



NEWSLETTER 16

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“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

Once again welcome back to Term 4 at St Martins School. This is a short term with a great deal being packed into it, and we know that it will be a busy and exciting one.

As you will be aware, sun hats are required to be worn from the start of Term 4. Sun safety is once again a focus as we move towards summer. It is important to start sun-safe behaviours now so that the habits of sun safety are as natural as clicking on a seat belt when we get into a car. Start with sunscreen applications in the morning and make sure that your child, especially those with fair skin, have a supply of lotion in their bags for application during the day. (Emergency supplies are held in most classrooms and in the office)

Teachers will begin making general reminders about ‘application’ at break times and there will also be ‘whole school’ reminders via the intercom on those days when there is the greatest risk. It is important that we work together, home and school, to make sure that the habits of keeping sun-safe are well learned.

Scooters being left behind at school continues as an issue. We ask that scooters are labelled with a name somewhere on the scooter. This way we can provide a reminder to those who have forgotten that they have left their scooter behind. Please remember that while our caretaker, Paul, generally takes care to place scooters left behind safely in his shed, this is not always possible so we cannot guarantee that this will happen every night.

Please endeavour to get your children to school for the start of the school day on time. Our classes start at 8.50am so children need to be here before this time to ready themselves so that they can feel positive about starting learning for the day.

Class placements 2016 - it is now time to speak to us about class placement information that will assist the school in placing your child in the best place possible in 2016. During 2015 our teachers have been working much more collaboratively, and your child will have been working more closely with more than one teacher. In 2016 all classes will be located in spaces that much better accommodate the collaborative approach. What is still important for us to know about are any insights into your child's needs as this is always looked at and valued.

I need to stress that this is not ‘pick a teacher’ but it is an important opportunity for you speak to us now as we begin the process of organisation of the classes for 2016. Each year, after class lists are published, we have a few parents who say they didn't think it was important and then realised it might be after we have completed this work. Changes are very difficult to make at this late stage so please take this opportunity to engage with the school in this process.

To do so please make contact directly with Bernadette May, who is collating the information, or email classplacements@stmartins.school.nz with information or to make an appointment. This invitation is open until Friday 6 November. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Rob Callaghan

Term Dates to Remember

October 12 to 22

Athletics training begins at school.

October 23

1000m and 1200m Race

at Hansen Park 2pm

Year 5 - 8

October 26

Labour Day - School closed

October 28

School Athletics

October 29

Christchurch School Music

Festival rehearsal and performance.

November 9

Year 7/8 Science Fair

November 11

Zone Athletics

November 12

Year 5/6 Inquiry Sharing

November 13

Show Day - School closed

November 16

Cycle Safety starts for

Year 5/6 students

November 16

Itinerant Music Concert

School News

Congratulations to all of the students listed below who received awards for consistently showing our school values of Respect, Caring, Responsibility, Personal Best and Learning. They received their certificates at the final full school Assembly of Term 3.

Rm	Values	Values	Values
1	Louie Sargentina	Ella Tuffnell	Maddy Cogle
2	Troy Taylor	Maihara Tawiri Grey Schumacher	Gracie de Wit
3	Anika Tiller	Zoe Johnston	Jamie Anson
4	Riley Houde	Catalina Williams	Joshua Spiewak
5	Hunter Hocking	Alexander Williams	Lucy Young
6	Zoe Jones	Clement Arnold	Marshall Gibson
7	Lara Webber	Isaac de Bruin	Jai Ferguson
10	Ayana Nixon	Zachary Ford	Ayla Wood
14	Nico Perry	Molly Bloy	Maddison Keene
15	Dillon Gamble	Juliette Fink	Sitara Ferguson
16	Joshua Bligh	Liam Harrison	Lilly Cook
17	Hamish Coughlan	Hannah Hughes	Jacob Bunting
20	Ben Wood	Queenie Hulbert-Thorpe	Ida Scott
21	Amelie Fink	Minah Van Dam	Anahere Moffat-Whare
8	Jessica Hickling	Laurent Elmes	Caitlin Ford
9	Mya Fisher	Duncan Gardner	Emily Simpson
11	Daniel McLaughlin	Chloe Tindall	Bronagh Corrigan
12	Troy Turner	Orla Dunlop	Sam Bryson
13	Lewis Stewart	Eliya Burns	Lara Clough
18	Bogdan Teplovs	Lia Savelio	Mia Etheridge
19	Claudia Clarke	Jake Waldron	Molly Simpson
22	Findlay Royds	Madeline Bailey	Katie Walker
23	Eilish Dalley	Conal Smith	Eli Dunn

Off the Shelf



We're often asked to recommend titles to extend children's reading, especially when a child gets "stuck" on a particular series.

For those Captain Underpants fans looking for something new we've recently bought 2 series - Big Nate books by Lincoln Peirce and Zeek Meeks series by D.L.Green, both will I'm sure be hugely popular.

With this type of query in mind on the newly designed Library website I've included a tab IF YOU LIKE under this tab you will find lists of titles by theme and as extensions to specific authors - take a look.

<http://accessit.stmartins.school.nz/ais/AccessItLibrary>

School News



Could all students who participated in the school skipathon to raise money for the Heart Foundation please bring in their sponsorship booklets and money to the school office. Please **do not** pay this to the school bank account.

Congratulations to **Jack Vetcher** a Year 4 student in Room 21, who was placed in two events when he competed at the Canterbury School Festival of Orienteering on 12th and 13th September.

Jack was placed 3rd in the Year 6 and Under Boys Sprint Distance at University of Canterbury and he also placed 3rd in the Year 6 and Under Boys Long Distance at Halswell Quarry. Well done Jack, you have obviously worked hard to obtain these great results.



Molly Simpson, a Year 7 student in Room 19 and **Maia O'Connor**, a Year 6 student in Room 8 had the opportunity to go to Auckland in the first week of the school holidays to compete in the Nationals for Gymnastics. They both put in a lot of hard work and gave it their best. Molly's Artistic Gymnastics team came 1st in their competition and Molly also got into the finals for the Vault and Uneven

Bars. She gained a 6th placing in the Vault and 7th in the Uneven Bars. Congratulations!

Well done to Molly and Maia for making it to the Nationals - an amazing achievement which you both must be very proud of.

Claudia Clarke, a Year 7 student in Room 19 competed in the Nationals for Ice Skating in Auckland at the end of term and in the school holidays.

Claudia competed very strongly and was awarded a 3rd placing out of 8 competitors for the Free Skate - fantastic effort Claudia - your hard work paid off.



The St Martins School Year 7/8 Extension Performing Arts Company has sent out an invitation to preschools to attend a cleverly crafted performance of Nursery Rhyme fun.

If your preschool is not going but you would like to bring your preschooler along then we would love to have you there!

Our extension dance troupe will also make a guest appearance. This amazing performance is to be held in the St Martins School hall on Wednesday 4th November at 10.30am and again at 1.30pm. This is a free event and each session will be about 30 minutes.



Earlier this year St Martins School entered as a school group in the Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon. This was a very successful event enjoyed by the children and their families. We have registered as a school again for the next Kids Tryathlon to be held on Sunday 13th March 2016 at Jellie Park. If you register with the school group there is

a discounted price. We had about 45 students entered at the last event so we are hoping to increase the numbers this time. More info to follow including registration information later next month. If you want to find out more now go to www.weetbix.co.nz

Community News

Fundraising opportunity!

If you know of a local community group keen to fundraise for an event, they are welcome to do a sausage sizzle at our weekly touch rugby nights starting Thursday 22 Oct at 4.00pm Waltham Park. Last year we had someone from Cashmere High who was fundraising for a trip to Chile. We have 50 teams playing between 4.30 and 6pm each Thursday. Enquire to fundraising@smartcommunity.org.nz to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.



Rental wanted - a lovely family with a dog looking for a 4 bedroom home. Please contact Saskia on 027 363 5805 or 337 2301.

3 bedroom plus study house available to rent close to St Martins School. Phone Greg on 021 207 6872 for more details.

As part of Huntsbury Community Centre's 40th Anniversary Celebration on **Saturday 17 October**, Huntsbury Preschool is holding an open day between 1.00pm and 3.00pm. There will be lots of activities, free face painting and an opportunity to explore the amazing outdoor play area. Come and join in the fun. Everyone is very welcome. Huntsbury Community Centre - 70H Huntsbury Avenue.



Parish of Opawa-St Martins Spring Carnival

9am Saturday 17th October at St Mark's Church, cnr Opawa Road and Vincent Place. Come to our Spring Carnival - fun, food and bargains galore for the whole family. All the fun of the fair with sweet, book, craft, cake, toy, deli, white elephant, china, linen stalls and more! Sip on great coffee, snack on terrific food and grab a bargain. And there are games and a free bouncy castle for the children too.

Girls Zone at South Library

This dynamic and innovative workshop will explore 3D design, coding, robotics, photo editing, animations, music making and a whole lot more! (This programme runs over two terms.)

Where: South Library

When: Mondays, 3.30 - 5.00pm (starting 19 October)

Age: 10-13 years

Cost: \$20 per child per term



Part time person required to help with the financial accounts for a small business. Up to 15 hours per week to fit in with school hours and can be term time only. Experience with Xero would be an advantage, for all enquiries please email belinda@sumer.net.nz or call 021 274 1967

Aqua Gym hiring now! Fun and rewarding work with a great team of people. - Receptionist/Lifeguard - Swimming Instructors A variety of part time work available during school hours. Email your CV to info@aquagym.co.nz

DID YOUR KIDS ENJOY THE WEET-BIX TRYATHLON OR ARE THEY KEEN TO TRY A NEW EVENT?

The House of Travel Triathlon Festival has triathlon events for all ages from 5 year olds up. The event is held on closed roads at Pegasus with the event being ideal for families as there is something for everyone. For more details and entry visit www.triathlonfestival.co.nz

