



Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

Welcome back to Term 2 at St Martins School with a special welcome to our new families. It is going to be a really exciting term as we start the new build. As was communicated over the holiday break by School Links, Hann Construction will put up fencing at the end of Week 2. Up until then it will be business as usual. We will send you a reminder notice again once the fencing is due to go up. Hann Construction will also be adding additional pink painted crosses to indicate where the new building will be. If you get a chance, look out for these and you can get an idea of the shape and size of the first new building.

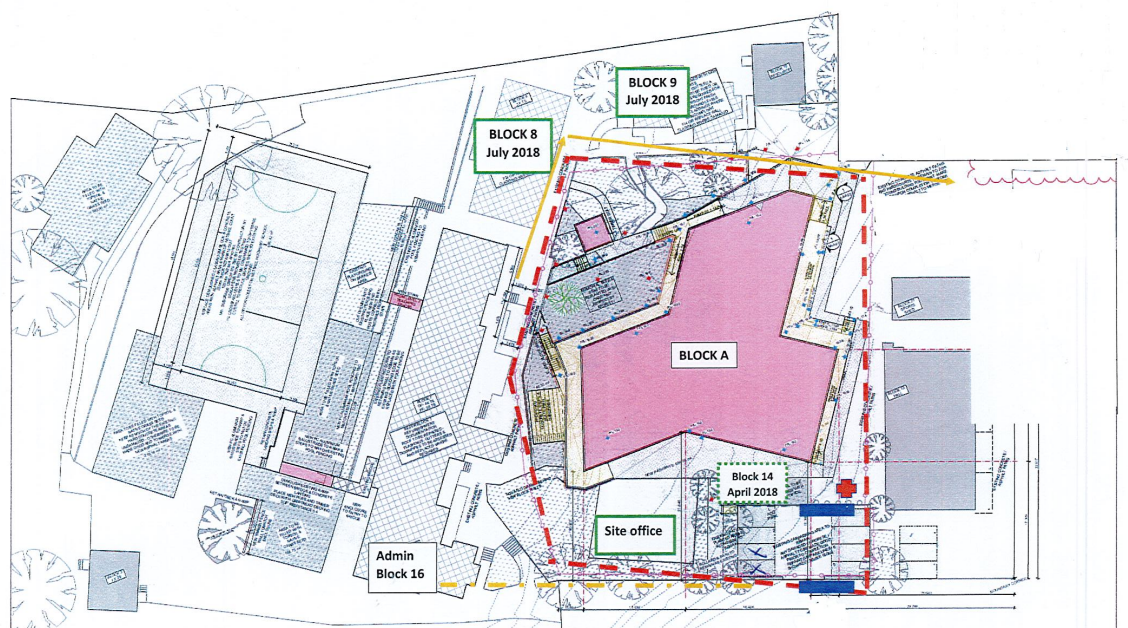
Below is a picture of our school layout which indicates the fencing plan for the school. The plan takes out much of our court area, including the old dental clinic (which will be removed first) and the parking area in front of the dental clinic. There will be access to the school hall for the Homework Club before and after school. Access to the Homework Club will be through the secondary carpark so it is important to accompany your child when dropping off and picking up. Here is a [link](https://www.stmartins.school.nz/st-martins-school-redevelopment-project-stage-1-plans/) to the plan on the school website so you can see it in more detail.

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Please be aware by the start of Week 3 there will be additional pressure on parking spaces around the school and this is likely to have an impact when dropping off and collecting your children. Please consider alternative drop off/pick up points your children can walk to and from to help avoid congestion.

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan
Principal

St Martins School Redevelopment Project: STAGE 1



Student News

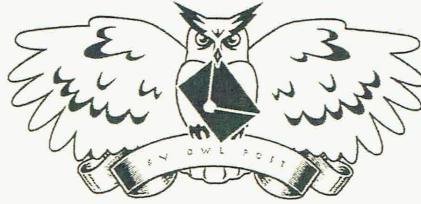
Nick Capaldi, a Year 4 student from Room 3 wrote to J.K. Rowling - this is what his letter said.

I have read all of your books twice and I am reading them for the third time. I am writing to you because I would like it if you could write a series of books on Harry Potters 7 years at Hogwarts. I would probably be the first to read them.

From Nicholas V Capaldi

P.S. My favourite book is probably the half-blood prince.

And here is the letter Nick received back from J.K. Rowling - very exciting!



Dear Nick,

Thank you very much for your letter. I'm sorry to say that I now receive so much mail that I cannot answer every piece individually, much as I would like to. However, I love receiving feedback from readers and I try and read as much as I can.

I have been very busy over the past year or so between the film of *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*, for which I've written the script. I am now working on the second in the series which is due out in 2018. The play, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*, on which I have collaborated is now showing at the Palace Theatre in London.

I hope to write another children's book one day and there really aren't many spare hours in the day at the moment. Even so, the fact that people take the time and trouble to write means a great deal to me, so thank you once again for your letter and for being such a fan of "Harry's."

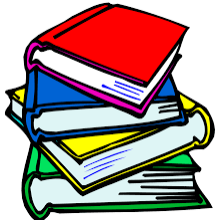
With very best wishes,

J.K. Rowling

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Off the Shelf - News from the Library



Hope you've had time for lots of reading together with your children over the holidays, I read *Being Miss Nobody* which I thoroughly enjoyed and think many of our Senior girls will enjoy too. Another holiday task was to get our overdue system up and running again - you may have enjoyed the break in emails from us last term! Our overdues are designed as a reminder to you and your child that we think they still have books on loan and so that we can sort out the issue before too much time passes. Our experience is that the longer a book remains overdue the less likely we are to get it back and with \$600+ worth of books outstanding from the end of last year and our summer lending we need to keep on top of it. So, our automated overdues will need to start again from next week, hopefully working together we can keep them to a minimum.

School notices

Word Vision Famine

This year the famine is being held over the weekend of June 8-10. Funds raised will go to support the children of South Sudan. This year permission slips need to be completed by an adult and returned to school before the Famine books are issued.



St Martins Rock Band Auditions! Rock band auditions for 2018: If you wish to be in the rock band this year, auditions will be held on Monday 14th May at 12.30pm (lunchtime). We are looking for Guitarists, Drummers, Singers, Keyboardists and Bass Guitarists. If you are interested in auditioning, all you have to do is have your own song prepared to sing or play (with backing mp3 track optional)



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

Have you heard about this fantastic community initiative? If you have any sports gear in good condition that you no longer use (excluding clothing) then this could be a way of clearing the clutter and helping someone who may not be able to provide sporting equipment for their child. We have a donation bin in our school office so have a sort through what you don't need and feel you can donate and help us fill our donation bin.



Lunch Online and Subway - a reminder that from this term we are excited to have **Pita Pit** and **Pure Sushi** as our Lunch Online suppliers. As an introduction to Pita Pit they have a special promo next Wednesday 9th May. Buy one of their Petita size wraps for the special price of \$3.00. To order Pita Pit (Wednesdays) or Pure Sushi (Fridays) go to www.lunchonline.co.nz - select St Martins School then follow the easy directions.

We also have **Subway** on Wednesdays and Fridays. You can order online www.subway.co.nz/schools. You can also order at the school office by completing a Subway envelope. You must have the correct money as no change is given by Subway and we do not have sufficient cash in the office to change your notes into the right change.

Community Notices

TMC Women's Fitness Group - Did you know that every Tuesday and Thursday evening at 6.15pm at the Malthouse Theatre Hall (Colombo Street), the amazing Tracey Munro-Callis (qualified fitness instructor) holds an incredibly fun Women's Fitness Group? All fitness levels catered for, all shapes and sizes and ages welcome and no fancy 'active wear' required! We do a bit of everything...cardio, strength training boxing and more! Our ladies warmly welcome newbies and we all enjoy a good laugh while we work hard. If this sounds like your thing contact Tracey on 021-216-0717. Find us on Facebook @TMCWOMENSFITNESS

Kiwi Creativity Art Tuition with Rebecca Gibbs. Ages 7 to 13. Choose Mondays, Tuesdays or Wednesdays for 8 weeks of art tuition with Rebecca at her art studio in Ōpāwa. All materials and afternoon tea supplied. Limited to 4 students per class. Starting Week 2 of Term 2. Contact Rebecca on 021-250-1596 www.rebeccagibbsillustration.com

Dance for Joy - Ex-professional ballet dancer and international teacher. Classes held at St Marks Methodist Church Hall, Somerfield Street. Classes for 8 to 16 year olds plus adult ballet and pilates. \$100 for a 10 week term. Contact Sally to book your place. ph 022-377-6640

Ao Tawhiti Unlimited Discovery School - Open Nights 14th May and 29th May starting 7pm. www.aotawhiti.school.nz for more information on where to go and who to contact.

14 May

Year 0 to 4 Water Safety Week begins

15/16 May

School Cross Country for Year 3-8.

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

4 June

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