



“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

With winter sneaking up on us it is noticeably colder and darker in the mornings. Surprisingly one of the things we are seeing is that some children are arriving earlier and earlier. Sometimes as early as 7.45am. There is a 'Homework Club' service which opens at 7.30am going through to 8.40am (www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz phone 021 2741962) which offers supervision for children arriving early on a regular basis, or on those occasions where an early drop off is essential. It needs to be understood that our first bell rings at 8.30am and children are not supervised prior to this time. We ask all parents and caregivers to be mindful of children's safety, especially during these wintry months. On some mornings there are some organised events like music lessons, sport practices or mathematics club and this might give the impression of an earlier supervised opening time for all comers. That is not the case. For your child's safety we ask that parents and caregivers manage the arrival of children between 8.20am and 8.45am so that children are safe before school and ready on time to start school.

Some minor works will be starting at St Martins from the week of 25th May. The work will be in the afternoons/evenings (3.30pm to 6pm) and involves the grinding of trip hazards and filling of dips, as well as fixing some of the areas where water pools. This work should take about 3 weeks all going well.

Digital Technology and Cybersafety

As the result of an internal review we are updating our Digital Technology and Cybersafety Responsible User agreement with students. These changes reflect the evolution of Cybersafety with its focus on keeping students, equipment, and information safe; to digital citizenship with its broader focus of competence, awareness, and responsibility. Part of the process will include lessons, outlining the Responsible User agreement and what roles and responsibilities we all have when using the technology at school. This new policy will be uploaded on our SchoolDocs site and our school website.

School Production

We are all getting very excited about the upcoming St Martins School Production! There will be two performances to be held at The Aurora Centre, Burnside High School on Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 2nd July. Performances start at 7pm. There will be two rehearsals at the venue on the mornings of Tuesday 30th June and Wednesday 1st July - children will be transported to the venue from school for these rehearsals. More information will come out closer to the time.

Kind regards

Rob Callaghan

Term Dates to Remember

June 1

Queens Birthday

School closed.

June 10

Canterbury Cross Country

Year 5 - 8 qualifiers

June 18

Year 0 -3 Reporting

Conferences

June 23

Year 0 - 3 Reporting

Conferences

July 3

Last day of Term 2

July 20

Term Three begins

July 28

Year 4-8 Reporting

Conferences

School closes at 12.30pm

for all students.

July 29

Zones sports tournament

July 30

Year 4-8 reporting

Conferences. School

closes at the usual

time of 3pm.

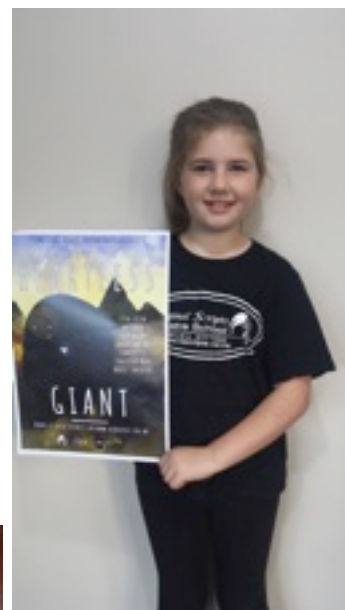
Student Achievements

Maddison is performing in the Kidsfest play "THE HEARTLESS GIANT" which runs from the 7-11 July. There are performances at 11am and 2pm and it will be held at Christ's College Old Boys' Theatre.

This production is being run by the Original Scripts theatre School.

Maddison is a St Martins School student in Room 13, Year 5. Help support Maddison and the rest of the cast by getting tickets via Dash Ticketing or the Kidsfest website - tickets go on sale in early June.

Well done Maddison for your involvement in this production. We know you will be a star!



Year 7/8 Market Day Success

3 weeks ago the Year 7/8 syndicate organised a Pacific Island themed Market Day to support Vanuatu. In groups, students made a range of craft items, and delicious food and drink.

We managed to collect a whopping \$1696 for Unicef. The money will be used to purchase a much needed water pump for a village in Vanuatu. Thanks so much to everyone who supported the event!

School News



St Martins School Policy Review Reporting to Parents Policy

1. Visit the website <http://stmartins.schooldocs.co.nz/1893.htm>
2. Enter the user name (stmartins) and password (huntsbury).
3. Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed.
4. Read the policy.
5. Click the Policy Review button at the right hand top corner of the page.
6. Select the reviewer type "Parent".
7. Enter your name (optional).
8. Submit your ratings and comments.

If you don't have internet access, school office staff can easily provide you with printed copies of the policy and review form. Please complete the review as soon as possible. We appreciate your input.

Library News



Last week I was lucky enough to hear David Walliams speak about his writing for children and was happy to see a number of familiar faces in the audience. I just hope those lucky children enjoyed him as much as I did.

Some of David's advice to budding young writers was to write a book which you would like to read yourself and to immerse yourself in reading, read widely. If you don't know his books they are well worth investigating and are proving hugely popular, reminiscent of Roald Dahl. They read aloud well and would make a good choice if you are looking for a bedtime read for a number of age ranges. Titles include **Gangsta Granny**, **Billionaire Boy** and his latest **Awful Auntie**. One book, **Ratburger**, was even inspired by a contestant on Britain's Got Talent - wonder if he ever knew? David has also turned his wit to picture books wonderfully illustrated by Tony Ross; **The first hippo on the moon** and **The slightly annoying elephant**.

School News

SMART Governance - News from the BoT

- We would like to acknowledge the amazing contribution of Pam Greenslade, who has resigned after 25 years as BoT secretary. Pam has added huge value to our Board and will be greatly missed. You will continue to see Pam around the school as she continues her role in the school office.
- We welcome Michele Stephens as Pam's replacement on the Board.
- Our staff have been surveyed about the new collaborative teaching arrangements. The rich and valuable feedback collected tells us that we are on the right path and identified ways that the BoT and management can support and develop this exciting initiative.

World Vision Famine - May 22-24: There are a number of students taking part in this year's Famine which is raising money for Bangladesh. Once the Famine weekend is over please return your booklet and money to the School Office. Sponsors can donate online which makes it easier and saves having to collect the money.



URGENTLY NEEDED!!

Electrical Testing we need some expert help this year. In the past we have checked all electrical goods with a team of helpers saving the school lots of money. This year with the change of Health and Safety regulations, we need the person using the testing machine to have an electrical background. If you would be able to help, send an email to - jennyw@stmartins.school.nz



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.

SAFE PARKING PRACTICES

The wet weather sometimes means that good parking practice is forgotten and even during good weather there can be issues with parking. Wherever you park, ensure you are parking in a safe and legal way. The safety of our children must always be more of a priority than getting the closest park to the school gates. Unfortunately we are still finding a small handful of parents and caregivers who are not willing to walk a bit further to ensure they have parked in a safe way. One continued area of concern is the corner of Roscoe Street and Lascelles Street.



Cars are often seen parking (illegally) on or extremely close to the corner of these streets. Cars parking in this manner make it impossible for children to see what is coming as they are trying to cross the road, and for other vehicles to see the children. Please consider child safety over your own convenience.

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.

St Martins School continues to collect old mobile phones for the Starship Children's Hospital.

Three great reasons to recycle your old phones:

1. Recycling phones raises funds for Starship Hospital
2. Recycling phones helps reduce the amount of hazardous waste that ends up in our landfills.
3. Recycling phones enables our school to gain exciting rewards.

Put your old phones in the Drop box in the School Office



Cashmere High School Open Day

On Tuesday 26th May from 4pm until 6.30pm Cashmere High School will be open for all prospective students and parents.

The principal, Mark Wilson, will address visitors at 4pm and again at 5pm. Guided school tours will be available at 4.40pm and 5.30pm.

Prospectus and info available on www.cashmere.school.nz - closing date for Year 9 enrolments for 2016 is 31st July 2015. It is vital that all out of zone applications are received prior to this date as there will be limited spaces available. For further info phone 332 9129.

Linwood College Welcome Open Night

Wednesday 27th May from 6p to 8pm. Enrolling now for 2016. www.linwoodcollege.school.nz

Shirley Boys' High School - Information Evenings and Open Day

Hosted by Headmaster, Mr Laurenson. Held each evening from **Monday 18th May to Thursday 21st May** from 6 to 7.30pm. Held in the Spartans Room.

Open Day - Thursday 4th June - starting at 6.30pm with the Headmaster's address then going around interactive displays. Closing date for enrolments for 2016 Year 9 students is 2nd August 2015.

Huntsbury Preschool - non profit parent co-operative with a fun, nurturing environment. Highly qualified and experienced teachers. Mon, Wed, Thurs and Fri - 8.30am to 12.45pm. \$15.00 per session for 2 year olds. 20 Free ECE hours for 3 & 4 year olds. Phone 332 6001 during session times.
Huntsbury Community Centre - 30 H Huntsbury Ave.



Short term rental available in St. Martins. Only \$200/ week. 3 bedroom house from June 13 - July 16, 2015. Spacious rooms, garden, kids and pet friendly. Only \$200/ week if you can feed our 4 chickens while we are away. Ideal for EQC or visiting friends/ family. St Martins Road near Fifield Terrace. Very central, close to school, town, hills and beaches! Please call 027 390 3971.

The Great Map Race is an event for families and school groups to give them a fun introduction to orienteering. It will happen in Hagley Park on Sunday 14th June from 10-1pm. Turn up any time between those times and stay as long or little as you want! Suitable for all ages, even babies in buggies! It is being run as a fund raiser for 5 Canterbury under 21 Juniors who have been selected to be in the New Zealand team to compete in the Junior World Orienteering Championships in Norway in July. The NZ team is 6 boys 6 girls, so these 5 Canterbury juniors are a large proportion of the full team! A range of activities will be available including an introductory orienteering course, a rogaine and a maze with electronic timing!
To help us with map printing numbers, please email your numbers to me at jean.corywright@gmail.com But don't worry if you forget to do this, you can still turn up! Join us in a fun way to support these great young people!