



St Martins School

Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga Inspiring a passion for learning



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Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

With Autumn well on its way we can see and feel the days getting darker, shorter and even colder. And with day light saving ending this weekend it will be even colder and darker when we start Term 2.

With that in mind, and knowing that in Term 2 we will be a building site, we ask that children are not to arrive at school prior to 8.15am at the earliest. There is no supervision in the mornings apart from Road Patrol, and we have had children arriving as early as 7.45am. It is not safe. There is always the option of the Homework Club which opens at 7.30am and they can be contacted via their website www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or email info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz We understand that there may be the odd occasion when a child might be dropped off early (apart from morning practices or school clubs) and we ask that the school is notified if this is to happen. Otherwise please make sure your children are safe and that they arrive at an appropriate time.

New Build

Very soon we will be able to announce the confirmed builder and exact start date for our new build. We can say that council consents have been granted so we do not anticipate any hold ups due to the council. The final aspects of the procurement process are being tied up by the Ministry of Education at the moment and the Board of Trustees is expecting that a contract will be finalised by April 6, and that fencing will be erected for work to start by the end of the term. Fingers crossed!

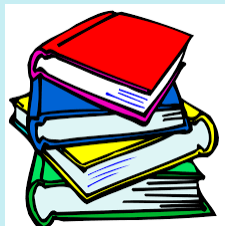
Kind regards
Rob Callaghan
Principal

From the Board of Trustees: First of all, great news that our building consent has been approved and the tender process is almost complete. We are starting to see some real progress now and the reality of the rebuild actually starting to happen very soon. With this in mind, the Board would like to remind parents and caregivers that courtesy and good behaviour at drop off and pick up times will be even more critical as the rebuild starts. It might be good to start trying out some alternative drop off/pick up points for your children, avoiding Albert Terrace altogether.

Secondly, the Board would like to thank the S'Mart Community (our PTA/fundraising committee) for another very successful year of supporting our school community in so many, often unrecognised ways. The new management committee are still open to new members, especially from the Junior Syndicate. Their first meeting of the year is on Monday 9th April at 7.30pm in the school staffroom. Please come along to see where you can make a difference to your school.

School Notices

OFF THE SHELF - News from the School Library



Hard to believe that the first school holidays of the year are nearly upon us! We will be issuing books as usual so that children can continue to enjoy their reading over the break. Any books issued from next week onwards will not be due until after the term break. On our library Webpage, or Smart Library, there are loads of authors and series links which can be found under the Authors and Books tab - <http://smartlib.weebly.com> City libraries run a range of children's activities, some of which

need to be booked, others are just drop in on the day. To see what's available take a look at <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/holiday-programmes/> here you'll also find some fantastic holiday activities run by other Christchurch groups such as The Art Gallery, Botanical Gardens, Court Theatre, Yoobee and Air Force Museum to name a few. However you spend the holidays I hope it's filled with fun ...and books!!

Sausage Sizzle Thanks!

The recent sausage sizzle that was held by the Year 7/8 Student Curriculum Team was a huge success, raising \$977 to go towards the cost of buses for our Year 7/8 cultural trips. We would like to say a big thanks to **Mike (our caretaker)** for ensuring the smooth running of the sausage sizzle; **Tim and his team at St Martins New World** for donating all of the bread, sauce and napkins; the **S'Mart Community** for the sausages, and all of the people who helped to prepare and deliver sausages. Many Thanks, The Year 7/8 Student Curriculum Team



Lunch Online - School Lunches



Lunch Online has been a favourite for many of our families while Sydenham Bakery was our provider. Although we are sad to see Sydenham Bakery go at the end of this term, we are very excited to have Pita Pit and Pure Sushi on board from Term 2. If you already have a Lunch

Online account, you will be able to start using Pita Pit (Wednesdays) and Pure Sushi (Fridays) as soon as Term 2 begins.

If you have not used Lunch Online and are interested in checking it out or registering then go to www.lunchonline.co.nz to find out more. It is free to register, you just need to make sure you have enough money in your Lunch Online account to cover the purchases you make. A great way to give your child a healthy and yummy lunch as an occasional treat or as a regular lunch option to help ease the burden of busy mums and dads!



More notices

School Photos - you should have received your order form for your child's class and individual photos by now. If you want to put in an order please fill out the form and return to the school office by Friday 6th April. You can pay by cash, cheque made out to Heritage or online to Heritage. And remember you **MUST** keep the photo attached to the envelope so Heritage Photos can identify your child.



High School Open Days

It is not long until the season for the High School Open Days. If there are any High Schools you are interested in, you may want to check their websites to see if they are advertising their Open Days. In our last newsletter we mentioned **Hagley College are having their Open Day on Tuesday 8th May**. Here are a couple of other schools who have given us some information:

Cashmere High School - Tuesday 22nd May from 4pm to 6pm. Guided tours depart from the school office at 4pm. Ph 332 9129 www.cashmere.school.nz

St Andrew's College - Thursday 10th May 9am to 12 noon. Rector's address 11am. Please register via this link. <https://stac.school.nz/enrolments-and-scholarships/open-day-and-boarding-road-shows/2018-open-days/>



We continue to push the Sun Smart message during this summer/autumn term. Plenty of cloud? Even on a cloudy day, UV radiation is all around you. Light cloud in a blue sky can even make sunburn worse as the UV radiation reflects off the clouds. Remember to cover up, seek shade and wear sunscreen when outdoors.



Canterbury Duathlon

On Monday the 26th March, St Martins had 30 students compete in the Canterbury Duathlon. This was the first time in a few years that we have had sunshine for this event and our St Martins students performed very well. Some notable mentions in their age groups are: **Cara Reid 1st, Leah Jones, 1st, Emily Jones 5th, Jordan Anngow 9th, Lucy Young 10th.**

We also had several other students place within the top 20. Well done to all students and a big thank you to parents for helping with transport.

Community Notices



Are you a singer or an instrumentalist? Are you reasonably good at it...or even better?

If you are then we would love for you to audition for us and be part of this amazing experience. The Music Festival is a huge extravaganza featuring over 4000 students that takes place over 3 nights at the Horncastle Arena in late October. Students in the Representative Groups perform every night.

In our Music Festival we have four Representative Groups which are the Junior Choir, Senior Choir, the Concert Band and the Symphony Orchestra. These groups play a very important role in the Festival and the experience of being on stage with thousands of people watching you and a thousand massed choir students singing along with you is truly amazing. As with Canterbury representative sports teams, you are chosen because you are good and have real potential. For the choir, you need to be able to sing in tune and being able to read music is an advantage. If you play an instrument, you probably need to have been playing for several years and, if exams apply to your instrument, a rough guide would be around Grade 5 for strings and Grade 4 for woodwind, brass and percussion. Obviously, many of you will be above this standard but this allows for people who may not have taken exams but are actually good players. If in doubt, ask your teachers - they know the standard that we are looking for.

We only select between 80 to 100 students per group.

This is done through an Audition process. If you do get in you need to be aware that you must attend rehearsals in August and September and then attend a three-day Holiday Course in the first week of the Term 3 holidays. You will learn so much and make lots of new friends. Details are on our website. Even if your school does not have a choir in the festival this year you can still apply for an audition for any of the Representative Groups.

This is the pinnacle of musical achievement in Christchurch Primary and Intermediate school music. For more details see the Festival website www.musicfestival.school.nz.

You must apply for an audition through the website, and applications close on the last day of Term 1.

School holiday programmes

If you have not already booked the kids into school holiday programmes while you are at work or if you just want to organise a few fun things, here are a few programmes we have been told about.

The Homework Club Holiday Programme are currently taking bookings. 5 to 9 year age group based at Cashmere Primary School, 135 Hackthorne Road and 9 to 13 year age group based at St Marks Church, corner Somerfield and Barrington Streets. The club operates from 8am to 6pm during the holidays. Visit www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or email Sara info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz

International Antarctic Centre Holiday Programmes - various daily programmes on offer for ages 6 to 13 years. \$59 to \$70 per day plus week long programmes. www.iceberg.co.nz

Sport Canterbury Active Kids Holiday Programme - 8am starts and single day and weekly bookings available. OSCAR approved, WINZ subsidies apply. www.sportcanterbury.org.nz

Christchurch City Libraries Holiday Programmes - a variety of programmes to suit all ages and abilities at the many wonderful city libraries. See the link for full details <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/holiday-programmes-events-and-activities/>

This is just a sample of what is available - go online or go to your local library to find out what else is on offer these school holidays.

More Community Notices

GIRLS FOOTBALL – HALSWELL UNITED Just a few weeks till the new season gets under way! We're still in need of more 11 to 15yr old girls. If you know any girls that might be keen please get in touch with Katie now! pottinger_nz@hotmail.com or pop down to Halswell Domain Mondays 4.30 - 5.30pm

The Great Country Egg-stravaganza! Rhodes Park Domain, Tai Tapu. Sunday 8th April 11am to 3pm. World Record Attempt Egg and Spoon race, plus Egg-stravaganza hunt and more! Adults \$10, Children \$5. Fundraising for Tai Tapu Community Centre.



CUFC at Spreydon Domain - Registrations now open for the 2018 season. First game 7th April. First kicks (from 4 years) through to Youth Football. For more information on training times and registration visit www.cufc.co.nz or email

Cashmere Netball Club - Year 6 Players While we have already had the trials for year 6 players, we would still love a few more players. Games are held on Saturday morning. Even if you haven't played before, we are fun family orientated club and would love to see new players for the 2018 season. Please phone Carmen on [027 271 1104](tel:0272711104) if interested.

Grassroots Yoga at The Tannery

Parent and Child Workshop Saturday 7th April 1pm to 2pm \$25. Age is from 4 to 10 years. Workshop will give parents and children time to focus on each other in a fun and relaxing environment. Includes movement, stretching, yoga, breathing, massage, partnering and visualisation.

Yoga for Youth - Saturday 7th April 2.30pm to 3.30pm \$20 for 11 to 15 years. This workshop will help young teens find balance in mind and body. We will focus on movement and mindfulness exercises that create a sense of self-awareness and heartfulness.

For more information on these sessions and more go to www.grassrootsyoga.co.nz



Action Sports Stadiums - Season Starts Term 2



Indoor Cricket and Indoor Football - play the game you love all year round. Get your mates together and get into Action. Entries this season are opening now. Graded competitions for ages 7 to 17 years. All officials and equipment provided. All children receive awards. Phone to enter (ph 366-6601) or enter online www.actionindoorsport.com

30th March

Good Friday - school closed

2nd and 3rd April

Easter Monday and Tuesday- school closed. See you on the 4th!

5th April

Second afternoon of Reporting Conferences for Year 0 to 2 students from 3.30pm to 6pm

6th April

Photo orders due by today. Please drop order and cash/cheque into the school office or pay online directly to Heritage Photos.

9th April

Junior Syndicate Huff and Puff at school from 11.30am to 12.30pm. Come and join in the fun!