



NEWSLETTER 3

10 March 2016

“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

This summer has been quite amazing since returning to school. The warm temperatures supplemented with a few much colder days have certainly made this year's start one to remember. Normally the warmer days are not an issue as our classes do have air conditioning (although it has been under pressure on some days), however, on Fridays when we have a full school assembly in the hall we do have to take the temperature into account. The Friday before last we cancelled assembly because we felt it would have been unbearably warm in the hall. I apologise if this caused any inconvenience. We did send an email and notify parents of this cancellation and this is something we will do each time we need to cancel either because of heat, or more likely because of heavy rain. If in doubt check your email or contact the office.

This is a very good time to make sure that the contact details that the school office hold are up to date. Phone numbers, emergency contacts, home address and email contact. If you have changed any of these details please let the office know as soon as possible. With the school looking to provide our fortnightly newsletter, as well as other notices electronically in the near future this takes on a greater level of importance.

Planning for our school rebuild is about to move to the next stage. To date, the small team that has worked for the Board of Trustees, made up of Board of Trustees, staff and parent advisors has been working with Baldasso Cortesse, our chosen architects to ensure that our school philosophy and community voice have been included in the initial design concepts. We will now move toward more detailed design and we will find ways to make sure that you, our community can be involved in this part of the process. I will give more specific detail at the S'Mart Community AGM to be held on Tuesday 22nd March at 7.30pm in the school hall.

Last year we offered parents the opportunity to have a tour of our school to see how collaborative teaching practices were progressing. If you are interested in seeing our school in action Michele will collate any 'expressions of interest' and we will organise a date and time.

Email: micheles@stmartins.school.nz Phone: 332-6121 ext 701

Please make sure that your children's uniform, including hats, is well labelled. Each day we find uniform left around the school (I know you will find this surprising news!) and if it is named we can return it to its owner immediately. It might also be worthwhile checking that your children are in fact wearing their own uniform. From time to time we do find that 'swaps' have accidentally occurred.

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan

Since the earthquakes St Martins School has been fortunate to have access to a range of supports that it can use to support children and families when there are emotional or financial hardships. Where we can help we will and where we are unable to help we can usually find someone who can. Confidentiality is assured. Contact Rob Callaghan, Principal or Bernadette May, Deputy Principal.

Term Dates to Remember

March 14

Zone Swimming

March 22

S'Mart Community AGM

March 25

Good Friday - School

closed for the Easter break

March 28

Easter Monday - School

closed

March 29

Easter Tuesday - School

closed

April 5

School Duathlon

April 7

Canterbury Swimming

April 12

Duathlon postponement

date if required

April 15

Last day of Term 1 - school

ends at 3pm.

May 2

Start of Term 2

May 10

Canterbury Duathlon

Student Contributions

The Treasure Chest

There were sparkling coins in the treasure box on the beach. I ran as fast as I could to have a look in. I was so happy. I found lots of gold coins in the treasure chest!

Zoe Jones Year 2, Room 4



I found....

I found a gorgeous treasure chest. It had money in it. The money looked sparkly. I took it home and hid it in the garden. Napoleon my big dog dug it up and I got caught and told not to do that again. I ran as fast as I could to hide it somewhere else.

Isabella Kenel Year 2, Room 4

Our differences divide us
Although our similarities combine us
Our hopes and dreams come together
But laws drive us apart
We write the same story
But play different roles
We speak the same language
But neither can understand
Although our worlds are separate
Our hearts strive together.

Jessica Fastier Year 6, Room 9



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When you drive
We will fly
When you hide
We shall seek
There might be a difference
But our hearts feel the same
They both think they are better
But they are actually the same
If we unite together
We can achieve in our own way

Nico Perry Year 5, Room 9



Off the Shelf



Our Year 5/6 Ravenous Readers are romping their way through our reading challenge! It's easy to get caught up in their enthusiasm, hear discussions around genre and see such a wide range of "free" reading being chosen. I've produced a check-list to help them keep track of the genre read, a copy can be picked up in the Library. This week our displays will be providing suggestions of books to read in each genre and as soon as our new webopac (catalogue) is up and running lists will be available - fingers crossed that's soon!

School Notices



Entertainment Books - we're selling them again this year. The link to on-line ordering will be on the school website, once we are ready to sell them and a display copy will be available in Office, \$65 with \$13 going to School. Watch this space, coming very soon!

ICAS entries for Year 4 to 8 are due with payment to the office by Wednesday 23rd March.



ICAS

Plenty of cloud?

Even on a cloudy day, UV radiation is all around you. Light cloud in a blue sky can even make sunburn worse as the UV radiation reflects off the clouds. Remember to cover up, seek shade and wear sunscreen when outdoors.



This Sunday 13th March is Christchurch's turn to have the Weetbix Kids Tryathlon to be held at Jellie Park. We have about 75 students participating in this fantastic event. We wish you all the best and we hope that you do well and most importantly have lots of fun!

Thank you to all the parents who are getting involved and supporting their children and an extra thank you to the parents who are setting up the area for the St Martins children and their families to get together for a BBQ. Look out for a tent with the St Martins flag. We look forward to hearing how it went and maybe a photo of the group to put in our next newsletter!

Community News

HEALTH AND FITNESS - CHECK THESE OUT

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.

Titan Training Ground is a Christchurch based outdoor fitness provider specialising in Yoga and Muay Thai boxing. They are looking at the possibility of basing some morning classes at Centaurus Park during the week. If this is something you think you would like to do please contact them directly.

www.titantrainingground.com and email: info@titantrainingground.com

Open Night - Marian College. Thursday 7th April from 4.30pm to 6.30pm. 122 Barbados Street. Principal's address at 4.45pm and 5.30pm. No parking on site please. www.mariancollege.school.nz

Cashmere High School Parents Group. We organise some great speakers throughout the year to come and speak on interesting topics specific to raising teenagers. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd March, 7.30pm in the school staffroom preceded by the AGM.

Highland Dance classes for boys and girls are held at the Caledonian Hall, 5 Michelle Road, Wigram commencing 2nd April. Classes for children 4 years and up. Email calyhighland@paradise.net.nz or c.cole@clear.net.nz for information on classes and costs.



Two Guinea pigs called Muddy and George need a new home. They are free to a home that will love and care for them. If you are interested please contact Melanie Jarvis phone 942-4928.

Halswell United Football Club - online registrations are open for ages 4 - 50+. The season starts 2nd April. Games for 4-8 year olds are held at Halswell Domain. For more information please visit the website at www.HawkFootball.org.nz



Cashmere Netball Club - register now. Registrations are now open on our website www.sporty.co.nz/cashmerenc We are a family friendly club and welcome players of all ages and abilities. If you would like to coach, umpire or manage a team please contact us directly. Email: cashmerenetball@hotmail.com

Air Force Museum Holiday programme. 'Hiding in Plain Sight' from 18 - 29 April.

Ages 5 to 12 years. Cost: \$38.00 per day, full week \$175.00

Hours half day 8.30am to 12.30pm, full day 8.30am to 3.00pm. Bookings essential. Please contact the Public Programmes Team on 343 9504 or email programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz