



## **“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”**

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

The first stage for our school renewal project is underway. The Board of Trustees is currently in the process, with the Ministry of Education, and a small cluster of schools, of appointing an architect to restart our Master Planning for our rebuild. It is expected that this part of the process will be completed over the next few weeks. The work proper on Master Planning will start at the end of this year or very early next year and should be completed by around April 2016. The detailed planning is expected to be completed following this with construction beginning in October 2016 and completed by the end of 2017. These are the expected timeframes based on the information supplied by the Ministry of Education. As things develop we will keep you informed.

You may have noticed CCC traffic wardens visible outside St Martins School and they have spoken with some parents (with some parents not being respectful). However this is about our children's safety and parents need to know that there will be no further warnings and tickets will be issued for parking infringements. Traffic wardens will continue to patrol the areas outside our school at random at regular intervals to ensure safe parking practices are being followed.

### **Scooters:**

It is wonderful to see children coming to school by scooter, however, what is puzzling is why so many take a different form of transport on the way home. On many nights of the week the caretaker can collect between 10 and 15 scooters that have been left behind. These are generally locked in his shed for safe keeping. Please be aware that this is done out of good will and there may be some nights when this is just not possible. While we will do our best, the school can not take responsibility for 'forgotten' scooters! There are some guidelines the caretaker has suggested should be shared with your children at home please.

- On arrival place scooter in the racks or hooks provided. Scooters should not be left in entrance ways as they can be tripping hazards.
- If you can, lock your scooter to the stand.
- Please remove scooters by 4pm. If attending an after school activity please remove the scooter before the activity and take it with you.
- Scooters must be named. The underside of the scooter is the most suitable place for this.
- Please don't scoot down the driveway or through pedestrians immediately outside the gate after school.
- Please check with the caretaker as soon as possible after you realise a scooter has been forgotten (Some can be there for months before being collected)

We appreciate your co-operation in sharing and reminding your children about these 'scooter guidelines'. We will do the same from our end. Thank you.

Kind regards  
Rob Callaghan

## Term Dates to Remember

**June 18**

Year 0 - 3 Reporting

Conferences from 3.30pm

**June 23**

Year 0 - 3 Reporting

Conferences from 3.30pm

**July 3**

Last day of Term 2 - school finishes at 3pm

**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.

**August 27**

Canterbury Winter

Tournament

**September 3**

Postponement date for

Canty Winter Tournament

# Student Achievements



## Year 7/8 Canterbury Spelling Quiz

On Wednesday 3rd June, we had four Year 7/8 teams participate in the *Otago Times Extra Canterbury Spelling Quiz*. Categories included: proofreading, abbreviations, dictionary skills, roots and endings, word origins and spelling. Our four teams placed incredibly well (out of 81 teams)!

Team 1: Amy, Nyah and Rosie - 4th equal  
Team 4: Holly R, Lena and Jonas - 4th equal  
Team 3: Evie, Lily S and Jake vK - 7th equal  
Team 2: Paris T, Rosa and Sam C - 13th equal

Well done teams! We are now looking ahead to the Canterbury Current Events Quiz which is being held in September. We will have a syndicate wide challenge early next term to help select teams.



Year 7/8 C football team won 3 - 0 last Thursday. This is the first game they have won so it was a great feeling! Cooper got player of the day saving many goals. Well done team - maybe some inspiration gained from watching some of the exciting FIFA games.

### Parent Reading Helpers for Terms 3 and 4

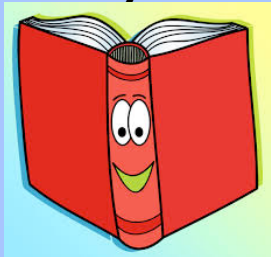
We have a wonderful group of parents, grandparents and friends of the school who come in to hear children read each week. However we could help more children if more people could participate.

If you have a spare hour a week and feel that you like to work with children in a one to one situation come and see Cate van Leuven, the Reading Recovery teacher, in her room or enquire at the office.

**World Vision Famine** : Well done to the students who took part in the World Vision Famine. Please now return your booklet and money to the School Office. Sponsors can donate on line which makes it easier and saves having to collect the money. Even if all your money has ben paid online please return your booklet. So far over \$2000.00 has been raised! Well done!!



## Library News



Recently we've been visiting Year 3/4 classes to talk about our 24 access to the Library catalogue and what it offers: identifying titles, reserving books, renewing items, checking on current loans and reservations. Ask your child about what they can do and how they can access the collection - we're showing them how to be fabulously responsible library users! Access is via the School's website - Learning/Library/Library website, we've suggested to the children that they create a bookmark on the home computer to save all the clicks to get there! If you already have the site bookmarked you may need to update it, there has been a change in the address so if you're still getting an error message now would be a good time to re-bookmark us!

## Student Council News



The Student Council Environment Committee would love your support to collect for the **Colgate Community Drive**.

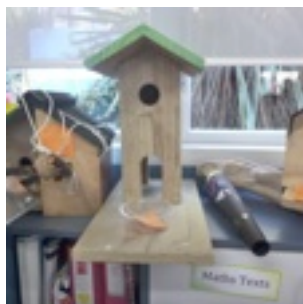
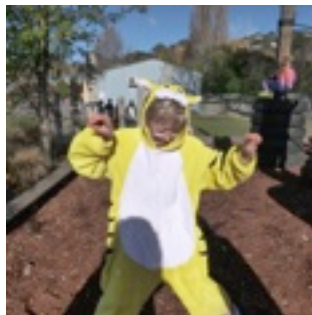
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Please bring your Colgate recyclables to your classroom teacher or the school office. This is a great chance to recycle all your Colgate

disposables, and it will give us the chance to win \$500 for St Martins School. The final prize draw for this competition will take place on the 11th of September 2015.

Thanks to all those who participated in the **Pyjama Day** on Tuesday the 16th of June. The money raised will be given to help the AIDA Children's Fund so they can complete their school-building project for Hashimi School in Afghanistan.

On behalf of St Martins School, we would like to thank Tariq for talking to us about his life in Afghanistan and what AIDA Children's Fund is doing in Afghanistan for education



We would like to congratulate everybody that entered a birdhouse in the **birdhouse competition** we held at the start of June. We had some amazing entries, and the winners will be announced on Friday the 19th June. For more photos of bird houses and PJ day check out the school website.

Recently, we sent out a survey on whether or not you would like a Student Council Blog up and running. Thanks to all those who sent answers back. We have decided that the majority of parents and caregivers would like a Student Council Blog for extra information, and the Student Council Communications Committee will start designing the blog next week. Thank you!



Monica Moore Productions and St Martins School present



# Sky on Friday

July 1st & 2nd  
@ 7pm

Venue:  
Aurora Centre

Tickets \$10 or  
Family Deal \$30  
(2 adults + 2 children)  
available at the  
school office

## 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.

### **ART AFTER SCHOOL with Jo Loughnan**

Term 3 art classes - all classes are strongly based on drawing skills using dye, charcoal, pastels and paint. We cover a full range of subject matter and complete a piece of artwork every session. Lessons are suitable for children aged 6-12. Term 3 classes will begin on Tuesday 21st July (week 1) in Room 18 from 3pm to 4.30pm. The cost is \$180.00 for 10 weeks. For more information or to book please contact Jo on either 384 7506 or email [joloughnan@extra.co.nz](mailto:joloughnan@extra.co.nz)