



St Martins School

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



Newsletter 4

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## Inspiring a passion for Learning

### Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

The latest ERO report is now available on line <http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/st-martins-school-23-02-2018/> and the link is also on our school website (About>ERO Report)

We are pleased to have such a strong report. The report acknowledges the success of the school in the delivery of the curriculum, particularly the high levels of performance in reading, writing and mathematics and the “clearly formulated and enacted interventions in place for children not yet meeting expected levels of achievement.” The report considers St Martins to be a high performing school, with strong effective systems and collaborative leadership, and a “relentless focus on continued improvement.”

The report also acknowledges the work of our amazing Board of Trustees, and our school’s “strong commitment to Te Ao Māori and implementing bicultural practices in ways that are respectful to Māori Culture.”

The report highlights the many strengths of our school and states that “our children learn in a highly collaborative, inclusive and positive learning environment.”

Please take a few minutes to follow the link and read the report. It is certainly reassuring in terms of what the team at St Martins School provide for your children.

<http://www.ero.govt.nz/review-reports/st-martins-school-23-02-2018/>

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

These meetings are being 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 your child can attend at that time. (We have advised the Homework Club of the early finish time)

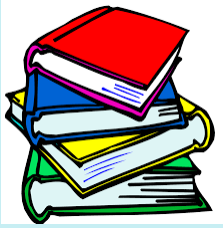
If you are not able to collect your child from school that day at 12.30pm, please let us know by phoning the office (Ph 332-6121) so that we can arrange supervision for those children who will remain at school.

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.

Kind regards  
Rob Callaghan  
Principal

# Look how you can help our library!

## OFF THE SHELF - News from the School Library



Coffee and cookies? Tea and treats? Hopefully that got your attention! We're planning a Library Working Bee for later this term to help get through some of our backlog of new books - we've got loads of new books which we just can't get into the children's hands as we don't have time to get all the processing done. So if you'd like to help out, but don't want to commit to too much, why not come and join us one morning, and yes.... we will provide morning tea!!

We'll be stamping, taping, labelling and covering so something for all. We're hoping for a couple of sessions, one being Monday 9th April before the Huff 'n Puff, another to be scheduled. If you're keen please let me know and maybe bring a friend along too, anything from 30 minutes to 2 hours will be helpful! If you're able to help out please drop me an email [bridgeth@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:bridgeth@stmartins.school.nz) and let me know if 9th April works for you or if you want to be kept informed about another day. Looking forward to seeing you. Bridget Hayes - Librarian.

## Uncovering St Martins War Heroes

Hello parents and caregivers,  
Zoë, Amelie, Sofia, Leila and Juliette (From Room 18 and 19) are doing an investigation into the history of school war heroes.

We would like to know if any of your relatives have served in any past or present wars. We were hoping to collect copies of photos and souvenirs, and stories of their service.

Please contact Juliette Fink at [juliettef@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:juliettef@stmartins.school.nz) We would appreciate a small description of Who, What, When, Why and How.



Thank you so much  
From Zoë, Amelie, Sofia, Leila and Juliette

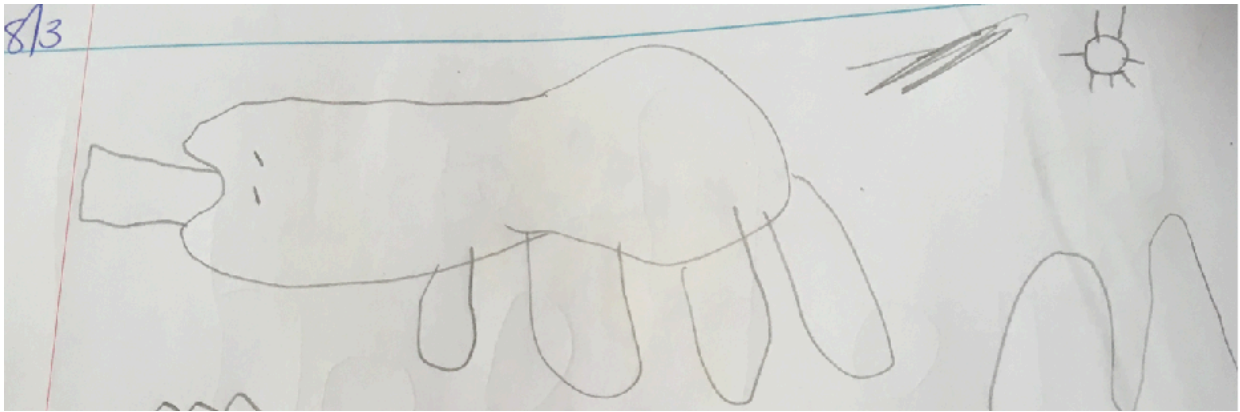
### Have you lost your keys?

A keyring with 4 keys and Aloha-Hawaii on one side has been found. We seem to recall someone asking if these keys had been found, so if it was you come and see us in the office.



**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.

# Student Writing



I am a baby elephant. I am running. I am drinking too and I am strong. I am tired and now I have gone to sleep. I dreamed of drinking and when I woke up I had a wonderful day.

**Vincent van Dam, aged 5 in Room 6** wrote this. His teacher was very impressed with his story writing skills at such a young age. Well done Vincent!

Creeping towards the forest  
A misty breeze sweeps through  
Forlorn trees stand bare.

Languid leaves fall to the dewy ground  
Listening to silence  
A silhouette covers the forest  
Wearing his crown of golden leaves

**Sitara Ferguson Room 17 Year 6**

In the misty morning  
The sun awakes the trees in silence  
Leaves falling  
Hitting the damp ground  
Causing a puddle of leaves  
A lonely bird will sing at dawn to silence  
Waiting to hear a voice  
But flouted.

**Kayden Watson Room 17 Year 6**

As the first signs of day show to the east  
The forlorn trees start mourning the loss of their leaves  
As they slowly drop to earth like tears  
Weaving a golden rug of ageing life.



A solitary crow takes flight to the clear, cool sky  
Searching for shelter  
Against the upcoming season.

**AJ Williams Room 17 Year 5**

Light shines upon the glistening dew  
As it rests in the sun's embrace  
Leaves are shed upon their end  
Gifting a blanket to the cold ground.

Cautiously they come to claim their share  
Of the tree's jewels  
A calm wind steals away all they have left  
Although they do not realise  
Until the song ends.

**Isla Ballantine Room 17 Year 6**



## More School Notices



We continue to push the Sun Smart message during this summer/autumn term. There's strength in numbers - there's a reason for the numbers on your sunscreen. They tell you how much protection the sunscreen gives you from sun damage. The bigger the number, the more protection. The Cancer Society recommends SPF 30.

### Wheel and Walk to School

The Wheel and Walk to School event was organised by the Christchurch City Council. All those students who took part went into the draw for a \$20 voucher.

**Alice, a Year 1 student in Room 7** was the winner drawn at our last assembly. Congratulations Alice and well done to all who took part. Be great to keep it up!



## Community Notices

### Eat Well & Move More Consultant.

Aimee Hampton (mum of Cooper, Room 3 and Porter, Room 6) provides personalised nutrition and movement advice and runs group workshops for businesses / organisations wanting to promote health and wellbeing in the workplace.

Check out [eatandmovetolive.weebly.com](http://eatandmovetolive.weebly.com) to find out more.



This Beckenham School Twilight Fair will be SPECIAL. We have rebuilt and are ready to showcase our new school to the community. Come and celebrate with us, grab dinner, watch live entertainment, and enjoy all the fair games, rides, baking, second hand clothes, toys and book stalls on offer. Competitions, auctions and raffles galore. A fun family night out for all. Rain or shine this event will go ahead. Help us add to the PTA OUTDOOR SPACES fund. **FRIDAY 23rd MARCH 4.30pm to 7.30pm**

**The Canterbury Explorers** are excited to bring internationally renowned gifted expert, Dr Jim Delisle, to Christchurch in March. We will be hosting an evening for parents, teachers and others interested in gifted children and gifted education.

**When:** Wednesday 21st March at 7pm      **Where:** The Medbury Centre, Medbury School

**How much:** \$15 for members, \$25 for non members, \$10 for students

**Visit** [www.canterburyexplorers.org.nz](http://www.canterburyexplorers.org.nz) for bookings or further information or email [info@canterburyexplorers.org.nz](mailto:info@canterburyexplorers.org.nz) if you have any additional questions

# Community Notices

**Do you need a babysitter after school or weekends? I can help!** My name is Wairaamia Taratoa-Bannister. I am 14 years old and I'm looking for a babysitting job to earn some money towards my dance competitions. I'm in Year 10 at Cashmere High School and I live in the St Martins area. I am great with children and have a lot of experience with children as I have three younger siblings (and a big brother) and my father is an early childhood teacher. If you would like to get in contact with me you can call/text me on: 021-138-5445 or my mother Kelly on: 027-482-6324. I look forward to hearing from you. Wairaamia.



**Hagley's Junior College Open Evening** - Tuesday 8th May. Due to demand we are running two sessions - one at 4.30pm and one at 5.30pm. We ask that people arrive for either a 4.30pm start or a 5.30pm start. Both sessions will cover the same information and there is no need to RSVP. There will be an opportunity to hear our Principal and Director of Junior College speak, and to have a look around the College. This evening is intended for students who are looking to enrol into Year 9 for next year. To request an enrolment pack or for more information, parents can contact Lisa Amer on [03\) 379 3090 ext 884](tel:033793090) or via email: [lisa.amer@staff.hagley.school.nz](mailto:lisa.amer@staff.hagley.school.nz).

**Do you want to give Highland Dancing a go?** Classes for boys and girls held at the Caledonian Hall, 5 Michelle Road, Wigram from 9.30am to 10.30am commencing Saturday 7th April. Fully qualified tutors, very affordable fees. For further information contact Colleen Cole ph 328-8694 email [caleyhighland@gmail.com](mailto:caleyhighland@gmail.com) [www.canterburycaledonian.org.nz](http://www.canterburycaledonian.org.nz)



## **2018 McDonalds Youth Duathlon - Sunday 8th April South Hagley Park**

7 to 10 years - run 1km, cycle 4km, run 500m. 11 to 15 years - run 2km, cycle 8km, run 1km  
Go to [www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz](http://www.mcdonaldsduathlon.co.nz) to find out how to register

**Children's Community Ensemble - interested?** We are looking for keen and committed musicians - any orchestral instruments (Grades 3-6 who can read music) to join a new ensemble conducted by Richard Oswin, If interested or for more details, please call Kathy on 021-0650-959 or email [kathycatton@me.com](mailto:kathycatton@me.com)



### **27th March and 5th April**

Reporting Conferences for Year 0 to 2 students from 3.30pm to 6.30pm - notices have been sent home.

### **30th March**

Good Friday - school closed  
**2nd and 3rd April**  
Easter Monday **and** Tuesday- school closed. See you on the 4th!

### **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!