



St Martins School

Kia Malangi awe ake te mātauranga
Inspiring a passion for learning



NEWSLETTER 11

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“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

Term 3 is underway and we expect it to be an exciting 10 weeks of learning. During the break 4 more classrooms underwent modifications to enhance collaborative teaching and learning opportunities. Rooms 4 and 5 and Rooms 6 and 7 have been linked internally to provide greater flexibility around how learning can be managed. It looks quite different, and if your children are in one of these rooms, or if you are interested, please feel free to have a look before or after school.

St Martins School is now beginning the process that will lead to our rebuild starting in the second half of 2016. The first step has been to appoint our Architect. Baldasso Cortesse have been selected and the Board of Trustees will meet with the 'lead-team' in the near future. This will be an exciting, though demanding time as we work through a rigorous programme that will ensure the best possible outcome for the community of St Martins School today and into the future. We will make sure that as each step is taken you will be kept informed, and involved as much as possible.

Please remember that traffic wardens will be monitoring the area outside the school in the mornings and afternoons at random intervals. They will be looking to ensure traffic behaviours are safe and legal. There are unlikely to be any warnings given. This is about our children's safety, and also about us respecting our neighbours by parking legally.

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan

Year 4-8 Reporting Conferences **Term 3 2015**

Tuesday 28th July - from 1.30pm and Thursday 30th July - from 3.30pm

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.30PM ON TUESDAY 28th JULY FOR ALL STUDENTS

Creche available in the library for children not attending conferences

Booking Online

Website: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz

Event code: **2XUCC**

Bookings Open Now

Online bookings close 2.00pm Monday 27th July. If you are unable to book online please phone the school and we will book an appointment for you.

Term Dates to Remember

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 14

School Disco - Juniors

5.30pm to 7pm and Seniors

7.30pm to 9pm.

August 27

Canterbury Winter

Tournament

September 3

Postponement date for

Canty Winter Tournament

September 9

ChCh School Music

Festival Rehearsal

September 10

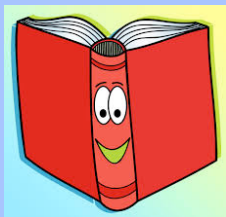
Year 7 and 8 annual

ski trip

Student Achievements - these are the students who received awards at the end of Term Two assembly. Congratulations!

Rm	Values	Values	Values
1	Ashton Cozzone	Felicity Newsom	Aria Harvey
2	Elijah Janssen	Samantha Foote	Emma Segar-Farqharson
3	Harrison Fleming	Jack Wooster	Hunter Corfield
4	Blake Anisy	Kyan Fountaine	Lily Burns
5	Elliott Manson	Grace Billings	Ashton Taylor
6	Mackay Boswell	Elise Dasler	Kahutaiki Calman
7	Maxwell O'Grady	Griffith Newman	Niamh McDonald
10	Finley Howells	Sarah Ashworth	Tobie Broere
14	Neo Gibbs	Sarah Brady	Hunter McCallum
15	Joel Sage	Ruby Leabourn	Jeremy Frew
16	Mitchell Cozzone	Lenny Greenslade	Beth Simpson
17	Leila Cogle	Ruby Leith	Jack den Hollander
20	Savannah Olsen	Marlon Kingi	Maisy Cowie
21	Nathan Limmer	Abby Smith	Amy Wallis
8	Braeden Murdoch	Hannah Thorburn	Annabel Bligh
9	Emma Cartwright	Tyler McCavitt	Isaac P
11	Abigail Wheeler	Phoebe Sage	Bonni Potter
12	Finn Johnston	Ellah Ross	Emily Jones
13	Reeya Parbhu	Grace Howell	Tama Romein
18	Max Croucher	Max Coulter	Rosa Opie
19	Anu Ahuja	Rosie Howard	Patricia Reyes
22	Evie Boyd	Hannah Boon	Clara Miles
23	Aiden Robertson	Alisha Falloon	Leighton de Rose

Off the Shelf



Using the Library Catalogue #1 Children can log-on from home to check what books they have out on loan, what needs to be returned/renewed and if there are reservations to be collected. Go to the library catalogue homepage (via School website/learning/library), click on MY LIBRARY on left side, then borrowing detail. You will be prompted for the borrower ID. For a huge majority of the children this is first 3 letters of the surname followed by first 3 letters of the first name, ALL IN CAPITALS, no spaces - I would be HAYBRI. If this doesn't work it is due to the same string already having been assigned to another child. We will need to check to see how this has been amended. From here your child can check their loans and see if there are any reservations ready to be collected - great to do the day before their library lesson.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Braeden Murdoch (Year 6) and Jessica Hickling (Year 5) from Room 8. Braeden has been doing Martial Arts for some years now and he recently achieved his Green Belt in Shao Chi Chuan Kung Fu - this is Braeden's 5th belt! Fantastic achievement and dedication, Braeden.



Jessica competed in the Christchurch School of Gymnastics Competition during the holidays and achieved a Gold medal for Floor and a Silver medal in the Team event. Congratulations Jessica on receiving these medals. What an amazing effort!



South Christchurch Music Festival

On Wednesday 17 June our fabulous Year 3-6 choir of 100 students performed at the Aurora centre in the South Christchurch Music Festival. They performed 9 massed items with other choirs and 2 items of their own.



These were 'The Shoop Shoop Song' and an A cappella piece to the poem 'When Daddy fell into the Pond' all with dance actions and lots of enthusiastic vibrancy! They were conducted by Mrs Kenel and they also performed at the final assembly at the end of last term. In this photo you can see some of our wonderful choir plus the two amazing soloists, Dilkee and Caleb.

Rooms 16 and 17 Dance to Ice Queen.



We designed and made our own headgear for the school production 'Sky on Friday'. We also wore silver cloaks. Many thanks to all the parents who helped us make our head pieces. You were awesome.

A poem by Duncan Gardner, Room 9, Year 6

His glistening sword emerges, shimmering
His foreign voice bellows and scares summer
away
He hears a branch break, something is near
The sun's beams glow in the misty fog
He readies his sword.

He turns to face his enemy
Her growing eyes stare
He strikes, he misses, his sword hits the ground
and shatters
A fiery whip wraps around his leg
He falls to his knees.

A harrowing sword screams through his chest
He lays on the ground....helpless
Sun stands by him, guarding
Till his time comes again.

A poem by Leo Frusher, Room 9, Year 6

He rises above his icy imprisonment
Bitter frost crunching beneath his heavy feet
Marching forward, his dark cloak billowing
behind him
A glistening sword held in front - at the ready.

Stealthily slinking forward
His prey in clear sight
He lunges only for his blow to be parried
Neither swords are of any use.

Winter turns in rage
A deadly sound fills the air
Winter casts a glance down
A golden glow protruding from his chest
Winter unleashes an unearthly shriek
As he crumples, sprawling on the thawing earth.

World Vision Famine - thank you to all those who supported this years Famine. We raised over \$4,000 - the most we have raised so far which is fantastic. There were ten students (Maggie, Harry, Zoe, Adam, Zoe, Stella, Amelia, Isabella, Ruby, Evie) who did an outstanding job and raised over \$100 each and three (Rosie, Lilly, Clara) who raised over \$200 each. Fantastic!

Community News

Limited spaces available for Tru Talent tuition.

Tru Talent is a performing arts business, owned by Miss Trudy-Anne Rowe, who teaches the Performing Arts at St Martins School. Tru Talent has had a break, due to Maternity Leave, however, it is back up and running for Term Three and beyond.

Tuition is available for Drama, Singing, Speech and Drama and Confidence skills.

Tuition is for 30 minutes either by face-to-face at the Tru Talent studio or through SKYPE.

As spaces are limited, please contact Trudy at trutalent@xtra.co.nz or on the Tru Talent Facebook page under TruTalentChristchurch

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.

Cashmere High School, Year 9 enrolments for 2016:

Enrolments for our 2016 Year 9 will close on Friday 31st July. A ballot will be held on Thursday 6th August for a limited number of places for out-of-zone students. Any applications received after 31st July will be placed at the end of the waiting list. In-zone students must also enrol by 31st July to ensure their child can get their first choice of option subjects and receive details about our parent information evenings. Application forms and further information (eg: scholarships) are available on the Cashmere High School website (www.cashmere.school.nz) or by contacting their office (ph 03-3329126)



Homework Club Before and After School Care

You may be aware that The Homework Club now operates a Before School programme in the St Martins School hall each morning before school from 7.30am. This is a great way to ensure your children are properly cared for if you need to get to work before the school day starts. There are still spaces available for all mornings. For queries about their Before and After School programmes please contact them on www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or **email** info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz **phone** 021 274 1963