



29 January 2018

Dear Parents, Caregivers, Students and Families.

Welcome back to St Martins School for 2018. We hope you have all had a safe, happy and restful summer holiday break and are now energised for the year ahead!

We look forward to seeing all the familiar faces back at school and to also meet with new students and families. If you see someone new make sure you make them feel welcomed into our wonderful school community. Here is the list of new students who started today.

New Entrant Students: Helena Dodd, Caleb Johnston, Jasmine Ryan, Joseph Connor, Anna Ramsay, Andrew McKinley, Scarlett Wiles.

Students starting in other syndicates from previous schools and other countries:

Year 1/2 - Scarlett Mottershead-Challies (from the UK)

Year 3/4 - Hansun Xia (ex Lincoln Primary), Florence Hindle (ex Thorrington), Azia Pochon (from Nelson)

Year 5/6 - Esme Needham (from Kapiti), Tia Holmes (ex Shirley Primary)

Year 7/8 - Lorenze Marino (ex St Albans), Tawera Hema (ex St Albans), Mason Wade (ex Linwood), Bryce Lemon (ex Thorrington), Carys Needham (from Kapiti)

A reminder that **Tuesday 6th February is Waitangi Day** and school will therefore be closed on this day.

We also have the traditional **Back to School Family Picnic/BBQ** on Friday 9th February from 4.30pm to 7pm in the school grounds. The postponement date will be Friday 16th February. Bring a picnic and there will also be food and drink for sale.

School Rebuild

We are working hard towards the rebuild starting in Term 2 and this involves working through how the school timetable will be adapted so the well being of our students is catered for. There may be some minor changes made during this term and we will keep you informed of what these changes are why they need to be made. We are very excited that our rebuild will soon become a reality!

Save the Date

The Parent Liaison meeting (Meet the Teacher) will be on **Wednesday 7th February**. We will advise you of the time and schedule once this has been confirmed.

Lunch on Line and Subway school lunches will restart this year on **Wednesday 31st January**. Lunch On Line and Subway are available each Wednesday and Friday. Subway can be ordered in the school office or online (www.subwayexpress.co.nz/Home/School) and Lunch On Line can be ordered online. (www.lunchonline.co.nz)

School hats must be worn this term while students are outside at break times and any other time they are outside with their class - sports, school trips etc. If your child does not have a school hat you can purchase these from the school office for \$15.00. It is also a good idea for your child to use sunscreen before going outside. Please ensure they have their own supply in their bag to use. We do have an emergency supply at school but do not have the funds to have sunscreen available for all of our 500 plus students every day!

Our school uniform is listed below. Please ensure children are wearing dark coloured shoes, preferably black, but navy and dark brown are acceptable.

Compulsory Uniform:

Polo shirt
Bucket hat - Terms 1 & 4
Girls/Boys Long socks/Girls tights - navy blue
Girls/Boys Ankle socks/hideaway socks - white or navy blue
Shoes - preferably black, but navy or dark brown are acceptable.

Optional Uniform Items:

Unisex cargo pants
Senior Jacket - Year 7 & 8 only
Long sleeved thermal
Senior Scarf - Year 7 & 8 only

Polar Fleece Jacket
Unisex shorts or girls skort
Girls Summer royal blue gingham dress - Terms 1 & 4
Winter Jacket
Beanie

Please ensure your child's uniform and hat are clearly named as we often have a pile of unnamed hats, fleeces and senior jackets in lost property and it is very hard to match them with the correct owner!

There may be times when you have questions about your child's education, the running of the school or just general queries. We are always available and happy to help you. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher before or after school, see one of the staff in the office for general enquiries or call to arrange an appointment if you need more time to discuss any issues or concerns you may have. Teaching staff emails are listed on the school website and this is often an easy way to make initial contact if you want to set up a specific meeting time.

We look forward to working with you and your family in 2018 to ensure your children have a positive, supportive and enjoyable learning experience at St Martins School.

Kinds regards,

Rob Callaghan

Principal