



St Martins School

Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga
Inspiring a passion for learning



NEWSLETTER 6

5 May 2016

“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

As we return for Term 2, I would like to welcome you all back and extend a special welcome to those families returning to St Martins School and to those families who are new to our community.

We welcome back Hera Edwards - Room 12, Taiao Edwards - Room 11 and Adama Kupenga - Room 19 who have all returned from the North Island.

Our New Entrants that started this week are Zooni Ahuja and Mason Bates in Room 6 and Benni Lamborn in Room 7.

We also welcome Billy Knight - Room 19, Poppy Knight - Room 8 and Ted Knight - Room 14 who have all transferred from St Michaels School.

We are also pleased to welcome Ms Jordan Engen onto our staff. Ms Engen will be covering the Maternity Leave position for Mrs Nicky Pateman in the Year 7/8 Syndicate when Mrs Pateman leaves at the end of May. Ms Engen has started working with the Room 18 and 19 teams now to ensure a smooth transition when Mrs Pateman goes on leave.

We are expecting a 'mild' term weatherise, however, there is a great deal planned for this term with many exciting opportunities for learning. Science will be our Inquiry Learning focus, the Performance Arts Programme will focus on an energetic and exciting form of dance, (ask your children about this) and our teachers will begin some special Professional Development focussed on the teaching of Mathematics.

The Mathematics Professional Development is an extremely exciting opportunity for our teachers and children. The work will be led by Associate Professor Roberta (Bobbie) Hunter, Massey University. Bobbie's work is internationally recognised and she is a prominent leader in the field of mathematics teaching and teacher PD. We are extremely fortunate to have Bobbie and her team work with us. The project begins next week and it will involve Bobbie and her team being 'actively present' in our classrooms. We will keep you informed as this project advances.

On Thursday 19th May from 9am, Rob Callaghan and Bernadette May will be available to take you on a Collaborative Teaching tour. This is your chance to see Collaborative Teaching in action. Please meet in the school staffroom at 9am - we look forward to seeing you then and showing you how Collaborative teaching is working at St Martins.

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

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

1-3 June

Book Fair in Library

6 June

Queen's Birthday holiday

22 June

Canterbury Cross Country

24 June

School Disco

Juniors 5.30pm - 7pm

Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm

School Notices

Aquatic Survey Update

Thanks again to everyone who completed the Aquatic Survey last term. We had 220 responses in total, so feel that we now have a good understanding on our community's expectations and priorities with regards to water safety and swimming programmes at school. This information will help us shape the Aquatic Programme for next year.

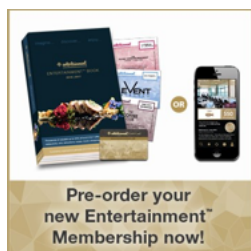
Key findings:

Water Safety is clearly a priority, with 94% of respondents saying they would like their children to receive water safety lessons through school. Our Sports Coordinators are looking into how we can enhance our water safety programme.

While nearly 60% of our students receive swimming lessons outside of school, there is a strong interest in school providing lessons and a real desire to ensure that no children miss out on swimming lessons. Our Sports Coordinators are looking into location and funding options for swimming lessons.

This Wordle is generated from the comments received and illustrates the main themes that came through your feedback:

Willing Reinstated Families Prepared to Contribute Beach
Great Idea Parents Prefer Kids Level
Children Expensive Water Safety Life
School Pool Valuable Waltham Pool Happy
Taught Island Aquatic



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 should be sent home this week. Orders will then be ready from Monday 16th May.

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



A reminder that on Friday 27th May school will be closed for the day due to a Teacher Only Day while staff undertake Professional Development.

Student Led Conferences

The next round of conferences will be held near the end of Term 2. On Thursday 30th June there will be Reporting Conferences for some Year 0-3 students and Interim Reporting Conferences for the Year 4-8 students. These will also be held on **Tuesday 5th July and school will close at lunchtime** (12.30pm) on this day so some appointments can be held in the afternoon.

Off the Shelf



Hopefully you've all had a good holiday with lots of reading and visits to the Library! This term we'll be continuing with our Ravenous Reader challenge for the Year 5/6 syndicate which got off to an amazing start last term with children reaching bronze, silver and gold levels - congratulations to you all. We've received much positive feedback so that has been great. This term we'll again be launching the Hell Pizza reading challenge which rewards readers with a child's pizza for every 8 books read! More information will come home soon.

Student Achievements

Well done to all students who received certificates for Effort, Learning and Values in the final assembly of Term One. See below for the list of students who received these certificates for each syndicate.

Rm	Effort	Learning	Values
1	Katie Wooster	Griffith Newman	Quinn Edmondson
2	Bodhi Arthur	Marshall Gibson	Adelle Broughton
3	Brodey Olsen	Gabriela Videira-Gordon	Maniah Tie
4	Samantha Foote	Zoe Jones	Elijah Janssen
5	Layla Mobbs	Xavier Ballantine	Mackay Boswell
6	Ryan Anisy	Charlotte Campbell	Annabel Thorburn
7	Cooper Hampton	Emma Rosewarne	Kaja Jolly
14	Blake Anisy	Alice Vetcher	Edie Fisher
15	Ruby Leabourn	Connor Ritchie	Dillon Gamble
20	Hannah Elley	Renee Doney	Elliott Manson
21	Jordan Spiewak	Ella Tuffnell	Thelma Jolly
22	Taylah Russ	Ezra Frew	Sofya Matviets
23	Leon Nixon	Sienna Kenel	Ashton Cozzone
8	Maia Crampton	Dominic Croucher	Liam Newman
9	Keegan Olsen	Amy Wallis	Sofia Strange
11	Max Parsons	Grace Howell	Penelope Lonsdale
12	Jacob Ridder	Jenna Davison	Chloe Tindall
13	Poppy Sargentina	Jack Vetcher	Olivia McCoy
16	Ruby Kenyon	John Doyle-Sims	Reeya Parbhu
17	Harry Sutton	Rebecca Boon	Ranalia Savelio
18	Keegan Kereru	Rosa Opie	Dominic Muller
19	Bailey Williams	Ollianda Clinton Watts	Leila Dunlop

Community News

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

To Be Personal Training is Christchurch's leading provider of mobile and outdoor personal training, boot camps and running coaching. Our boot camps are great for building genuine, functional fitness. Expect heaps of laughter, buckets of sweat and loads of variety.

Boot camps are currently running at St Martins School on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7pm. Visit www.tobept.com phone 022 131 1211 or email info@tobept.com for more information.

Did you know that Little Kickers and Little Rugby run classes in the St Martins School hall on Sunday mornings? It's for children aged 18 months to 7 years, fun filled classes designed by pre-school educators and a perfect introduction into the world of sport. For class times check www.littlekickers.co.nz or www.littlerugby.co.nz or call 02120475475, they also offer free trials, call to pre-book.

The Mother of All Clean Ups - Saturday 7th May

On the eve of Mothers' Day, the people of Christchurch have the chance to give Mother Nature a gift from the heart - clean rivers and a clean estuary.

On Saturday 7th May many local groups and clubs are organising their members to pick up rubbish from the banks of their rivers and the estuary. The event is jointly organised by the Avon-Ōtakaro Network, the Ōpāwaho Heathcote River Network and the Avon-Heathcote Estuary Ihutai Trust. Join one of the groups below - please note different groups are at different locations and times.

Wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves. The Clean Up will take place rain or shine.

St Nicholas Cubs - 10am Spreydon Domain

Hoon Hay Res Assn - 11am, Warren Crescent

Cashmere Stream Care Group - 9am, Penruddock Place

Lower Cashmere Res Assn - 1pm, Footbridge by Zeros Cafe

Somerfield Res Assn - 10.30am, Barrington Street bridge

BNA and friends of Ernie Clark - 9am, Beckenham Scout Den

ChCh South Lions - 9.30am, Fifield Tce at Wilsons Road

Rudolf Steiner School - 1.30pm, Steiner School

Roimata - 1pm, Cnr Ferry Rd and Richardson Tce

The Tannery - 1pm, The Tannery

Forest and Bird - 10am, Ferrymead Park, Estuary park entrance, Calder Green Reserve.



Cashmere High School Open Day

Tuesday 24th May from 4pm to 6.30pm. The Principal, Mark Wilson, will address visitors in the school's Performing Arts Centre (PAC) at 4pm and again at 5pm. Guided school tours will then be available at 4.30pm and 5.30pm

Prospectus, enrolment and scholarship forms available from school or www.cashmere.school.nz

Shirley Boys' High School Open Days

Parent Information Evenings from Monday 16th to Thursday 19th May, 6pm to 7.30pm, Spartans Room

Community Open Night Thursday 26th May 6.30pm to 8.30pm starting in Assembly Hall

CV Gallagher Trust Scholarship Exam Thursday 9th June 1pm to 3pm in Assembly Hall.

www.shirley.school.nz ph 37507057

St Margaret's College Open Day

Monday 9th May 10.30am to 1pm. Principal's address 11.45am. www.stmargarets.school.nz