



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

Week 5 at St Martins School has proved to be an exciting week with walls of the new building rising in front of our eyes. Over the space of this week about 60 wall panels are being installed onsite. There have been 2 massive cranes flying these large pieces of structure across the site and our children have enjoyed watching the building grow. If you have not been at St Martins School over the last week it is worth a visit to have a look.

With the build and the road closures at the moment we ask that your road behaviour be safe and legal. Please be patient and considerate.

I have had the privilege of seeing the Seussical production start to take shape in classes and in the Performing Arts room with our amazing Ms Trudy Rowe. Having seen many of the classes working on their class pieces and also the main cast members with Ms Rowe, I can tell you already you are going to enjoy this performance. We have a tremendous amount of talent at St Martins School and it is great to see our Performing Arts programme providing a platform for this talent and skill to be seen.

Kind regards  
Rob Callaghan  
Principal

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### FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kia ora koutou,

It's an exciting time for us all as we see the new building really start to take shape. Please make sure when dropping your children off that you're mindful of the road closure on Albert Terrace. You could try and drop them off on Lascelles Street where they can walk the block to school safely. As Board Chairperson I would like to share with you a letter sent to me from the Minister of Education Chris Hipkins. He wrote to congratulate us on our latest ERO (Education Review Office) report and to acknowledge the hard work our Principal Rob Callaghan, the staff and management team do every day to provide a high quality learning environment for our children. The review of our school is like a report card and is very rigorous and to achieve such a good result is fantastic. In particular Mr Hipkins highlights the positive impact the school is having on children whose learning and achievement needs acceleration. We should all be very proud of this. The Minister's full letter is available to read on the St Martins School website.

Jo Malcolm  
BOT Chairperson

# Students doing amazing things!



In our newsletter dated 28th June we congratulated students who have been selected to represent St Martins School and their whanau within the Christchurch Schools Music Festival Orchestra. (You can read previous newsletters on our website [www.stmartins.school.nz](http://www.stmartins.school.nz) >Information>Newsletter)

We have heard that **Orla Dunlop** is to be doubly congratulated as she has been selected to be the co-leader for the Violin One section. It is awesome that your talent and your dedication to your instrument and music has been recognised at such a high level. Well done Orla - we are super proud of you.

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Another wonderful achievement is that of **Nicolae Didenco, a Year 7 student in Room 11**. Nicolae went to Wellington for the Wellington Band and Orchestra Festival and a NZ Concert Band Association competition with his Friday Youth Band. The band played twice and received a bronze, and Nicolae played a solo and was awarded a Gold Certificate. Well done, Nicolae. Your dedication and commitment to music is amazing.



Cashmere High School award scholarships to students who will be entering Cashmere High School in Year 9. St Martins School has had a long tradition of students awarded scholarships at Cashmere High School and this year is no different. Students must apply in writing and from there a shortlist of interviewees is determined.

Four St Martins School students were awarded scholarships for the 2019 school year.

**Orla Dunlop** has been awarded the Music Scholarship.

**Jessica Fastier** has been awarded a Leadership Scholarship

**Mya Fisher** has been awarded a Leadership Scholarship

**Cara Reid** has been awarded joint winner of the Sport Scholarship

All four girls impressed the panel with their proven leadership abilities, achievements and the mature way they conducted themselves in the interview process.

We are very proud of Orla, Jessica, Mya and Cara and congratulate them on their success in being awarded the scholarships and also the great contribution they have made to St Martins School in the time they have been here. We wish you all well in your high school years and know you will continue to make a positive impact at Cashmere High School as you have done at St Martins School.

# School Notices

## Teacher Only Day

In the last newsletter we advised you of a Teacher Only Day that will be held on Friday 14th September. School will be closed for the day. This also affects the date school will close for the year. The last day of school will now be Monday 17th December 2018, when we have our final Prize-giving assembly and finish at lunchtime.

For the 2019 school year, the students will start back on Monday 4th February 2019 and school will end on Friday 20th December 2019.



**Turning your Child's Pictures into unique products!**

**Calendars**  
High quality laminated A4 print of your Child's Artwork or Photo. Wire bound to a 12-Month tear-off calendar. Includes public holidays & school terms.

**Cards**  
Display your Child's Artwork or Photo on a pack of 6 cards. Artist's name and age are printed on the reverse of Art products. Includes envelopes.

**Diaries**  
Hard cover print of your Child's Artwork or Photo. A5 size (148 x 210mm). Wire bound. Artist's name and age printed on the inside cover. Includes week view and year planner.

**Mouse Mats**  
Your child's Artwork or Photo print, heated on to a high quality neoprene mouse mat.

**Sketch Pads**  
Front cover features your child's Artwork or Photo. Wire bound with 50 x A5 sized pages of blank art paper. Protected with plastic covers front and back.

It's that time of year where you can order your wonderful Calendar Art. But it is not just limited to calendars. You can order cards, diaries and more! Order forms will be coming home this week, and you can go to your child's classroom to see what their artwork looks like. These make wonderful gifts for Christmas for all your friends and family so if you get your orders in quickly you might even get them sent to family around the world to show off your child's artistic talents!



We are having students request we heat up their lunches (ie: leftover meals from the night before) or to fill their instant noodle pottles with hot water. We would ask that if you child is bringing leftover meals, they are meals they can also enjoy cold, and if they are bringing instant noodles that you prepare them at home and pop them in a flask to keep them warm until needed at lunchtime.

There is a Health and Safety risk with students walking to class with boiling water and the added pressure to an already busy school office when they are dealing with sickbay, phone calls and other admin. Thank you for your understanding.



Look out for information about the **2019 Weet-Bix Kids Tryathlon** later this term or early next term. We have been given 15 free entries to the Weet-Bix Tryathlon so we will let you know how you can go in the draw for one of these free entries once we have more information to share.



## Kitchen Herb Gardens

Do you really think that going all the way out to the garden to collect some herbs for cooking is necessary? Imagine if you had a mini herb garden **at your fingertips!** Sounds silly right? But it is now a reality, thanks to the **S'Mart Tank** group that have gone one step ahead and created a product that makes your everyday life so much easier!

The prices are in a range of \$20 - \$25 as it depends on what you order and how many herbs you order.

Contact us now:

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### Canterbury Schools

**Orienteering Festival** will be held at South Brighton and Burwood Forest South on 15th and 16th September. Go to

[www.papo.org.nz](http://www.papo.org.nz) for more details about the event and email Fiona Vetcher to enter - [finaletcher@outlook.com](mailto:finaletcher@outlook.com)

**The website also has a full list of orienteering training** on various dates at various venues. The cost of after school training is \$2 per child. To make sure there are enough maps register for training via the website. For more info: [schools@papo.org.nz](mailto:schools@papo.org.nz) or Jenni (text only) 021 642 516

**TIME FOR TENNIS!:** Love Tennis Open Day at **OPAWA TENNIS CLUB**, Cholmondeley Ave, **SAT 8th Sept & SUN 9th Sept 1-4pm.** A chance to check out your local tennis club and for returning members to re-register. Come along and join the fun: racquets available, have a hit or a sausage from the BBQ and talk to the people in the know. Junior annual registration fees \$150-\$200.00. **Hot Shot sessions:** Mini Stars (5-7yrs): Sat 8.30-9.15am. Junior Stars (7yrs+): Sat 9.15-10.15am or Junior Stars (8yrs+) Mon 3.30-4.30pm. **Interclub:** Includes weekly coaching session and play on Sat. Contact Andrea [ja.opawatennis@gmail.com](mailto:ja.opawatennis@gmail.com), text 0212327141 or see you on the day!



#### 3 September

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

#### 5 to 7 September

Navigators 1 camp at Living Springs

#### 10 to 12 September

Navigators 2 camp at Living Springs

#### 13 September

Year 7 and 8 ski trip to Mount Hutt

#### 14 September

Teacher Only Day - school closed

#### 18 to 20 September

Year 7 and 8 Koru Games

#### 19 to 21 September

Navigators 3 camp at Living Springs