



St Martins School

*Kia Maia*ngi awe ake te mātauranga Inspiring a passion for learning



Newsletter 10

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## Inspiring a passion for Learning

### Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

The ground works for the school rebuild are now in full swing. Much of the bark covered bank has been removed and the excavator is now working to bring the site down to the right level. You no doubt will remember that our court surfaces were not 'on the level' and this has to be addressed so that the new foundations are!

We expect most, if not all the excavation will be completed by the end of next week, provided the weather co-operates. The next stage will be setting down some steel for the foundations.

This Friday we farewell Caitlin Ross who will leave to have her first child. We are very excited for Caitlin and wish her all the best and thank her for all that she has given our children. We will keep you up to date with any news. Heather Owen, our newest staff member, has already been in to meet the class and to ensure that the handover is as smooth as possible.

At the end of this term we will also farewell two other staff members. Iona Rait, Room 15 class teacher has been granted leave to teach in Kathmandu for the final two terms of the year. Anita McGowan of our Year 7/8 team will also be leaving to take up a position at another school.

It is always sad to lose our fantastic teachers but I can say that we have now appointed for these positions and full details will be given once the Board of Trustees has ratified the appointments at next Tuesday's meeting. We are excited by the appointments who we feel will fill the huge hole left by Anita and (temporarily) Iona.

Kind regards  
Rob Callaghan  
Principal

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**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](mailto:admin@stmartins.school.nz) with your child's name and class number if your child will be staying at school for the afternoon.**

# 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 for all students** 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.

## School Notices

### **Year 7/8 TED TWEEN TALKS - on ecological sustainability**

You are warmly invited to attend our Year 7/8 inquiry share on **Monday 2nd July** from 9:15am-2:30pm in the school hall. We have aptly named the event 'Ted Tween Talks' as each class will present a 15 minute presentation on their area of study much like that of a Ted Talk. The 'Tween' part of the name comes from the fact that our presenters are 'in between childhood and adolescents'. Each presentation will be followed by 30 minutes where people can look around our displays.

#### **Presentation Timetable:**

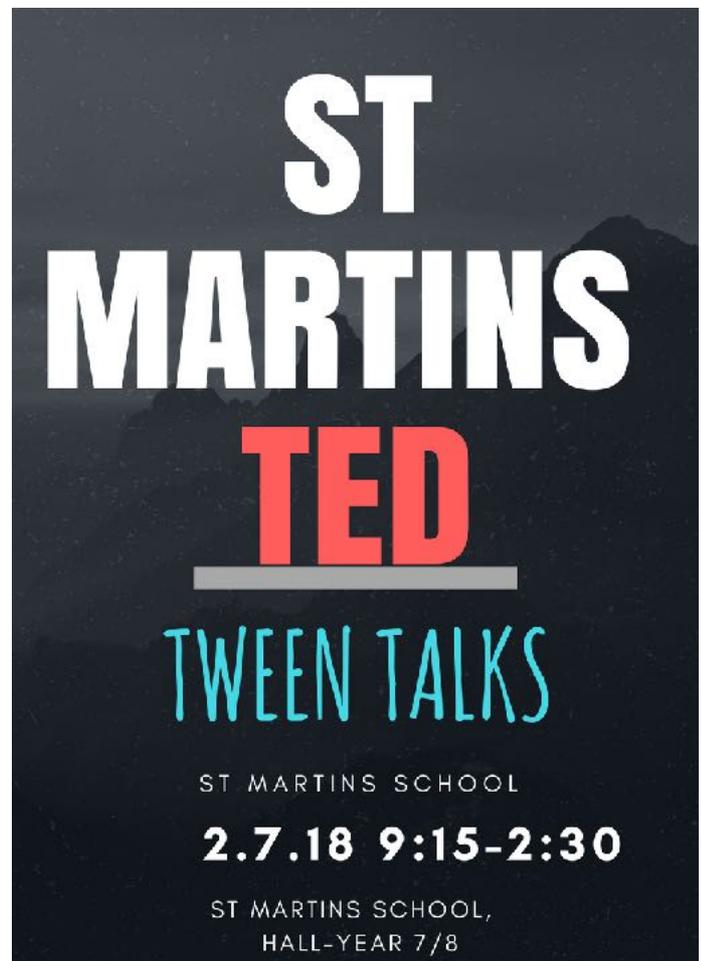
9:15am-9:30am - High Fliers 1 - Food Waste Presentation

10:00am-10:15am - High Fliers 1 - Sustainable Business Presentation

10:45am-11:00am - High Fliers 1 - Revitalising Mahinga Kai in Te Waipounamu Presentation

11:45am-12:00pm - High Fliers 2 - Waste Management Presentation

1:45pm-2:00pm - High Fliers 2 - NZ Pests Presentation



As part of the waste management inquiry, students have been busy making reusable bags and snacks bags, so please bring along some cash. Money raised will go towards one of the school's environmental projects (more information to come). We would love to share with you what we have been learning!

# School Notices

**Parent Reading Programme** - We have a great group of wonderful parents and grandparents helping with children's reading, but we would welcome some more helpers. If you have some spare time and would like to find out more, please contact Cate van Leuven, the Reading Recovery teacher at St Martins School, by leaving your contact details at the school office.



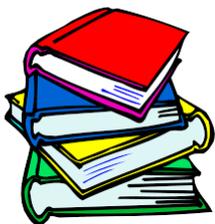
## South Christchurch Schools' Music Festival

The St Martins School Year 3 to 6 choir and Percussion Group will be performing in the South Christchurch Schools' Music Festival at Hillview Christian School on **Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th June**. Tickets available at the St Martins school office \$5 each for adult and child tickets. Payment preferred when you hand in your order form. You can pay online to the school bank account or by Eftpos, Cash or cheque at the school office. If you have already ordered but not paid, your tickets are ready for collection. Please come and see Michele in the office to pay and collect.



**The Senior Kapahaka** will be performing at the **Cultural Festival on Monday 3rd September** at the Horncastle Arena. Order and pay for your tickets through school by 22nd June. (Payment can be made into the school account or by Eftpos, cash or cheque at the school office.) If you miss this deadline you can purchase tickets through Ticketek.

## Off the Shelf - News from the Library



If you have a reluctant reader in your household [here's](#) a great list of titles to inspire them, many of which are in the Library or available via City Libraries. This website [www.lovereadingsforkids.co.uk](http://www.lovereadingsforkids.co.uk) has some great genre lists available but it is a UK site and therefore little representative of NZ publishing. Another blog [Bobs Books Blog](#) is by a Christchurch reviewer and although not exclusively NZ publishing does have a good

representation and covers all ages from picture books to young adults. We've just added a lovely NZ poetry book to our collection Feel A Little - little poems about big feelings. Ranging from excited to confused and confident each double page spread covers one emotion with one poem and accompanying illustration - lots to talk about and discuss here.

# Student Achievement



**The Year 6 St Martins Netball A team** won the Jelly Bean A Grade tournament held at Hagley Park netball courts on Sunday 10th June. Congratulations to the team and a special thanks to the managers, Michelle and Janice.

## **Year 7/8 EPro8 Challenge Success** **Interschool Engineering and Problem Solving Competition**

On the 22nd of May, two of the St Martins Year 7/8 EPro8 teams competed at the Opawa competition and placed 3rd (Team 3) and 5th (Team 4). Some of the challenges included building a fire-engine with flashing lights and a siren, and a solar-powered alarm clock. Then on the 7th of June, the other two teams competed at Clearview School. They placed 1st (Team 2) and 5th (Team 1); Team 2 getting the equal highest score in New



Zealand. On the 26th of June, Teams 2 and 3 will compete in the semi-final round at Christchurch South Intermediate School. Best of luck to the two teams representing St Martins School.

**Team 1** Olivia McCoy, Chloe Tindall, Poppy Wyndham, Poppy Sargentina

**Team 2** Hugh Thompson, Jenna Davison, Jessica Fastier, Ruby Young

**Team 3** Jacob Ridder, Max Groer, Emma Cartwright, Dilkee Nanayakkara

**Team 4** Fergus West, Josh Bligh, Orla Dunlop, Stella Shields

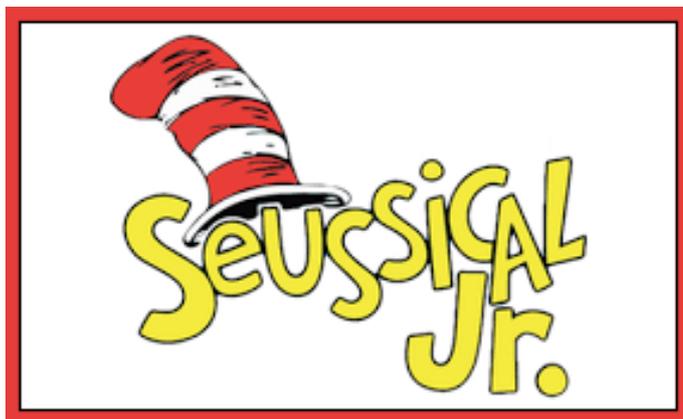


## **Winter**

Winter's white coat conceals the green grass.  
God's tears of sorrow sparkle on the white death  
As dew drops illuminate cobwebs  
Trees holding secrets in their long narrow fingers  
Clutched tight The white death has arrived.

**By Zack Fastier Room 17 Year 6**





Kia ora whanau

We are a school that values and celebrates the Performing Arts so.....\*drumroll please\*.....

### **Seussical Jnr is coming to St Martins School in Term Three!**

After a much anticipated arrival, the show kit is here for us to start working together on it! This Broadway production is fun, fast and explores the work of the snazzy, spectacular and sensational Dr Seuss.

This production is school wide and will be on stage at Hillview Christian School Week 10 Term Three! Classes will work on devising a performance piece together during their Performing Arts time with Miss Rowe. Every child will be on stage at some point dancing and singing their hearts out!

Closed auditions are open for Year 6-8 students for main roles on Wednesday 20th June Specialist Dance crew auditions for Year 6-8 will be next week as well.

At present, we have over 60 students putting their performance talent and giftings out there to audition for these roles and this number is sure to rise!

This production is student led and there are amazing leadership opportunities for Year 6-8 students to be involved as Head of Departments in Lighting, Sound, Publicity, Hair/Makeup/ Set-Props/Choreography/Costuming/Stage Manager, supported by teachers, so that they are able to experience what goes on in the production side of theatre. It is a dynamic, exciting and memorable time!

If you can offer any skillset such as prop/set, graphic design, costuming, lighting and sound - please make contact with Miss Rowe - [trudyr@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:trudyr@stmartins.school.nz).

Thanks so much  
Exciting times!

# Community Notices



## CASPA

### After School & Holiday Programme



CASPA JULY Holiday Programmes are filling fast.  
Please book online via [caspa.aimyplus.com](http://caspa.aimyplus.com)

We provide a safe, creative environment for 5-13 year olds  
Our leaders are trained

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Kids just LOVE it!

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8am-6pm long session



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### School Holiday Programme



**Papanui Youth Development Trust (PYDT)** registrations are open now for the **July OSCAR holiday programmes**, Pirates and Cruisers. Programmes run through the school holidays. Pirates for Year 1-6 and Cruisers for Year 7-8. Go to [www.pydt.org](http://www.pydt.org) for all the information, pricing and how to register.



WILD WONDERFUL CIRCUS WORLD

Presented by The Christchurch Circus Trust

July 13 - 15th

Roy Stokes Hall  
146 Seaview Road  
New Brighton

d! Dash Tickets  
\$8 - \$10+BF

**The Department of Conservation** are imagining a **Predator-free Port Hills**. Come along to the free trapping workshop on **Saturday 30th June from 1pm to 3pm** at the **St Martins School hall**. This free workshop introduces novices to the basics of trapping and tips to help the experienced trapper get better results. Refreshments provided. Email [vmander@doc.govt.nz](mailto:vmander@doc.govt.nz) for more info.

**The Backyard Skiffle Band Family Show** on **Sunday 17th June from 3pm at Blue Smoke at the Tannery**. An interactive music show giving kids big and little the opportunity to form a band live on stage. Sunday AGA roast served from 5pm as an optional extra. Go to [www.bluesmoke.co.nz](http://www.bluesmoke.co.nz) for more information.

**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 for Y 3-8 classes.

**28 June**  
Reporting conferences for Year 0-8 classes, school closes at the usual time of 3pm