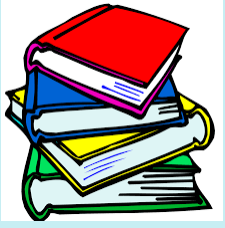




# School Notices

## OFF THE SHELF - News from the School Library



We're making changes!! We're beginning to simplify the way we use classification for our non-fiction and so having to go back and relabel much of our collection, SO would love some help with that!! If you'd like to do some parent help, but can't commit to a regular time/day we could be just the place you've been looking for - even 30 minutes at your convenience will help with this major project which we'd like to see finished quickly. On top of this we always have work with processing new books, shelving etc so there are many opportunities for you to be involved, just drop an email to [bridgeth@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:bridgeth@stmartins.school.nz) or call in and see us to

see how you could help! Your children's library needs you!

If your child/ren have been trying to get onto our library without walls and use the web app for our catalogue they'll have been unsuccessful. We had a major upgrade to Access-it over the holiday period and the link is no longer live - we should have that fixed soon and will let the children know - thanks for your patience.

## Student Council News - Thank you!!

A big thank you to all of the families who generously donated items for our Christmas hampers at the end of last year. These hampers were gratefully received by a handful of families in our school and families connected to the Open Home Foundation. Below is a message that was written in a card from the Open Home Foundation.

*St Martins Students, Teachers and Families,*

*We want to thank you so much for the amazing Christmas hampers you gifted us to give to some of our families in need. The hampers really blessed the families and we were told that they 'Made our Christmas so special'.*

*From the Open Home Foundation and all of the children/families we work with.*

## Have your contact details changed?

Over the summer holiday have you moved, changed your phone number, have another email address you would prefer to use?? If there are any changes in your circumstances, including that of the emergency contacts you have listed for your child should you not be available then please let us know. You can pop in and see our lovely Reception staff, Diane and Rachel, or send an email to [dianem@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:dianem@stmartins.school.nz) and let us know what we need to update.

## School Photos - Tuesday 20th February

A reminder that class and individual photos will be taken next Tuesday. If you would like to have a photo of your children together please email Diane at [dianem@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:dianem@stmartins.school.nz) or pop in and see her in the school office. This needs to be booked in advance. We cannot have siblings come to us on the day wanting a photo taken as the photographer's time is limited.

# Performing Arts News

2018 is looking like another amazing year for the Performing Arts team. Mrs Helen Murray continue to teach on Tuesdays and offer excellent music teaching and learning programmes. Miss Trudy Rowe continues to teach full time in the Arts programme.

Our school is so fortunate to have our Performing Arts programme which is signalled and actioned in the school's Strategic Plan. It is one of the unique differences that makes St Martins School. All students have two full days, working in the Performing Arts, every term, as the programme is linked into the Classroom Release Time timetable.

**Term One** we will be exploring into Aotearoa and the nation's stories through process drama. Process drama is a way of working in drama that focuses on the process of dramatic devising and creation, rather than the finished product of a performance or production. It is a fantastic way of learning and exploring dramatic ways of working.

**Term Two** we will be exploring Dance.

Year 0-2 will be using text and poetry to explore movement and dance

Year 3-4 will be exploring Bollywood dance.

Year 5-6 will be exploring Cheerleading

Year 7-8 will be exploring Jazz Dance and looking into the unit of "Bound and Free" movement. All students will be working with others to choreograph their own movement pieces.

**Term Three** we have our SCHOOLWIDE PRODUCTION! It is a musical and VERY exciting! The students will work with me, during the term to devise pod/class performance pieces. Every student will be on the stage and shine, shine, shine! All will be revealed for this production later in Term Two.

**Term Four** will be exploring music with beat and rhythm being a focus school wide and playing and reading music as a focus for our Year 3-6 students.

I invite any community members who would like to assist in anyway, or would like to offer expertise into our school and exciting Arts programme to get in touch with me on [trudyr@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:trudyr@stmartins.school.nz).

We are continuing with our Year 7 and 8 Arts extension programmes in Dance, Choir, EPAC. These dynamic programmes will be occurring on Wednesday afternoons. EPAC and Dance crew has already begun in Week One and the students are amazing!! There will be plenty of opportunities for these leaders within the Performing Arts to share their learning through performance, throughout the year. A Year 3-6 choir will be up and running for the Christchurch South Schools Music Festival at Hillview Christian School in Term Two. In Term Three and Four, an opportunity will be given to our Year 6-8 students to perform in the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival.

A Year 5-6 Boys Dance crew has been started by Lochie Barrie, a Year 5-6 student at St Martins Schools. I will tautoko (support) Lochie with this fab initiative. Lochie was inspired by our senior boys Dance crew last year. A great number of Year 5-6 boys have opted in to be involved. These boys will be working Tuesday lunchtimes with me. The Concert Band, Rock Band and Percussion group continue with our awesome tutors, coming in to work with our students. Whole school singing will continue on Fridays at our amazing assemblies - you are more than welcome to come and have a jam with us as well! We have exciting teaching and learning programmes being planned and are excited to be working alongside our nga tamariki once again in the creative field of Performing Arts.

We are looking forward to a fabulous year of creativity, exploration, quality learning and teaching, extension, performance and fun.

Creative regards

Trudy Rowe [trudyr@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:trudyr@stmartins.school.nz)

# Student Achievement and Poetry

Late last year, Sally (now Year 8, Room 13) trialled and was selected for the Touch Canterbury U12 Girls Red representative team. Further to this, their team competed in Oamaru in early December and then represented Canterbury again at the Inter Provincial tournament at Burnside Park. (basically South Island Junior nationals for her age grade playing against teams from Southland, Otago, West Coast, Nelson and Marlborough) They won 7 games straight to bring home the gold medal in Division One, being the best South Island team for their age group. Te Ao Mārama who was a Year 8 student last year was in the Girls U14 Black (development) team and Mr Pateman coached the U12 Girls Black (development) team. Well done to you all!



**We hope you enjoy these poems about 'The Sound of Silence' written by Danica, Isla, Freddie and Ben, Year 5 and 6 students in Room 16 and 17.**

As whispers of howling leaves pass secrets to others,  
Jubilation fills the air.  
Roaring waters overlap each wave that splashes onto rocks  
Calming me from anger.  
Birds chirp accompanying the sound of silence  
As quiet suddenly overwhelms the loudness  
Now silence can be heard.

**By Danica Neels**

*The wind whispering secrets of the world  
Birds sing with liberty emerging from the tree tops  
The waterfall hammers the river below  
Making it drown out all the other sounds  
Then I hear the peaceful sound of silence  
I say goodbye to nature's melody*

**By Freddie Heaton-Caffin**

When I hear the rustling leaves  
I stand traumatised by the peaceful flora.  
The mighty roar of the lion is one that will forever stick  
in ones memory.  
The tiny moan of the young fawn,  
With desperate attempts to walk.  
The noisy trample of feet stomping on the hot ground.  
But the real balance between all sound,  
Is the peaceful sound of silence.

**By Ben Coughlan**

*I am grasped by the talons  
Of the birds' mighty calls,  
As they place me in a nest  
Woven from music.*

*I tumble out in a stream  
And now it is part of me I  
cannot live without,  
The beauty of the endless blue  
Whispers secrets to my soul.*

*Leaves fall  
It is their destiny  
And they cannot fight it  
As their strength is stolen.*

*The noise has given one last  
breath  
Now follows the silence.*

**By Isla Ballantine**



# More School Notices

## Free Dental Care for Children - including special info for Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting your school soon. They will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check up in the dental mobile while it is there.

**All Year 8 students** enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred to a **FREE** private dentist from Year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for Year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their Year 8 check-up.

The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also xray, clean and apply protective treatments fluoride and/or fissure sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required.

If your child requires further dental care such as fillings, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required. When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our **Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.

**Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre.**

If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please contact our Call Centre to make an appointment. Please also contact the Call Centre if you want further information, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care.

**To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 email [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz)**



**We continue to push the Sun Smart message during this summer Term.**

**Too much UV is not very groovy**

Ultraviolet radiation is what makes our skin burn. It is especially harsh in New Zealand. Remember to cover up, seek shade, and wear sunscreen during the summer months.



There was a whole lot of fun happening on the Slippery Slide at the Back to School Family picnic last Friday! Kids having fun just like we did when we were kids! What a perfect end to the week. Thanks to everyone who came along and for those who helped out in many ways to make this another great school community event.

# Community Notices

**Christchurch United Football Club Open Days** at Spreydon Domain. Sunday 25th Feb and Sunday 11th March from 11am to 1pm. Welcome back to club members and new players. Inflatable pitch, target shooting, fun games, sausage sizzle and coffee. Fun for all the family!

**Have fun play football at Ferrymead Bays Football Club** - check out the Junior section of [www.ferrymeadbaysfootball.co.nz](http://www.ferrymeadbaysfootball.co.nz) for information about our Term 1 programmes including Girls only Summer Hub and Skills centre options as well as all details for the 2018 regular season. Any queries contact Ren Cameron at [ren-dee@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ren-dee@xtra.co.nz) or 021 0661 294.

**Kelly Sports programmes start from 19th February.** They run on a weekly basis for one hour focussing on sports such as T-ball, football, cricket and touch rugby. Go to [www.kellysports.co.nz](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) for more info or email Steve on [steve@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:steve@kellysports.co.nz)

**The Patricia Paul School of Dance** - your local dance school is currently giving Jazz and Ballet lessons in your area. Ballet lessons from 3 years through to advanced and all levels in Jazz and Hip Hop starting from age 6. For all enquires phone 372 9191 or email [info@studionone.co.nz](mailto:info@studionone.co.nz)

**Imagination Yoga - weekly children's Yoga classes for 4 to 12 year olds.** Commencing 13th Feb Heathcote Valley and Lyttelton. For more info: [siouxiesolar.com/imaginationyoga](http://siouxiesolar.com/imaginationyoga) or email [hello@siouxiesolar.com](mailto:hello@siouxiesolar.com) Phone Lou on 022 625 0321

**Want to get fit and have fun at the same time?** Come along to circuit training in the St Martins School hall on Tuesday and Thursday mornings starting at 8.45am. \$8 per session. All fitness levels catered for. Join other like minded ladies and have fun. Contact Janelle, a qualified personal trainer on 027 464 2041.

**Christchurch Girls' Choir** - an auditioned choir for girls aged 10 to 15. Auditions held 7th March from 4pm to 8pm. Applications close 23rd February. Rehearsal Wednesdays 5pm to 7pm Catholic Cathedral College Hall, 62 Ferry Road. Enrol at [www.csm.org.nz/enrol/](http://www.csm.org.nz/enrol/) ph 366 1711

**Parenting Helpline** - get support, advice and practical strategies. We can help with any of your parenting concerns. Call 0800 568 856 9am to 9pm Monday to Sunday [www.parenthelp.org.nz](http://www.parenthelp.org.nz)

## 28th February

School closed from lunchtime 12.30pm for all students due to Goal Setting conferences.

## 28th February and 1st March

Goal Setting conferences for Year 3 to 8 students from 1.30pm to 8pm

## 27th March and 5th April

Reporting Conferences for Year 0 to 2 students from 3.30pm to 6.30pm

## 30th March

Good Friday - school closed  
**2nd and 3rd April**  
Easter Monday and Tuesday- school closed