested in seeing what orienteering is all about please contact Fiona Vetcher by email at: fionavetcher@outlook.com

Dawn - By Jake van Keulen Room 22 Year 7

The divine song of a solitary bird slices cleanly through the morning air,
As the first drops of crimson begin to seep into the expanse of the sky,
The bird sends the call, crisp and clear,
"The day has awoken".

The call is heard, far and wide,
From the sparrows frolicking amongst the flower beds,
To the worms that do hide in the fields spangled with dew.

And as the sun ascends steadily from the horizon,
Bathing the land in its golden apricity,
The world is alive with the joyous sounds,
Of a glorious day to come.



School News

WANTED - COACHES FOR WINTER SPORT

Two coaches/parents to supervise the Year 7 - 8 soccer teams and one coach for the Year 7 - 8 hockey team at Hagley Winter Sports on Thursday afternoons from 1.30pm to 3pm. Winter Sports starts on Thursday 7th May and runs to August in Term 3.

Please email Anita McGowan if you think you can help.

anitam@stmartins.school.nz



SCHOOL PHOTO ORDERS

You will have received your school photo order envelope by now. If you would like to order a school photo (various options available) then you must have your order into the school office by **Friday 15th May** at the latest. Payments need to be by cash or cheque made payable to Heritage Productions Ltd. One cheque is fine - just staple multiple orders together. You need to keep the ID photo of your child attached to the envelope for the order to be processed.



Year 0-3 Reporting Conferences Term 2 2015

Thursday, 18th June - from 3.30pm and Tuesday, 23rd June - from 3.30pm
Creche available in the library for children not attending conferences

Booking Online

Website: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Event code: **5FB25**

Bookings Open Tuesday 28th April

Online bookings close 2.00pm Friday, 12th June. If you are unable to book online please phone the school and we will book an appointment for you.

Community News

Circuit Training with Janelle Waldron on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 8.45am at the School hall. Everyone is welcome. Be fit, lose weight and tone up. All levels of fitness are catered for. \$8.00 per session. Come along and have a go! Janelle is a registered Personal Trainer. Call her on 337-1200 or 027-4642041 for more details.

Private Singing lessons available at school lunchtimes

Katie Tikao is still taking enrolments for lunchtime singing lessons at St Martins School. Individual lessons for children aged 6 years and up - \$17.00 for a 30 minute lesson, Monday to Thursday. Katie has completed a Diploma of Contemporary Music and Diploma in Performance Music and has completed her second year towards a Degree in Music at Vision College where she is Majoring in singing. If you are interested in lessons for your child please contact Katie directly on ph 027 818 4900 or ph 388 3360. You can also email her at yvonnetikao@xtra.co.nz

Speak Spanish - Spanish Language Institute

Beckenham School and Thorington School Clubs are open to all children - Tuesdays 3pm or 4pm (2 levels - beginners and advanced) Wednesdays 3.15pm - new students welcome this term. Children learn Spanish through games and fun activities.

Our institute is located in 59 Hewitts Road - Monday and Saturday options for children and parents aged 2 - 16. www.speakspanish.co.nz or 0800 ESPANOL (0800 3772665)