



St Martins School

*Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga* Inspiring a passion for learning



Newsletter 3

1 March 2018

## Inspiring a passion for Learning

### Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

If you have been at the school after 3pm on some days you will have noticed swarms of people in 'glow-vest' attire wandering around the school, many with clipboards or electronic gadgets. This is because the firms wishing to tender for our rebuild are now in the process of collecting the site-specific information they will need to provide a tender for the build. At last it does feel like something constructive is happening. What we do know is this process will be completed within about two weeks. So the possibility of an end of Term 1 or early Term 2 start is very real. We are aware, however, that council consents may be the most likely cause of any delay. We will continue to keep you informed.

#### **Safety at the School Gate**

While the vast majority of our parent community demonstrate care, courtesy and stay within the law while dropping off or picking up children, we are still seeing some concerning behaviours. During a recent visit by a Christchurch City Council - Road Safety Planner representative after school last week these concerns were confirmed. We are now expecting more frequent visits from CCC traffic wardens. Offenders parking on yellow lines, over driveways, crossing the white line to park on the other side of the road in the wrong direction etc, will have their numbers taken and can expect to be ticketed.

#### **Paid Union Meeting - Wednesday 21st March 1.30pm**

You may have heard in the media that these meetings will be held nationally. For the staff at St Martins School the meeting will be held on **21st March starting at 1.30pm**. As most of our staff are members of the union and are entitled under the Collective Agreement to attend the meeting we are asking that you **collect your child from school at 12.30pm on Wednesday 21st March**. If your child normally attends the Homework Club on Wednesdays, you may like to contact them to ensure that this service will commence at this time. (We have advised the Homework Club of the early finish time)

If you are not able to collect your child from school that day at 12.30pm, please let us know by phoning the office (Ph 332-6121) so that we can arrange supervision for those children who will remain at school.

We will collate the number of students who will need supervision at school so that we can plan for how many people we need at school for this supervision. Please inform the office of your child's name, classroom and if they will be attending the Homework Club after school. (Remember please check if this service is available for that day)

Kind regards  
Rob Callaghan  
Principal

# School Notices

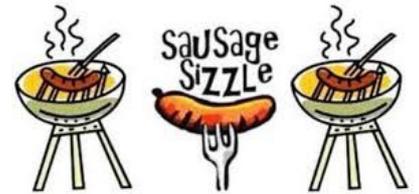
## OFF THE SHELF - News from the School Library



Often in conversation with parents we're asked for recommendations of great titles for their children - something to encourage a reluctant reader, something new for an enthusiastic one! We're very happy to offer recommendations or send a collection of books home for you to try out and always have a carousel of new books in the library on our Accessit web app. There are also a couple of great web resources which you may want to take a look at - The Children's Bookshop in Wellington offer expertise via their staff and also via their website which has sections listing top picks and new releases and where you can also take a look at their past newsletters and sign up for new ones, I certainly look forward to them popping up my mailbox <https://www.thechildrensbookshop.co.nz> Another site I use to keep up to date is Books For Keeps, a UK publication which is easy to read online and is full of interesting articles, reviews, author interviews etc - worth taking a look <http://booksforkeeps.co.uk>

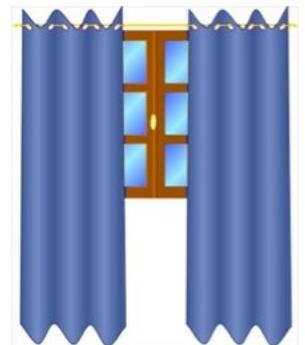
## Student Council News

The Year 7-8 Student Curriculum Team are having a sausage sizzle to help fund the cost of buses for our upcoming Year 7-8 cultural trips. It is going to be held on **Thursday 15th March and will be \$2 per sausage**. A pre-order form will be sent to all classes on Thursday 8th March. Please hand your money to your teacher on Wednesday 14th March. All classes will have the sausages delivered to their class around 1.15pm. Unfortunately there will not be any gluten free sausages/bread available - sorry.



## Thank you to an amazing supporter

St Martins School is so very fortunate to have the support of so many parents in so many ways. There is one parent who really stands out for helping our school in so many ways - whether it is having contacts that can get us sausages for sizzles to blinds for one of our office spaces and everything else in between. Every school needs a parent like Steve Angow. So we would like to give back to Steve by promoting his business and asking you to support him if you have any window treatment needs.



**Steve Angow Drapes and Blinds. Offering a complete measure, supply, make and installation service of window coverings. Interior design, advice and consultation available. Free measure and quote service.**

**Contact Steve - Email: [steveangow@gmail.com](mailto:steveangow@gmail.com) Phone: 027 271 9588**

**Walk or Wheel to school** - This was a Christchurch City Council event. It was great to see so many people taking part in the Walk or Wheel days. The draw for the voucher will take place at this week's Friday assembly.

# Student Achievement

Summer Young is one of our amazing students in the Junior Syndicate, Room 1. Summer had a stall at the Halswell Market and she sold some of her old clothes and toys that she no longer needed.

Summer raised \$20 from her stall but instead of popping it in her piggy bank to spend on herself, Summer brought it into school and has asked us to donate it towards the school hall upgrade.

We have let the S'Mart Community know the money will be in their bank account soon to go with money already raised and they were so pleased to hear of Summer's efforts. From St Martins School and the S'Mart Community we would like to say a HUGE THANK YOU SUMMER!! You are awesome!



Two groups of St Martins School students attended the morning and afternoon sessions of the Weetbix Kids Tryathlon on Sunday 25th February. We won 15 FREE 2018/2019 Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon Series entries (rrp value \$562.50) so later in the year when registration opens for the next Tryathlon we will do a draw to distribute these free entries.



# More School Notices

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES UPDATE

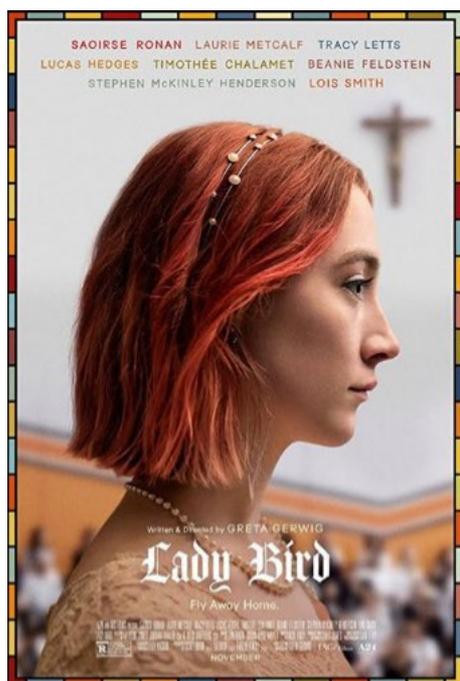
Just an update on where we're at with the rebuild project. We're hoping to have the tenders for the contract in by mid-March. Fingers crossed actual construction will start in Term 2. We're very excited to see some real progress. We'll keep parents well-informed about this process regarding construction starting dates.

The Smart Community AGM is on March 21st, so save that date in your diary and watch out for more notices. This is a great chance to get involved in lots of fun things around the school and meet new parents. Come along and support this great group of parents and caregivers. There will be wine and nibbles as well on the night.



**We continue to push the Sun Smart message during this summer Term.  
Lay it on thick**

If you have to be outdoors between the hours of 10am and 4pm, make sure you wear plenty of sunscreen - apply it thickly and evenly.



## NIGHT OUT AT THE MOVIES "LADY BIRD" AT THE TANNERY - MONDAY 12TH MARCH

Join us for a fabulous night out seeing "Lady Bird" at the Deluxe Cinema at the Tannery. Monday 12th March at 8.30pm but join us for a drink in the foyer first at 8pm. Tickets are \$25 and includes a glass of wine.

Only 54 seats available so get in fast - our last movie fundraiser was a sell out!! Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

So grab your friends and join us for a great night out that also supports raising funds for our school!

**Aimee, D and the Fundraising Team.**



Audition details can be found at the website listed below for students Year 5 and upwards who are interested in auditioning for the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival representative groups: Special Choirs, Orchestra, Percussion. St Martins School have had a successful history of students being involved and being part of these awesome representative groups.

[https://musicfestival.school.nz/?page\\_id=905](https://musicfestival.school.nz/?page_id=905)

# Community Notices



**TRAIN THE BRAIN CHARITABLE TRUST** - Helping children with learning disabilities. Learning Difficulties? We can help. Psycho-Educational Assessments (identifies reasons for difficulties) Remedial Tuition and Therapy (fills academic gaps) [info@trainthebrain.co.nz](mailto:info@trainthebrain.co.nz) Level 1, 285 Cashel Street Christchurch (03) 366 7713 Train the Brain - Optimise your child's potential.

## LEARN TO PLAY ICE HOCKEY - try the fastest team sport in the world!

Development programmes designed to teach and strengthen basic skating and hockey skills. Ages 3 to 15 years, Fridays 5.15pm to 6.15pm. (2 free sessions) We aim to help every player reach their full potential through engaging, safe and fun programmes that maximise skill development. [www.cmih.co.nz](http://www.cmih.co.nz)



**Yvonne Tikao (ATCL) has vacancies for piano/keyboard/theory** students this year. Lessons are one on one for 30 minutes weekly. A range of styles is taught and there is the opportunity to sit exams and perform for others. All ages and stages welcome. For more information please contact Yvonne on 0273 566 462 or 388 3360 email: [yvonne.tikao@xtra.co.nz](mailto:yvonne.tikao@xtra.co.nz)

The Gypsy Fair will be in South New Brighton on the weekend of 10-11 March 2018 at Te Karoro Reserve Marine Pde, South Brighton, Christchurch. The Gypsy Fair is a great day out for the family and it is free entry. The fair has something for everyone, handmade crafts of all types, many being made before your eyes, clothing, a unique obstacle bounce for the kids, awesome coffee, food, face painting, candy floss, music. So come along and soak up the atmosphere of the Gypsy Fair.



Did you get a new phone for Christmas? Don't know what to do with your old one? Why not drop it into the school office so it can be recycled - great for the environment, great for Sustainable Coastlines Charity and great for the school!

### 13th March

Zone Swimming for those in Year 5 to 8 who qualified at the school swimming sports

### 15th March

Student Council Sausage sizzle to raise funds for Year 7-8 cultural trip

### 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