



“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

Congratulations must go to our fabulous children who did so well at the recent 'Lit Quiz' (Literacy Quiz). St Martins entered two teams in the event and there were 65 Canterbury teams in the competition. Because our teams were filled with well prepared, literacy passionate individuals who know how to work as teams, St Martins School took out first and seventh place. This was an amazing result and we feel so proud of our 2 amazing teams. Thanks must also go to Bridget Hayes and Tamara Saxon who prepared these dedicated children who attended before school training sessions. Our winning team will now travel to Wellington for the National final to be held next term.

Road Safety Update

Following the publicity over the parking issues there has been some, but not complete improvement in the illegal behaviours of some 'parkers'. Last week I met with the Christchurch City Council (CCC) Senior Parking Compliance Officer to discuss how the CCC can assist with the 'Chaos at the Gate'. While the CCC representative said the CCC had not received an direct complaints he could see that we do have issues. To that end, for the rest of this term and for Term 2 there will be random visits from the CCC traffic wardens team. Offenders may not be ticketed immediately but can expect to receive their infringement notices by mail. In Term 3 the 'Chaos at the School Gate' programme will be run for St Martins School by the CCC team. More information will follow closer to the date this programme will commence. Until then we ask, for the sake of the safety of our children, that all drivers who drop off or collect children from St Martins to do so as safely and as legally as possible.

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan

We had 220 responses to the Aquatic Survey, thank you! A team made up of BoT and staff representatives will meet to discuss the survey results and ideas that have been submitted. We'll use this information to make a plan for next year. We'll keep you posted.

Remember that the Board of Trustees elections are coming up and we need two new Parent Representatives! You will receive nomination forms in the post around May 6th. If you are interested in finding out more, please feel free to contact an existing BoT member (our details are on the website, www.stmartins.school.nz > **about > board of trustees**) or Rob Callaghan.

Term Dates to Remember

April 10

School Working Bee

April 12

Year 0 - 3 conferences

3.30pm to 6pm

April 15

Last day of Term 1 - school

ends at 3pm.

May 2

Start of Term 2

May 10

Canterbury Duathlon

May 10

Board of Trustees meeting

May 11

School Cross Country

May 11 to May 23

Life Education Van at

school for duration

May 18

Zone Cross Country

May 19

Winter Sports start

Year 5 to 8

May 27

Teacher Only Day - school

closed for instruction

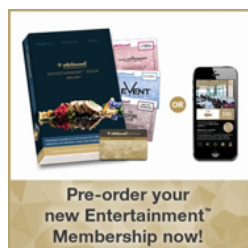
School Notices



A big THANK YOU for all the Easter eggs that everyone brought to school before Easter....there were so many! The places we delivered to were Ronald McDonald House, The Methodist Mission, Open Home Foundation, Stand Children's

Services (Old Glenelg Health Camp), and the Canterbury District Health Board's Children's Ward. All the places were really grateful for all the Easter eggs. Thanks again from the Student Council Fundraising Committee.

Thanks to families who have already returned their school photo order forms. We will still be accepting these until the end of the term so please bring any orders to the office. Remember to keep the photo on the order envelope. This assists Heritage Photography to ensure they are printing off the correct photos.



St Martins School are continuing our successful fundraising tradition of selling the Entertainment Books. The cost remains the same at \$65.00 with \$13.00 per book going to our school. The link is open now if you would like to order online and order forms will be sent home soon should you wish to order this way. Early bird orders receive extra offers.

<https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/134177w>



S'Mart Community Working Bee

Come join us!!!! We are holding a Working Bee on Sunday 10 April from 9am to 12 noon. There will be a great morning tea and lots of fun people to work with on practical projects around the school. It is a great way to meet families and spend some time together.

This term the Yr7/8 (High Fliers) syndicate have been studying the refugee crisis. We have been creating annotated maps of a refugees journey, learning about APA referencing and making people become more aware of what we can do to help the Syrian refugees.

A refugee is a person who has fled their hometown to seek a safer and happier life. We are holding a Talent Show on Monday 9th May, Week 2, to raise money for refugees. This is for Yr 3- 8 only. If you are interested there will be a sign up sheet outside Room 19. The entry fee per person is \$1 (This includes EVERY person, even if you are in a group.) We will take 20 acts, so it will be first in-first served. If you have any enquires please come to Room 19 and ask for Paris Duerden or Hannah Boon.

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.

Off the Shelf



We love being able to let the children know which new titles we've added to the Library as these usually prove very popular. On our new Web OPAC there is a carousel which sits on the front page and highlights 25 of our most recent additions, an opportunity to browse through the covers. From here children can come to borrow or, if the book is out on loan, they can reserve directly from the Web OPAC - drag and drop the title to place the reservation. Quick and simple, a great way to keep up to date with what we're adding to our collection.

If you're looking for a way to help out at school, but don't really have the time during the school day we could be just what you're looking for it would be great to have another parent helper willing to take some of our books home to cover, no experience necessary! Just call in to discuss - thanks.

Student Achievements

On Wednesday 30 March two St Martins School teams went to the Canterbury heats of the Kids' Lit Quiz - both teams came in the top 10 which was an amazing result, with one team winning and now going to the NZ finals in Wellington in May! They had 10 rounds of 10 questions. It was like an exam where there is no curriculum - it can be anything with very random questions. The winning team was Louie, Rosa, Lachlan and Orla. Our other team who also did an amazing job and placed seventh out of 65 teams was Evie, Dominic, Jake and Grace with Cora and Jessica as subs.

The students had been reading like mad and discussing their reading together as well as meeting once a week to hone their skills. Their hard work really paid off! Thanks also to Ms Saxon and Mrs Hayes for supporting the teams. We look forward to hearing how our winning team does in Wellington.



Student Contributions

The Journey to Yourself

I am trapped in thy garden of shadows
Haven't ever before seen Light
Engulfed with guilt and sorrow
Always hoping this will come
To an end

Suddenly Light consumes me
Too bedraggled to speak
After days of distress
They've finally come
To an end
I've found myself.

Pete Greenslade - Year 6, Room 9

I found myself

Nothing inside me
But dark and scared
As it is something I don't know
I was thinking of that something
I tried to grab a torch, I was scared
I tried to grab the torch again
Then I got strength but it got away
I tried to yell, nothing came
I kept trying to yell, nothing came
Who am I inside me?
What's the real me?
I finally found myself

Lucy Hudson - Year 5, Room 9

A Voyage to Greatness

A solitary figure loiters in a shell of despair
Seeking courage it does not have
The first beam of light gives strength
But fades with my sorrow.

An intricate flicker of hope
Summons particles of thy broken soul
Linking it together to make a whole
Belief engulfs me.

I wander further
Trying to speak, but thy voice stays silent
I try to return to my shell
But spirits on silvery wings hoist me into the air
Allowing me to escape from sadness.

I rise, complete with courage, soul and belief
The chariot departs with the crack of dawn
Off to uncover the future.

Bursting curiosity awakens
I let myself go free to discover thy strengths
Bringing happiness
Rejoicing the world.

Jessica Hickling - Year 6, Room 8

Community News

Dental Care over the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will operate an emergency service over the school holidays. This service is to provide relief of pain only and will not undertake 'routine' treatment. The service will be available each working day from 8.30am until 12.30pm from the Hillmorton Community Clinic, Sylvan Street, Christchurch for the following days:

Tuesday 19th April to Friday 22 April and Tuesday 26th April to Friday 29th April

This service will operate by appointment only and if we are unable to see your child, alternative options will be given. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

Cashmere Technical Football Club 13th Grade Girls team are looking for 2 or 3 more girls, birthdays in 2003 and 2004, for their B grade teams. Games are on Saturdays at 10.50am with practices on Thursday afternoons at Somerfield Park. You would be joining a team that would love to have you along for football fun, skills and teamwork! Contact Cathy 021 297 1339.

Members of the **St Martins Scout Group** will attend the 21st New Zealand Scout Jamboree in Renwick, Marlborough. They need to raise \$25000 and are holding a **Book Fair on Saturday 30th April** from 9am to 3pm. Do you have any quality pre-loved books that you would like to donate? If so then please drop them off at our den, 297 Centaurus Road before 15th April on Monday 7-8.30pm, Wednesday 5-8pm, Thursday 6.30-8pm or email Sarah treasurer@smartscouts.co.nz to arrange another time to deliver or arrange collection.

PEA STRAW! Get your garden tucked in for winter AND raise money for St Martins' Scout Troop. Bales \$8 each. On Sale Saturday April 16th (if wet may be postponed until April 22nd) from 9 -12pm St Martins Scout Den, 297 Centaurus Rd. We can deliver locally - min. 5 bales, \$1 per bale for delivery (i.e. \$45 for 5 bales delivered). Pre-order for delivery by emailing your details and no. of bales to kate.hodgins16@gmail.com

The Homework Club (The HWC) currently runs their After School programme at St Anne's Church. We are pleased to advise that as of Term 2 The HWC will be running both their Before School Care and After School Programmes from the St Martins School hall. With the cooler weather coming those of you that need to drop your children at school early in the morning may want to consider The HWC Before School Care to ensure your children are warm, dry and safe as they wait for school classrooms to open at 8.30am. You can find out more about The HWC on their website www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or by phoning 021 274 1963 or email info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz

2016 Air Rescue and Emergency Services Open Day. Sunday 1st May, 10am to 3pm, 515 Memorial Ave, Christchurch Airport. Emergency Services displays, Jaws of Life display, Bomb Disposal robot, Kids activity area, sausage sizzle, face painting, bouncy castle, scenic flights, flight simulator experience and much more! See your rescue teams in action - Helicopter flights \$65.00 per person.

School Holiday Ideas

Children's French Holiday Programme - 26 to 29 April. \$45 per day for 5 to 10 year olds. 913 Colombo Street. Phone 365 8370 or email enquiries@afchristchurch.org.nz

The Mind lab School Holiday Programme - 18th to 29th April. For kids aged 7 to 12. To find out more check their website www.themindlab.com or phone 666 0088.

Have a Go School Holiday Archery sessions - 19th, 21st, 27th and 29th April. Morning and afternoon sessions. \$20.00 per 2 hour session. Check out www.ggw-archery.weebly.com for more details.

FREE HAVE A GO - CIRCUS OPEN DAY APRIL 16th 10:30 am to 1:30pm Roy Stokes hall 146 Seaview Rd
APRIL HOLIDAY CIRCUS WORKSHOPS Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st
10 am to 12 noon \$12 per child per day. BOOK AT : circustrust@gmail.com