



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

Term 3 has arrived and we welcome all families new to St Martins School. It is great to have you on board. We also welcome teachers, James Robinson (Room 15) and part time teachers Penny Ledgard, Deb Burn and Catherine Barrie to the team. We are also happy to welcome our new admin assistant, Kate Thomson who started in the school office this week.

Our children have returned ready and excited about our 'Seussical Performance' which will be a major school community focus. Seeing our children starting to develop the choreography already has been amazing. This will be a very busy and action packed term.

We finished off Term 2 with our first 'in ground' Hāngi event at St Martins. Thank you to all who supported the event and an extra special thanks to those who organised and assisted on the evening. To see our school hall filled with whānau enjoying the occasion and appreciating the talents of those children who performed was a huge reward.

Over the holiday break we also had built a new attraction in the form of a 'Gaga Dodgeball pit'. This was very kindly constructed by Jeremy Neels ready for the start of the new term. Gaga Dodgeball is an addictive physical game and throughout the week it has not been uncommon to see 30 to 50 children in, around, cheering, playing and supporting the participants. We have also installed two large Lego pits, one in the library and one in the Junior area for those who are keen to be creative and want to construct. They have been incredibly popular. A huge thank you to Jo Malcolm and family for the donation of a super large collection of Lego that now fills these Lego pits. The Lego and Gaga Dodgeball have been a very welcome addition to our break times activities and are providing a physical, creative and co-operative outlet for our children during play time.

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan
Principal





Student Poetry

Please enjoy reading some poetry from two Year 6 students in Room 17

Misty skies darken
 Forlorn looks emerge from the neighbourhood
 Leaving the estate dormant
 Children think of this as a time about liberty
 Running outside, mist starts to break
 Giving a look of civilisation once again

By Freddie Heaton-Caffin

May the sun lead you on the right track
 May you be cared for as much as everyone else
 May people accept you
 May you be yourself and never change.

By Kayden Watson

Students doing great things



We have an amazing school community and wonderful students - and this was shown over the holidays with two different groups of students wanting to raise funds for the school hall. We have a couple of photos of **Kahutaiki (Year 4, Room 3)** and **Awatea (Year 1, Room 22/23)** selling chocolate chip biscuits, hokey pokey biscuits and banana muffins. Kahutaiki did all the baking herself and Awatea helped



to sell them - fantastic effort!

Abaigh (Year 4, Room 5) and **Simone (Year 4, Room 4)** also had a stall in the holidays selling cookies. Well done to you both - just amazing!

We hope some of you happened to come across these stalls and were able to buy some yummy treats.

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 www.lunchonline.co.nz and delivered to the school 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. **A reminder that Subway have advised us that from this term they will only be providing this service on a Friday.**



CRAFT CLUB - DONATIONS WANTED

The Year 5/6 Craft Club is after donations. Particularly knitting needles, wool, small cardboard boxes or any other craft materials.

Any donations please drop off to Room 16. Thanks, Miss Perry.

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Community Notices



On Saturday 30th June, a very successful DOC trapping workshop was held in our school hall. Over 150 people attended with speakers from DOC, Summit Road Society, Port Hills Trust and Goodnature. This photo shows Niamh (Room3) and Rory (Room 9) receiving a donation of traps on behalf of St Martins School from DOC, Goodnature and the bug man himself, Ruud Kleinpaste!



Babysitter available - Lily Shields, 14 years old (ex St Martins School student) is available for casual babysitting work for St Martins families. Phone 0274 655 321.



Annual Plant Out Day
Come help plant over 1,000 native plants

Saturday August 25th
9am

Meet at end of Albert Terrace.

Bring a spade and sturdy footwear.

Winter Sports

Winter Sports for Year 5 to 8 students continues this term until the end of August.

Marae Visits

Marae visits for the Year 5 to 8 students this term - see your class teacher for specific dates. Year 0 to 4 going in Term 4.

21 August

Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom starting 6.30pm

3 September

Cultural Festival performance at Horncastle Arena 7pm (rehearsal in the afternoon)