



NEWSLETTER 1

11 February 2016

“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

The year has started very well with roll numbers up on last year. Today the roll sits at 520. Our students and teachers have begun the year strongly and with positivity. The classrooms are buzzing with excitement as another exciting year gets underway.

You will have seen in our Welcome Back newsletter that our “Meet the Teacher” evening will be held on Thursday 18th February at 6.30pm. There is more information later in this newsletter so please ensure you read this to find out how the evening will be run.

Thanks must go to the Smart Community for organising the ‘Welcome back’ BBQ last Friday. It was wonderful to see so many families attending, especially our new families.

This year a form will be sent out to capture general permission for ‘low risk’ trips that classes may go on during the year. This is to reduce the continual paper chasing, improve efficiency and to make sure children do not miss out on activities. There may be some trips that require permission prior to this ‘general’ form being produced, but we hope to have this to you very soon.

The term dates for 2016 are shown below - please note that there is a **Teacher Only Day on Friday 27th May** so please note this in your diary now as school will be closed to all students on this day.

Term 1:

Monday February 1 to Friday April 15

Dates in Term 1 school is closed:

February 8	Monday	Waitangi Day Observed
March 25	Friday	Good Friday
March 28	Monday	Easter Monday
March 29	Tuesday	Easter Tuesday

Term 2:

Monday May 2 to Friday July 8

Dates in Term 2 school is closed:

May 27	Friday	Teacher Only Day
June 6	Monday	Queen's Birthday

Term 3:

Monday July 25 to Friday September 23

There are no public holidays during this term

Term 4:

Monday October 10 to Friday December 16

Dates in Term 4 school is closed:

October 24	Monday	Labour Day
November 11	Friday	Show Day

Kind regards,

Rob Callaghan

Term Dates to Remember

February 18

Meet the teacher evening

6.30pm in the hall

February 24

Year 4 - 8 Goal Setting

Conferences. School

closes at 12.30pm for all

students.

February 25

Year 4 - 8 Goal Setting

Conferences. School

closes at the normal time

of 3pm.

March 7 - 9

Year 7 and 8 camp

March 14

Zone Swimming

March 25

Good Friday - School

closed for the Easter break

March 28

Easter Monday - School

closed

March 29

Easter Tuesday - School

closed

Student Achievement

The NZ Children's Athletics Association 2016 South Island Colgate Games were held from January 15-17 at Saxon Oval in Nelson. Well done to the following Port Hills Athletics Club members from St Martins School who competed: Torian Barnes, Jenna Davison, Louie Howell, Ben Waldron and Holly Waldron.

The following students (aged 10 and over) placed in the top 10 of a track final or field event:

Torian Barnes – Boys Grade 12 - 80m Hurdles – 10th, 4x100 m Relay Team – 1st, High Jump – 7th, Shotput - 10th

Jenna Davison – Girls Grade 10 - 100 m – 3rd, 200 m – 6th, 4x100 m Relay Team – 1st, Grade 10 Boy's & Girl's Medley Relay Team – 2nd

Louie Howell – Boys Grade 12 - 400 m – 1st, 800 m – 6th

Holly Waldron - Girls Grade 11 - 4x100 m Relay Team – 1st

Well done to all of these students for their participation and their wonderful achievements.

School News

The staff of St Martins School would like to invite all Parents and Caregivers to participate in the 2016 Orientation and Meet the Teacher Evening. This event will be held on **Thursday 18th February from 6.30pm.**

Orientation:

Starting at 6.30pm a brief orientation will be given in the school hall. You can expect to hear from our Senior Leadership team who will outline key initiatives for 2016. At 6.50pm you will then move to your children's collaborative pod.

Meet the Teacher:

You will have two opportunities to meet your children's teachers.

7.00 - 7.20pm

All Year 0 - 8 teachers will be present in their collaborative pods. They will give a general overview of the classroom programme and specific details on how you can support your child's learning.

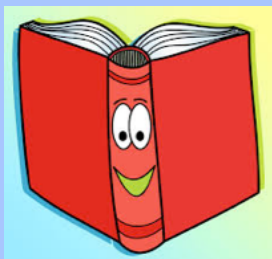
7.25 - 7.45pm

As per the first session all Year 0 - 8 teachers will be present in their collaborative pods to give a general overview of the classroom programme and specific details on how you can support your child's learning.

Please remember that the 'Meet the Teacher' evening is for you to develop a better understanding of how your child's collaborative pod works. If you wish to discuss specific aspects of your child's learning please make an appointment to see the teacher at another time.

We hope you find this evening enjoyable and informative.

Off the Shelf



Woo hoo!! We made it, we're unpacked and in our new home, even if not everything is organised yet! Please feel free to pop in if you're passing to take a look - we're very happy with the space and looking forward to working out how best to utilise it.

As ever at the beginning of the year we're keen to recruit some help from the parent community if there is anyone with an hour or so to spare, we're very flexible with our times - helping to keep the Library shelved and in order makes such a difference to us. There are also a couple of jobs which can be done at home so that's another alternative for anyone keen. Just drop in to chat, email or give us a call and we can let you know more.

School News

Year 4 - 8 Goal Setting Conferences

WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY AND THURSDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

PLEASE NOTE SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR ALL STUDENTS FROM

12.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

Booking online - Website: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz Event Code:

MZT7V

Bookings are open now and close on Tuesday 23rd February at 12 noon. Please follow the easy online instructions to make your booking. If you do not have internet access you can phone the school and a booking will be made for you. Phone (03) 332 6121 and ask for Bridget in the Library. Please phone between 8.45am and 9.30am.

A creche will run from the School Library on both conference days.

The creche is for other siblings you do not wish to take to the conferences.

If you require more detailed information or wish to discuss sensitive issues please make another time to meet with your child's teacher outside the conferences dates.

In Term 2 Interim Caregiver Reporting Conferences for Years 4 to 8 will be on the 5th and 6th July. School will close at 12.30pm on 5th July.

More information will come out closer to these dates.

Term Costs for Term One

Term costs are starting to come out for each syndicate. Once we have all the details the information will also be sent out via School Links (email) and it will also be on the School website by next week www.stmartins.school.nz

We do appreciate prompt payment for the term costs. Payment can be made at the school office by cash, cheque or Eftpos (excluding credit cards) or you can pay online - bank details supplied with the term costs. Many families also pay an automatic regular weekly or fortnightly amount to the school account. This builds up a credit on your school account that can then be used for all school activities as they are invoiced.

Supporting success in your school.

If you are a parent, staff member or member of the school community and you draw down a new ASB home loan of \$150,000 or more, ASB will donate to your chosen participating school:

\$1,000

To take up this offer, your new home loan application must be received, approved and then documented in a facility agreement, along with the completion of a school donation voucher, between the 1 February 2016 and 30 April 2016.

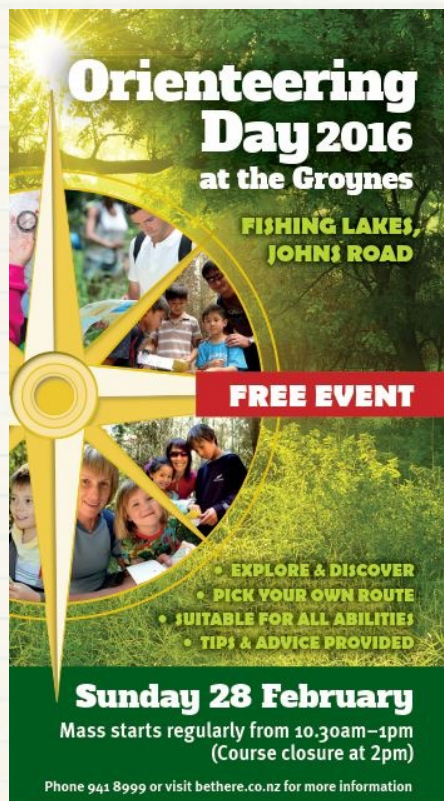
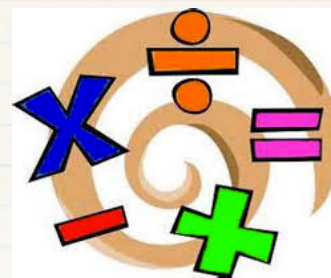
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Community News

Does your child lack confidence with maths? My name is George Sutton and I am a Year 11 student at Cashmere High School, and an ex-St Martins pupil who would like to help. I am offering one on one maths help with homework or just to gain confidence and feel good about maths. I'm offering 40 minute slots after school with a break in the middle plus afternoon tea for \$15 on a Wednesday or Friday. I live close to St Martins school at 8 Glenelg Spur. Please email or text me if you are interested, georgesutton007@gmail.com or tel 022 0445595.



Here is a list of some registration information we have received from clubs for their winter sport seasons that may be of interest to you and your family.

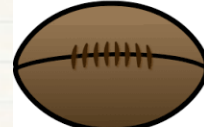
Sydenham Rugby League Junior Registration Day - Sunday 14th February 11am to 1pm at Bradford Park.

Ferrymead Bays Football Junior Registration Day - Saturday 13th February 2 to 4pm and Wednesday 17th February 6 to 8pm at Ferrymead Park. www.ferrymeadbaysfootball.co.nz

Cashmere Technical Football - Registration open for all players and trials for Div 1 and A Band teams begin 14th February. Please check the website for details. www.ctfc.co.nz

Sydenham Rugby Club Junior Registration Day (U6-U18) - Sunday 21st February 10am to 1pm and Wednesday 24th February 6 to 8pm at the Cashmere Club, Sydenham Lounge. Birth certificates required for new players. www.sydenhamrugby.co.nz

Halswell United Open Day - Sunday February 14th at Halswell Domain. www.hawkfootball.co.nz



Cashmere Netball Club @ Barrington Big Fun Sunday 14 February 11.30am – 2.30pm
Come down and see us at the Barrington Big Fun on Sunday 14 February, 11.30am – 2.30pm. Meet **Tactix** players, see some demonstrations, play some netball games and drills and win prizes. For more information please go to our website, www.sporty.co.nz/cashmerenc Facebook page or email cashmerenetball@hotmail.com



For ALL GUITAR lessons at St. Martins School, as well as BASS and UKULELE, contact PETER FLEMING on 021 135 4343. Space is limited so get in quick! All ages, styles and abilities welcome.

La Petite Academie Fun French Beginners' Classes Year 2 - 6: We are once again offering our popular 8 session French taster course this term at St Martins School at a time to suit those interested. The major emphasis is on communicating orally through the interactive use of fun games, songs etc. For more info email admin@Lpa.co.nz or contact La Petite Academie on 022 358 2211