



“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

Winter has now officially begun and the weather might soon reflect that! We have been fortunate this year with a mild Autumn and hopefully a gentle Winter will follow. Regardless, it is certainly colder and wetter. Our classrooms are well heated and comfortable temperatures are maintained.

Children do need to make sure that they do have warm clothing for their trip to and from school, and also so that they can go outside at break times. When it is raining or bitterly cold, the children will remain inside, but it is important that whenever possible our children get outside to exercise; but they do need a jacket or polar fleece. Because this is a time when uniform is taken off and on between inside and outside, having it well named is essential. Clearly labelled uniform allows returning it to the owner a much easier process.

It would be fair to say that the advancements in technology have had a major impact on learning, work and recreation. It's not surprising really. The iPad, for example, was launched just over 5 years ago, (seems much longer) and around 300 million of these devices have been sold to date (and that figure doesn't include other tablets). We are told that 80% of mobile web traffic is through this sort of device, which indicates that today people must be using technology in ways and places they couldn't five years ago. The technology is here to stay and it will, like it or not, shape our behaviours, and more so our children's behaviours.

It is a very useful tool for learning and at St Martins School we want to make the very best of what these tools can offer. Thanks to the S'Mart Community and our Board of Trustees, we have about one 'wireless device' between three children. We like this ratio. It allows for sharing, collaboration, co-operation and active communication around learning. Our wireless devices are a mixture of laptops and iPads and there are pods of these 'tools' available to all classes across the school. While at the simplest level the iPad or laptop 'substitutes' for other 'tools' of the past, it is the other powerful uses that are more important. It is the things that can only be done because we have this advanced technology that are most exciting, and our children are embracing and benefitting from this technology.

It is important to know that all staff receive regular Professional Development to get the best out of this resource. Our Leadership Navigation team is constantly researching and looking forward to make sure that we are heading in the right direction. We are cautious in our approach, and strategic in our planning. There is a 'mantra' on the wall of my office, "Everything we do must speak loudly about our vision or our purpose", and all that we do is measured against this. This is a very exciting time in education. We want to make sure that the children of St Martins School have access to the tools and opportunities that will prepare them for learning today, tomorrow and into the future.

Kind regards

Rob Callaghan

Term Dates to Remember

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.

August 27

Canterbury Winter

Tournament

Student Achievements



Recently St Martins School competed in the South Zone Cross Country. This was held at the Halswell Quarry on a wonderful sunny autumn day. Our students were very impressive. We have 18 students who qualified for the Canterbury event by placing in the top 6 of their respective age groups.

Special mention goes to our awesome Year 5 girls team of Emily Jones, Cara Reid, Jenna Davison, Orla Dunlop, Ruby Young and Grace Howell. They were the winning zone team with 5 of the 6 qualifying for Canterbury and Ruby being on standby as a reserve. Another amazing effort came from our Year 8 girls team of Lauren Scott, Amelia Clausen, Holly Reid, Holly Cartwright, Rosie Howard and Evelyn Fink who also won their age group with 5 of the 6 going onto Canterbury. The Year 7 girls of Leila Dunlop, Chloe Hughes, Nina Ericson, Maggie Leith and Paige Vallance also won their age group with 3 of the team qualifying to Canterbury. We had 4 students win their race. They were Louie Howell (Year 7 boys), Leila Dunlop (Year 7 girls), Lauren Scott (Year 8 girls) and Emily Jones (Year 5 girls) I would like to congratulate all students. I am very proud of how you represented our school and your ability to push your body even when it hurts.

Mr Pateman

Rainbow Poems - Year 3/4 Syndicate

Red the colour of the liquidy blood
rushing through our veins
Orange the colour of dry, yellowish,
crisp leaves falling, falling, falling.
Yellow the colour of a bright smiley
face that stares at you
Green the colour of the grass
swaying in the wind
Blue the colour of the sea sparkling in
the sunset
Indigo the colour of the stormy sky
about to throw some lightning
And violet the colour of beautiful
flowers on a field.

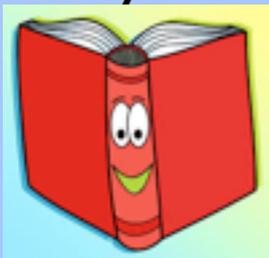
By Bethany Room 16



Red the colour of the shimmering,
shining, beautiful roses falling
from a bright sky on a summery
morning,
Orange the colour of a crispy,
sparkling, flaky flame on a cold
winter's night,
Yellow the colour of a beautiful,
golden chick just born that
summer's day,
Green the colour of the soft wet
grass on a spring day,
Blue the colour of the deep, blue
sea that boiling hot day,
Indigo the colour of the deep,
dark sea and wet caves,
And violet the colour of a bright
ring.

By Isabella J Room 17

Library News



Sorry, but a bit of a moan this time! When we processed the overdues last week there were 229! A few too many to say the least. We'd be grateful if you could talk to your children about bringing their books back on time, or if they want to keep them then coming to renew them. All books are issued for 2 weeks. The Library is open from 8.30 including lunchtimes and even if we are running activities it's always possible to drop a book off or renew it. Many of the Seniors use the excuse that their books are overdue because their class doesn't come to Library each week - it would be great to see their new levels of self-management and responsibility extend to their Library books and that they get into the habit of returning/renewing without prompting as they'll need to do at High School. We'd love to be using the time it takes us to process these reminders do other things for the Library.

School News

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.



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.



A couple of weeks ago we were lucky enough to take 26 Year 3/4 children to hear Dav Pilkey (of Captain Underpants fame) speak. Hosted at Shirley Boy's High the venue itself caused much delight with many of the boys imagining themselves there at some stage in the future and more excitedly, wearing a tie!! Dav himself didn't disappoint, with lots of visuals, talk and humour he was inspirational telling the children about his less than perfect School life, how he started writing at a very young age and that now he writes in a cave!

Hey Guys! So, a few of you will know that Tuhuru and me (Rosie) were nominated to go and present on the CPIT student run radio broadcasting station called 'Chalk 96.1!' We had a really good time, mucking around with the hosts and generally learning EVERYTHING that goes on behind the scenes! We went to the radio station with Miss Rowe last Friday and had an early start. We needed to be on air at 7am! You should definitely listen to them, they have the latest gossip, music and AWESOME prize packs. Alright, see y'all later! From Rosie



School News - continued

LOST PROPERTY

The lost property basket at the top of the stairs behind Reception is overflowing! We are very lucky to have a dedicated parent who goes through the pile each week and gets named items back to students.

However there are a large number of unnamed items, including **senior jackets** and **school raincoats**. We also have non school items including clothing, bottles and lunch boxes. So if you have lost anything come and have a look at the ever growing pile!



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.

Family of university lecturer looking for a house to rent in Opawa/St Martins or surrounding suburbs (Waltham, Woolston, Hillsborough, Huntsbury, Beckenham or Sydenham)
Please contact Rainer on 021 134 3513, or email hofmanns@paradise.net.nz



Come along to Hagley Park (Noth hagley near Deans Ave roundabout) for the "Great Map Race" on Sunday June 14th. A fun morning of map activities .
Fund raiser for 5 Canterbury Juniors to go to the Junior World Orienteering Championships"

Air Force Museum Holiday Programme



Come and join the fun at the Air Force Museum this July for our OSCAR endorsed school holiday programme, Trench Art! These winter holidays we will be making our own games, badges and models from found objects after becoming inspired by the Museum's trench art collection. Suitable for ages 5 to 12; 8.30am to 3pm for the two weeks of the holidays (weekdays).
Contact 343 9504 or programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz to book your child in.

What is Giftedness? How do I know if my child is gifted? How can my child's school help? Jenny Smith will provide an introduction to giftedness on **Wednesday 24th June at The Medbury Centre, Medbury School, Creyke Road, Ilam between 7pm and 9pm.**

This event is free but you must register on the Canterbury Explorers website, www.canterburyexplorers.org.nz, by Monday 22nd June. Parents, caregivers and teachers are all welcome. After Jenny's presentation, there will be an opportunity to ask questions and chat with parents of gifted children. Should you have any queries please e-mail info@canterburyexplorers.org.nz.



Te Hāpua: Halswell Centre - a joint summer pool, library and community facilities opens in November 2015 and we need a range of staff to deliver community responsive library services. Come to an open evening to hear more about the ranges of roles we have available. This is a really exciting time to be joining our team.

Open Evenings:

Wednesday June 3: 6 - 7pm, Upper Riccarton Library

Wednesday June 10: 6 - 7pm, South Library

Wednesday June 25: 6 - 7pm, South Library

For more information please call 941 7923 or visit my.christchurchcitylibraries.com