



St Martins School

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



Newsletter 8

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## Inspiring a passion for Learning

### Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

This week will see the old dental clinic building gone from the school site. This is planned to happen beginning Thursday and being completed by Saturday. We also expect that over the weekend the worksite office will be put in place and the worksite fencing erected.

The teachers have, (and will continue) to remind children that they are not permitted under any circumstances to enter the fenced area. This means either by an opening - or by climbing over or going under!! If balls go over the fence they are to be left and we will arrange retrieval. You will understand the Health and Safety implications and consequently any ignoring of these instructions will be considered as a very serious issue. Please help us keep your children safe by reinforcing this message.

To ensure that we have a record of the build a 'Student Team' has been created to manage the digital recording of the build process and progress. This is an exciting opportunity for our children to take responsibility for recording this historical event in the life of St Martins School.

Please be mindful that next week the build-proper will commence and there may be additional vehicle movement during the school day. These will be halted from around 8am to 9am and between 2.45pm to 3.30pm to allow safe exit and access for children. If you are coming into the school outside of these times please be aware of the possible extra traffic movement.

Our senior team and syndicate teams are putting together an array of alternative activities that will be 'rolled out' during the term and until the completion of the build. This will ensure that our children will have plenty to do to keep themselves active and engaged either by themselves or under supervision. To that end if you feel inclined and have regular availability to support a programme please let Michele in the office know and we can assign you to one of these activities. Regular availability to support would be appreciated but we do understand how busy and committed everyone is.

We have been advised by the NZEI that there is another paid union meeting for teachers to be held in the afternoon on Tuesday 26th June. 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 (lunchtime) on this day. If you are not able to collect your child at 12.30pm please let us know by phoning the office (ph 332-6121) or emailing [admin@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:admin@stmartins.school.nz) so that we can arrange supervision for those children who will remain at school. We have also advised The Homework Club of this early finish. We apologise for the inconvenience that this may cause some of you.

Kind regards  
Rob Callaghan  
Principal

# Student Conferences

**Progress Student Led Conferences** for the Year 3 to 8 students will be held on Wednesday 27th June from 1.30pm to 8pm and Thursday 28th June from 3.30pm to 8pm. **School will close at lunchtime (12.30pm) on Wednesday 27th June** to allow for more afternoon appointment times. School will close at the normal time of 3pm on Thursday 28th June.

**Reporting Conferences** will also be held for the Year 0-2 Syndicate on Thursday 28th June from 3.30pm to 6pm and again on Tuesday 3rd July from 3.30pm to 6pm.

Go to [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) and use booking reference **st3br**. Follow the easy online instructions to make your booking. if you do not have internet access or need some assistance please contact Michele in the school office - ph 332-6121 ext 701. Bookings close on Monday 25th June. Creche will be provided as per usual in the library.

## Track pants for sale

**Taslon track pants for sale** - we have some adult medium sized trackpants available at the crazy price of \$10.00 per pair. They are navy track pants (lined) with a zip part way up each leg. Great for exercising, gardening, painting, or just lazing about in. See Diane and Rachel in the office.



## Off the Shelf - News from the Library



After our very successful working bee last term (and a huge thanks to all those Mum's who came along) we've managed to process a wonderful array of new books ready for the shelves. Additions to the Senior Fiction can be found in the quick list on [Accessit](#) and are worth taking a look at for our High Fliers. **The short but brilliant career of Lucas Weed** by Chrissie Walker has been well reviewed, well anything with a hyperactive frog, a pair of bright red undies and

and epic plan for school athletics day has to be worth a read! And more seriously Sue Copsey's Ghosts of Moonlight Creek, set in the Otago hills looks well worth a read - great to see these two new books from New Zealand authors. One notable picture book added is Room on our rock (Kate and Jol Temple) a very clever book which is read first forwards and then backwards providing two different sides to the story, one to look at for discussions about inclusiveness, refugees etc.



**Lunch Online** - We had an overwhelming response to the \$3 Pita Pit deal last Wednesday. 126 orders!! And we can confirm they were yummy! We did notice that some students did not have the correct class numbers on their orders. Some did look suspiciously like they had listed their classroom from last year. So if you are ordering Lunch Online again (either Pita Pit on a Wednesday or Pure Sushi on a Friday) check your online registration and update your details if required.

# Student Poetry

Leaves fall slowly to the ground,  
Trapped in an endless maze,  
They are only found,  
By the voice of the wind.

The vibrant colours,  
Are the kind you choose to see,  
As a silent orchestra plays,  
Spreading joy further than the branches  
can reach.

Across the kingdom he sees,  
The light has left,  
Slowly frost catches up,  
Thoughts turn to the horizon....

With one request.

**By Isla Ballantine Room 17, Year 6**

I listened to the birds awakening  
Singing their soft morning chorus  
Calling to the sun  
As the light envelopes the night

I listened to the waves crashing onto rocks  
Splitting the wave in half  
The ocean devouring the sand  
And racing away again

I listened to the wind whispering  
Secrets not to be heard  
Rustling through leaves  
And brushing away

**By Sitara Ferguson Room 17, Year 6**

## The War

Boom! Boom! Boom!  
Through the trenches brave soldiers will zoom.  
All of the world, the war may not end,  
Sent from the war office,  
The telegrams will send.

The freshly shot bullets pound into the ground,  
Making a very loud rumbling sound.  
Climb down the ladder, missing a rung,  
Feeling the dust sprinkle onto your tongue.

Brains are dead, tummies not fed,  
Scarce gunshots are heard up ahead.

At the end of the war, the poppies will grow,  
Right by the crosses, each in a row.

**By Anahere Moffat-Whare Room 14, Year 6**



# Student Fundraising

## SPCA Fundraiser

During the holidays Abigail and Aleesha went to the SPCA and presented them with the certificate saying that St Martins School had raised over \$400 for the animals. The money we raised was from the Easter mufti day we had last term. Thanks to everyone who participated. The winners of the "How many Easter Eggs in the jar?" were Crusader Brown and Smilla West who both guessed 57. Well done. When we were at the SPCA we got to see the rabbits and cats. Sadly we could not touch the cats and kittens because they were in cages. While we were there a lady bought a kitten and she let us pat it. The rabbits were in cages that we could open and we patted all of them.



## World Vision Leaders Day

On Wednesday 2 May Josh, Ida, Sophie and I (Aleesha) attended the World Vision Leader's Day. Tessa and Cole, also in the photo, are the NZ Youth Ambassadors for World Vision this year. Cole is going to be in assembly this Friday with Harley to tell us about the children of South Sudan that the Famine is raising money for as he went and visited. We

learnt how to be a good leader and did a quiz to find out what leadership type we are. In the afternoon we planned how to run the World Vision Famine at school this year. We are aiming to raise more than what was raised last year which was \$6094.00 and have more Year 5 - 8 children involved. While we want kids to raise lots of money, more importantly we want them to have a HEART for the cause. We want the kids at our school to realise how bad the conditions are that our brothers and sisters in South Sudan are living in, how lucky we are to have the things we take for granted, and show our school values of caring and responsibility (global responsibility in this case) as we raise money to help them have access to their human rights.

## Community Notices



# Give Gear, Get Great

Have your kids outgrown their sports gear?

Please donate any sports gear in good condition so it can be recycled back into the community. Strictly no clothing.

Drop off: Beckenham Service Centre, 66 Colombo Street

Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board      Christchurch City Council

**Give Gear, Get Great** - thanks to those who have already donated sports equipment into the wheelie bin in the school office. It's not too late to bring in any sports gear in good condition that could be given to someone to use again. Great for you (clears space), great for the recipient and great for the environment!

**Suzuki Preschool Music Class for Mums and Bubs** - Amalia and Kerry present a structured Suzuki programme of songs, rhymes, listening, playing instruments, rhythm, all done with fun aimed at the very littlies. Ages 0-4. Tuesday 9.30am to 10.30am during term time. 2 free trial classes. St Martins Community Centre, 122 Wilsons Road, St Martins. For more information please email Kerry on [kjmurphy75@hotmail.com](mailto:kjmurphy75@hotmail.com) or just come along and try out a class.

**Kay Hallisey School of Irish Dancing** - Irish Dancing Lessons at Somerfield Community Centre, Studholme St. Free trial lesson. Contact Shealagh ph 021 204 0133 or Ann ph 027 664 6934.

**Garage Sale!** Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre is having a garage sale. **Saturday 26 May, 9 - 12** at the Landsdowne Community Hall (8 Landsdowne Terrace). There will also be a coffee cart, cake stall and sausage sizzle. Come and grab a bite to eat!



**17 May**  
Winter sports begin for the Year 5 to 8 syndicates.

**21 May**  
Year 5 to 8 Water Safety Week begins

**25 May**  
School Disco - Junior and Senior Sessions in the school hall from 5.30pm for Juniors and 7.30pm for Seniors.

**4 June**  
Queen's Birthday School closed for the day. Enjoy the long weekend!

**19 June**  
South ChCh Music Festival Year 3-6 Choir. 6pm to 8.30pm