



St Martins School

Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga
Inspiring a passion for learning



NEWSLETTER 8

2 June 2016

“INSPIRING A PASSION FOR LEARNING”

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone.

It is hard to believe that we are nearly halfway through Term 2 and having skipped Autumn it seems we are now right into Winter!

I'd like to welcome Miss Jordan Engen who will be working in the Year 7-8 Syndicate, Room 18. Jordan has been here since the start of Term 2 in a part time capacity and now replaces Mrs Nicky Pateman while she is on Maternity Leave. Mr Jarad Pateman will now lead the Senior Syndicate.

The Board of Trustees Election process has been completed for St Martins School. We did not need to go to election as we received the number of nominees required to fill the positions that came up for reelection. Nikki Tod, the Board Chair has retained her seat on the Board and we welcome two new parent representatives to the Board. Congratulations to Becky Ellis and Mike Greenslade, we welcome you and look forward to the knowledge and expertise you are able to bring to the Board of Trustees.

This week Bernadette May, Deputy Principal, and I will be attending the Trans Tasman Principal's Federation Conference in Auckland at which we will be presenting. Our story will be the challenge of leading a school through a natural disaster. It is a fantastic opportunity to share with 1100 principals from New Zealand, Australia and around the world what an amazing place St Martins School is.

For Term 3 I have been fortunate to have been granted a Canterbury Primary Principals' Association/ Ministry of Education Study Fellowship to look at the importance of growing networks for building resilience particularly in the context of leadership in education. I feel quite honoured to be successful in being granted this Study Fellowship and although I will still be about in Term 3, Bernadette May will be Acting Principal for the duration.

Thank you all for your understanding for the Teacher Only Day on Friday 27th May. All of our teaching and support staff were able to attend a full day seminar on Growth Mindsets which was presented by James Anderson, a fantastic and very inspiring speaker from Australia. It was a great time for staff to learn and share together, an opportunity that does not come about that often.

You may have seen the overflowing bins of lost property. We have had to relocate them from the office to the entrance to the school hall due to the volume of lost property. Office staff endeavour to get all named lost property back to students when they have the time, but we do ask that you and your children have good look through the lost property bins, classrooms and cloakroom areas and do not depend on the office staff to locate lost clothing for you. We still continue to have much unnamed uniform items - please name everything, even shorts, skorts and cargo pants as these have turned up in lost property on occasion.

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

1-3 June

Book Fair in Library

6 June

Queen's Birthday holiday

School closed

14 June

Board of Trustees meeting

in the staffroom 6.30pm

22 June

Canterbury Cross Country

24 June

School Disco

Juniors 5.30pm - 7pm

Seniors 7.30pm - 9pm

28 June

South Music Festival

30 June

Year 0 to 8 Reporting

Conferences from 3.30pm

5 July

Year 0 to 8 Reporting

Conferences.

School closes at 12.30pm

for all students.

8 July

Last Day of Term 2

School Notices

The Performing Arts team are so excited to now have their own Performing Arts t-shirts! We debuted them at Stage Challenge, and they look amazing!

Well done to Lucia Tod, Eliya Burns, Louie Howell, Louis Hobson who all submitted a design for the graphic. All four will be receiving a prize for their awesome work!!

The Uniform Committee of Nikki Tod, Mel Opie and Katrina Greenslade loved all of the designs and were able to meld them all together to give us a collaborative design!

We used the \$1000 that we were paid from last year's Airport performance to make this happen.

All Performing Arts students and groups will have the opportunity of using these t-shirts when they perform in a public setting.

A full team effort from all involved in the Performing Arts team of Miss Rowe and Mrs Kenel, Mr Callaghan, Uniform Committee and students to unify our Performing Arts students with an urban and fresh look!

Yay for the Performing Arts at St Martins School! :)



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 (check with your class teacher if your child is having one) and Interim Reporting Conferences for all 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.

Online bookings are open until Friday 29th June. Go to the School Interview website www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use the code **za4w6**. Otherwise contact Bridget in the library or Michele in the office to make a booking for you.

Trackpants are available in the school office for \$10.00. These are navy taslon track pants, lined and with side zips. Great for sports, gardening or just getting out and about. There are a few size S and more in size M and L. Please note these are adult sizes so would suit older children and adults. If you would like to purchase some see Diane in the office.

Parent Reading Programme

Parents or grandparents, if you have a spare hour per week would you consider helping with our reading programme? We have some wonderful volunteers already working one to one with children who need extra practice with their reading. If you are able to commit to one hour (between 9am and 10am) per week, I would love to hear from you. Please phone the school office with your contact details and I will be in touch. Thank you. Cate van Leuven - Reading Recovery Teacher.

Off the Shelf



Looking at the collection over the last couple of weeks it's struck me that there are a couple of fabulous authors who aren't often read in our School. Neil Gaiman, author of Coraline, is a fantastic teller of tales from the older picture book *The Day I Swapped My Dad for Two Goldfish* to the spooky *The Graveyard Book* or comical *Fortunately the Milk* - well worth a read. Kate DiCamillo writes across the age ranges but always with great mastery of vocabulary. The mysterious *Magician's Elephant* is a personal favourite, gentle and magical, while the *Mercy Watson* titles are great stories for beginner readers filled with humour.

If you think we've been quiet on the overdue front you're right. Our system seems to be unable to email the letters at the moment but hopefully there will be a fix before too long! Normal services will be resumed asap!!

School Notices



The Stage Challenge team wish to thank all the parents who helped organise transport, make and deliver food, sausage sizzle, supply base costumes and support us through our Stage Challenge journey.



The Year 7 and 8 students who participated in the 2016 Stage Challenge did us proud. This was the first time St Martins School had entered J Rock - the junior section of Stage Challenge. The first of many to come we hope.



Community News

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.

Film Set Albert Terrace

As a follow up to the notice in last fortnights newsletter, we have received some further information about the filming that will be taking place at the end of Albert Terrace. Stolen Lights NZ Ltd is filming scenes for the feature film 'The Stolen' on Mt Vernon Park at the end of Albert Terrace. The film dates are Tuesday 21st June to Thursday 23rd June. Preparation work has begun and will continue through to the shoot dates. Access to the Mt Vernon track will remain open via the driveway throughout the set up phase but will be restricted on filming days. The film crew will be parking their equipment vehicles on one side of Albert Terrace over the shoot dates and will ensure driveways are kept clear. Very exciting to have filming for a movie take place in our back yard!

AIR FORCE MUSEUM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME 'Under the Wire' – 11-22 July 2016

Shot down and captured, but the story doesn't end there. Over the wire, under the wire, dig like moles, and don't look back! Join us in escaping and evading re-capture at the Air Force Museum's July, OSCAR endorsed school holiday programme 'Under the Wire'.

Ages: 5 -12 years **Cost:** \$38 per day, Full week: \$175 **Hours:** Half day 8.00am – 12.30 noon, Full day 8.00am – 3.00pm **Bookings Essential:** Please contact the Public Programmes Team on 03 343 9504 or email programmes@airforcemuseum.co.nz



On **04 June 2016 from 11:00am - 1:00pm**, the Imagination Station will be filled with a variety of characters from Disney Princesses, Faeries, Mary Poppins, Maleficent herself, The Wizard of New Zealand and a number of iconic characters from the Star Wars Galaxy all in replica costumes. It is our hope that people attending the event will donate a Gold Coin donation for photographs with the assembled characters. <https://www.facebook.com/events/167171627018208/>

The Christchurch Football Academy in partnership with Mainland Football is hosting a tournament for 6 – 10 year olds on **Monday 6 June from 10 am – 12.00 pm**, at 466 Yaldhurst Road. Be crowned 'King' or 'Queen' for the day, entry is \$5 paid on the day. There are spaces still available, so please register for your child to be part of this fun-filled day.

Time to think about the July holidays and what your child will be doing, join a CFA Holiday Camp. Once again CFA will be running its Holiday Programme (rain or shine, wet weather activities guaranteed) over eight days. Registrations for CFA holiday camps are open all year, but if you would like to register for July, please complete your registration details to ensure you do not miss out. www.cfa.org.nz



School Holiday "Give your Dog a Job" Training

What jobs can your child teach their dog? Find out during the July School Holidays. Come either the first or second week. Limited spots. More information on www.nakeddog.co.nz/classes.html Email info@nakeddog.co.nz