

Newsletter 11

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Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

As you will have seen from the latest Build Update, progress is being made rapidly with our rebuild. With the school holidays coming up our builders will be in full swing making the best use of access to the site all day, each day. So expect that the curfew on traffic movements that apply during the school term will not apply during the school holiday break.

Please be aware of this, especially if your children are in the habit of playing in the school grounds in holiday times. It will be an active worksite during that time and there will be no teacher supervision at any time. While the builders will take all precautions when exiting and entering the worksite, we want our children to be aware of the increase in industry.

Jo Malcolm, our Board of Trustees Chairperson, has been speaking with the Year 7 and 8 students around the impact that digital devices have on our lives, but most importantly on our brain development.

So often we take for granted the number of times we engage with these devices and for many children it is becoming first nature. What Jo has spoken about to the children is how continuous use can create neural pathways that can remain through into adulthood and impact the way their brains perform.

During next term we are hoping to hold a parent evening where Jo Malcolm will share this piece of work with our parent community so it can be worked on from the child perspective and from the parenting perspective. So don't be surprised if you have your Year 7 or 8 student challenge you about your device usage!

Kind regards Rob Callaghan Principal

Can you help?

As you know, I am off to teach in Kathmandu, Nepal for the next two terms. In readiness for the time I am doing some fundraising. One part of it is a quiz night fundraiser on 14 July, and as part of that there will be a raffle. Are you a business owner that could donate a small item or voucher to be included in the raffle hamper? If so, could you please contact me via email below or see me in Room 15? Thank you for your generosity! Iona Rait <u>ionar@stmartins.school.nz</u>



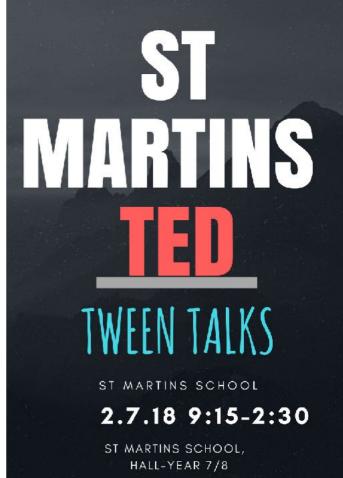
School Notices

Year 7/8 TED <u>TWEEN</u> 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!

Off the Shelf - News from the Library



Next term will see the School Seussified!! Always great read alouds so if you fancy a little bed time reading for your children give one a try bound to delight as both a new title or as a blast from the past If you're looking for something for older children then try the Butter Battle Book a parable with strong anti-war themes - not the Seuss we necessarily think of. Our library web app has a number of great Seuss links which

the children might enjoy complete with games as well as information. And if that's not enough then take a look at Christchurch City Libraries <u>Seuss competition</u> to win family tickets to Dr Seuss' Cat in the Hat at Isaac Theatre Royal in October. The competition runs over June and July and would make a great holiday project - good luck!!

School Notices





Each Wednesday and Friday St Martins School has the option for parents and caregivers to purchase lunches for their children through Lunch On Line and Subway. Lunch On Line provides **Pita Pit on Wednesdays** and **Pure Sushi on Fridays.** These are both proving to be very popular. Orders are made online at <u>www.lunchonline.co.nz</u> and delivered to the office for students to collect at lunchtime.

Subway can be ordered online or in the office by way of an envelope system. Subway do not provide change so if you are paying by cash you must enclose the correct amount. **Subway** have advised us that **from Term 3 they will only be providing this service on a Friday.** Their Wednesday delivery will cease at this time.

Student Achievement



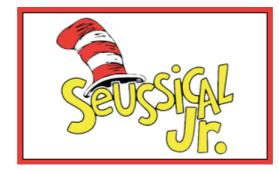
Following the recent auditions for the Representative Groups of the Christchurch Schools' Music Festival we have been advised of the results. Those involved in the auditions were impressed by the high standard of students applying. The following students from St Martins School were successful:

Nicolae Didenco (Room 11 - Year 7) - Selected for Orchestra, Percussion Orla Dunlop (Room 18 Year 8) – Selected for Orchestra, Violin Tristan Dunlop (Room 16 Year 6) – Selected for Orchestra, Violin Sofya Matviets (Room 20 - Year 6) - Selected for Orchestra, Violin Vasilisa Matviets (Room 17 - Year 6) - Selected for Orchestra, Violin Liam Newman (Room 18 - Year 8) - Selected for Orchestra, Violin Abigail Wheeler (Room 12 - Year 8) - Selected for Orchestra, Violin

World Vision Famine

To those people who have already returned their booklets and money a big THANK YOU ! If you still need to do this please bring them back to school as soon as possible





There was great excitement at the auditions for Seussical Jnr 2018 and the talent on display was awesome. We can now let you know the Main Cast, Head of Departments and Specialist Dance crew. Well done to all who auditioned - you all did an amazing job!

MAIN CAST

Cat in the hat - Dilkee Nanayakkara Igala Aratchige Jojo - Seamus Hickey Horton - Lucy Hudson Maisie Le Bird - Sofia Strange Gertrude McFuzz - Bethany Gibson Mr and Mrs Mayor - Sophie Perrem-Tait and Sally Clough Sour Kangaroo - Jessica Fastier Young Kangaroo - Molly Bloy Wickersham Brothers - Amelie Fink, Tristan Dunlop, Daniel McLaughlin Grinch - Rose Thompson Vlad - Nicolae Didenco Yertle the Turtle - Hamish Coughlan Whos - Bronagh Corrigan, Leila Cogle, Grace Russell, Evelyn Low, Nadia Chitpientram, Abigail Wheeler.

HEAD OF DEPARTMENTS

Sound - Charlie Cowie Lighting - Keegan Olsen Publicity - Sally Dasler Hair and Makeup - Emma Cartwright Set/Props - Jenna Davison Costuming - Joshua Bligh Choreography - Emily Jones and Mya Fisher Stage Manager - Zoe Rogers

SPECIALIST DANCE CREW

Emily Jones Mya Fisher Paris Broeksteeg Isabella Barrie Avah Allsopp-Aitchison Hera Edwards Pete Greenslade



Kitchen Herb Garden



Do you hate when you have to go out to your garden to get your plants? We have a solution, Kitchen Herb Gardens. With our Kitchen Herb Gardens you can hang it up, keep it on the bench or even on the window-sill. Kitchen Herb Gardens is a garden in a box. It's strong and sturdy, it keeps your kitchen smelling nice and it's eco-friendly. The herbs that we supply are: Thyme, Mint, Rosemary, Sage If you would like to purchase our product please email: edief@stmartins.school.nz

Prices \$25.00 per 1 kitchen herb garden



Community Notices

Maker Box

A Box for Every Maker

What is MakerBox?

MakerBox is a new initiative focused towards developing new opportunities for children to become creative and innovative. We're helping children to engage within a new form of technology, all about **making**, rather than **consuming**!

How to Buy?

Sign-up for a specific period of time and your child will receive a new MakerBox project in the post every month. Visit www.MakerBox.co.nz

What are MakerBoxes?

MakerBoxes are a DIY Box that contain the instructions and materials required to create a specific electronic project. These boxes are designed to encourage creative thinking and experimenting.

Introductory Project Box

The team at MakerBox have developed a fun, creative and innovative project which introduces children to a world of electronics. This box is a great introductory project for children to build knowledge that they can apply to future MakerBox projects.

Special Offer - \$10 (Inc. NZ Postage)

About Us... MakerBox is a Young Enterprise Business and is run by a team of young entrepreneurs from James Hargest College.

> Visit our Website to Find Out More MakerBox.co.nz



KidsFest is an annual two-week festival designed especially for children age 0-13 and has entertained thousands of children and families over the past 26 years. You can find amazing events under the following categories:

Knowledge and Discovery Sports, Games and Adventure Art, Craft and Creativity Plays, Shows and Young Performers We have

heard about some great programmes like 'Give Squash a Go', 'Magical Musical Mayhem', 'Wild, wonderful Circus Show', 'I thought I saw a Pussy Cat', 'The Brick Show' to name a few. Something for everyone! Go to the website <u>www.kidsfest.co.nz</u> for all the info and bookings.

Pioneer Basketball Club July School Holidays. Girls Only Clinics - Year 5 to Year 13 Monday 16th July 10am to 3pm \$45 per person. Boys and Girls Clinic - 6 to 13 year olds. Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th July 1 to 4pm \$60 for 2 day clinic. Register online www.pioneerbasketballclub.co.nz Any questions email pioneerbasketballclub@gmail.com

Community Notices



The Homework Club holiday programmes are currently taking bookings for the July school holidays. The Club offers a high standard of quality care and operate from 8am to 6pm during the holidays - see website for venues and pricing. We also have before and after school care programmes that operate during the term time from 7.30am for before school and from 3pm to 6pm after school. www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz

McMillan's Aquatic Centre are offering free assessments now for Term 3 bookings. Location -54 Wickham Street, Bromley (off Dyers Road) Call Louise on 332 4617 or email: <u>bees.swim@xtra.co.nz</u> Website: <u>www.macswimming.co.nz</u>

AQUAGYM - Learn to swim and coaching. July School Holiday courses available. Fabulous instructors, warm all year round, small classes. 459 Cashel Street, phone 381-0299 Email <u>info@aquagym.co.nz</u>







Zentangle is a delightful method for creating beautiful pictures using repeated patterns. It's easy to learn, easy to do, is enjoyed by a wide range of ages and skill levels. Come and have a try on Thursday 26th July - 5.30pm at Risingholme Community Centre for 2 hours of fun with two completed artwork and the materials to take home and carry on! \$30 for the Taster session. For more information see tangleation.nz and to enrol https://

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Come along and have a yummy Sausage at the sausage sizzle after school by the adventure playground (\$2)

3 July

Year 0-4 Zone Cross Country for Year 0 to 4 students who qualified at the school cross country. **3 July** Year 0 to 2 conferences from 3.30pm to 6pm. **6 July** Last day of term enjoy the holidays!

23 July

Welcome back to Term 3 - we hope you had a lovely holiday break.