



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

If you have been near the school during this week you will have seen that work has begun in earnest. Already much of the raised and barked area has been cleared and the asphalt has been removed. Unfortunately a number of trees have had to be removed because they are where the new building will be placed or because they are where the new retaining walls will be constructed. You may be aware that there are also some memorial trees on the school site and in this area. In consultation with the families, decisions are being made as to how they can be preserved in some way.

With the heavy works happening there have been a few more trucks and other vehicle movements to and from the site. As we have mentioned, these movements are restricted before school starts and after school finishes. However, sometimes children may arrive late due to appointments or the like and we ask that in these exceptional situations that you take care to ensure that your children are aware of the potential hazards. Each time a large vehicle leaves the gate the contractors provide a road/pathway spotter for safety reasons but we feel individual awareness is also very important.

We are currently investigating a dedicated spot on the website where all 'Build Update' notices can be accessed and where the floor and profile diagrams can be views. We hope to have this operational in the very near future and we will let you know when this happens. We have just had some large images of the floor plans and profiles printed off and we will create some displays so that you can engage with the design first hand. Our aim is to have the first of these displays ready by the end of the week.

One of our latest 'Build Updates' outlined the range of extra and exciting opportunities that are being made available for our children during the rebuild phase. This is just a start and while some will be recycled over the time of the rebuild, from time to time there will also be some new and novel activities introduced. For more information please look at 'Build Update #4' which was posted 30th May, 2018.

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan
Principal

REMINDER: Please let us know if you are unable to collect your child at 12.30pm on Tuesday 26th June when many of our teachers will be attending the Paid Union meeting. Email admin@stmartins.school.nz with your child's name and class number.

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 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.

Lost Property



We hope all you had an amazing time at the school disco last Friday. There was some lost property left so if you think you may be lacking something come and check in the office. We also have a HUGE pile of school polar fleeces in the lost property bins in the school hall. With the days getting decidedly chilly, you may want to go and have a look if your child has lost their fleece. This is also a timely reminder to please label your children's uniform items as it is very disheartening to see unnamed fleeces and senior jackets when we know these are not a cheap item to replace.

Off the Shelf - News from the Library



Last week I read a really interesting blog post about the importance of reading to children of all ages, even after they have learned to read for themselves, or maybe that should be specifically after they have learned to read for themselves! It discussed the advantages of not only the social aspects but the language development, listening skills and spelling to name a few. Children in the survey said that they were disappointed when this reading stopped - worth a read, it'll only take a couple of minutes but

the benefits could be long reaching.

We'd also like to again thank the amazing group of Mums who came and gave us a hand last term and to let you all know that we are having a **second library working bee on Tuesday June 12th** if anyone is interested and available. It's a good time to chat, meet up with parents old and new and help us get our new books on to the shelves quicker! We'll be here from 8.30am but any amount of time from 30 minutes to a couple of hours that you're able to spare would be much appreciated. If you're keen please let me know via email bridgeth@smartins.school.nz

School Notices

World Vision: 8th to 10th June



There are 9 days to go! If you haven't got your booklet yet you need to return your permission form as quickly as you can. There are HEAPS of awesome resources online. Posters, videos, fundraising tips and information on South Sudan and where this year's money will go. If anyone is looking for last minute inspiration, it can be found here. <https://www.worldvision.org.nz/connect/40-hour0famine/resources/> A big

'Thank You' to all those people taking part in the Famine this year.

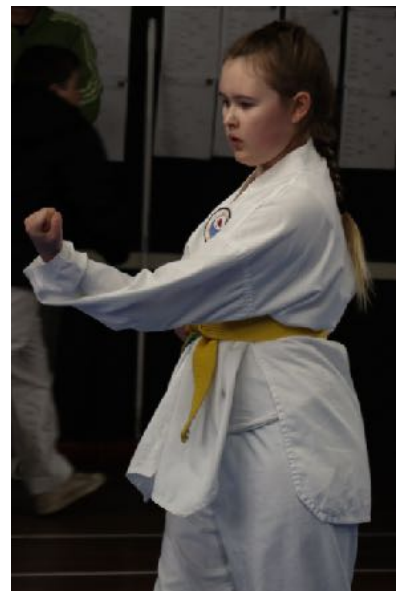


Rummage around for those unwanted mobile phones to donate to Sustainable Coastlines Mobile Phone Appeal. Phones collected help raise funds for Sustainable Coastlines - an award winning NZ Charity run by a small team of staff and volunteers. Their mission is to inspire, educate and enable others to look after the natural places we love - our beaches and waterways. Our school also benefits by gaining valuable rewards from the

Mobile phones we collect.

Student Achievement

The South Island Taekwondo Champs were held in Dunedin last weekend. Three Year 8 students from St Martins School were involved with the tournament. **Abigail (Room 12), Priya (Room 11) and Isabella (Room 11)** all competed with fantastic results. **Abigail** received Gold in paired poomsae, Silver in kyorugi, and Silver in team poomsae. **Priya** received Gold in kyorugi, Gold in paired poomsae, silver in team poomsae and Bronze in individual poomsae. **Isabella** received Silver in team poomsae and silver in paired poomsae. Congratulations to all of you for your amazing efforts.



Community Notices

Preschool Music - Helen Murray, who is part of our Arts Team at St Martins School teaching music to our classes, also runs a preschool music programme at Somerfield Community Hall on Thursday afternoons. She currently has a few spaces in the 3-4 year old class and the 4-5 year old class. If interested please contact Helen at vacmurray@gmail.com



Former St Martins student, Evie Corrigan, has been selected to represent New Zealand at the Powerlifting World Championships in Calgary, Canada next month. Evie can pick up weights of over three times her body weight and is in contention to place at this event with a strong possibility of her taking out first place. Powerlifting isn't a sport funded at all by the government or other bodies, it's on the individual athletes to pay for trips to these competitions. In order to raise some money for her trip there will be a fundraiser happening this weekend. This is a powerlifting competition and it is completely open to the public to come and watch, There will also be a raffle that will allow spectators to donate towards Evie's trip.

Where: Unbreakable Training Centre 301 Brougham Street,

When: 10am to 1pm June 2nd.

More information can be found on the Unbreakable Training Facebook page.

Lyttelton Rugby Club are looking for some new members to join our great family friendly club. We are looking for boys and girls born in 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2004 and 2000. Subs are \$40 for one child and \$60 for two or more from the same family. Please contact Linda on 328 7471 or 027 385 9392 or register online at Lyttelton Rugby Club.

4 June

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

19 June and 20 June

South ChCh Music Festival Year 3-6 Choir. 6pm to 8.30pm. our percussion group is also involved

26 June

Paid union meeting for teachers. We would ask you to collect your child at 12.30pm.

27 June

School closes at 12.30pm to allow for the first day of reporting conferences to be held.