



## Inspiring a passion for Learning

### Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

Building progress is being made steadily. However to ensure that the wall panels are all ready at the same time, and to avoid having to work across two weeks, their installation has been delayed to Week 5 of this term. So that means that this work will now happen starting on Monday 20th August and for all of that week, and probably the weekend. This is a major piece of work and during the week street parking will be under pressure due to the Christchurch City Council planned Capital Footpath Works. So please be prepared for some disruption during this week.

To prepare for the week of disruption the school has created an alternative evacuation process. We will also be limiting use of the hall to essential programmes only, like Kapa Haka, Garden to Table and the Breakfast and After School Homework Club programmes. Because of the limited access to the hall (via the footpath) any use will be scheduled and monitored during the week.

Despite the loss of some key playground space the vast array of activities available to the children has meant break times have been very smooth. The Gaga Dodgeball has been a huge hit to the extent its use now needs to be timetabled!

Early notice: Please note that Friday 14th September will be a Teacher Only Day. This will mean that the school will now close one day later at the end of the 2018 school year, which is Monday 17th December.

Kind regards  
Rob Callaghan  
Principal

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The NZEI (teachers union) has advised us that the principal and teachers at St Martins School will be going on strike for the day on **Wednesday August 15th**. The Board of Trustees has carefully considered the number of non-union teachers and lack of availability of relief teachers. **Safety and well-being of our children and our staff is paramount and we therefore have decided to close St Martins School for instruction and supervision of children for the day on August 15th**. We understand that this may be inconvenient for parents and caregivers as we are trying to give as much time as possible to allow you to make other arrangements for your children. We encourage parents to caregivers who might be struggling with other arrangements to talk to other parents in our school community who may be able to help out. The Board fully supports the Principal and teaching staff at St Martins and wants to acknowledge the hard work and long hours they put into making the learning environment so enriching for our children. Thank you for your understanding.

Jo Malcolm, Chairperson - Board of Trustees

## Students doing great things



Toitoti is a journal for young writers and artists aged 5 to 13. We were very excited to learn that **Hansun Xia, a Year 3 student in Room 4** had this amazing artwork published in the Winter 2018 edition of Toitoti to go with a story written by a young author. We have been given two copies of the journal for our school library.

It was a great pleasure to be able to celebrate Hansun's artistic success at the full school assembly on Friday. Well done Hansun!

If you are an aspiring author or artist then go to [www.toitoti.nz](http://www.toitoti.nz) and look at their submission guidelines. The deadline for the next issue is 28th September, 2018.

We are very excited to let you know that **Griffith Newman, a Year 3 student in Room 1** has published a book titled 'Slime Attack' Griffith is selling these books and donating half of the proceeds to our school library.

You can order Griffith's book through the school office or online at <https://gulliespublishing.weebly.com/>



Two more wonderful students had a stall to raise funds for our school hall. Two Year 4 students, Georgia Chilton in Room 4 and Sam Foote in Room 2 sold lemons in the weekend and raised \$10 which they donated to the school. Another amazing effort from our generous students!

# School Notices



## 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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### Can you help Room 8?

They need large amounts of **plain blue fabric**. If you have any old sheets, pillow cases, or any sort of blue fabric as long as it is plain then donations would be gratefully accepted - please drop your donations into Room 8 or the office if this is more convenient.

## School Lunches

A reminder that Subway have made the decision to now only delivering school lunches on a Friday. But remember that on Wednesdays you can still order Pita Pit and on Fridays you can get your sushi fix - both can be ordered at [www.lunchonline.co.nz](http://www.lunchonline.co.nz) and you can even order well in advance and cancel or change orders at any time to suit. So easy!

## Lost Property

Lost property continues to be a bit of an issue with the two lost property bins in the hall often overflowing! You are welcome to pop into the hall to check the bins by the main entrance. Unfortunately office staff are not able to go and check due to the volume of requests but you can access the hall from 7.30am until 6pm while the Homework club are there.





# Community Notices

**Terra Creative** is a non profit organisation which offers courses in Live Sound and Street Dance. Our next event is on August 19th at Ferrymead Heritage park called DANCEFEST. We are offering free dance workshops from 11am to 3pm. We also have a skate/scooter area and food trucks. For all info on the event go to our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com.events/1156586911147153/>

**Creative Junk** are holding an Open Day on Saturday 25th August from 10am to 2pm at our premises at 25 Disraeli Street. There is a colouring competition that you can take along on the day or you can post them to 25 Disraeli Street, Addington, Christchurch. Colouring competition can be collected from the school office.

## The Homework Club!

The Club offers a high standard of quality care and have before and after school care Programmes that operate during the term time from 7.30am for before School and from 3-6pm for after School.

We are also open 8-6pm during the holidays.

You are most welcome to visit our website:

[www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz](http://www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz) or email Sara [info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz](mailto:info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz), for further information.



Huntsbury Preschool is looking for relief teachers to join our day to day relievers list. We are a community preschool with a roll of 30 children aged 2- 5 years working in a community hall on Huntsbury Hill. We operate Monday, Thursday and Friday 8 - 3pm and Wednesday 8 - 1.30. Teachers with experience and certification are preferred although not essential. If you are interested please email your CV to Suz Cruse (Head Teacher) at [suz@huntsbury-preschool.org.nz](mailto:suz@huntsbury-preschool.org.nz)

### 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.

### 15 August

**School closed** due to industrial action. There will be **no staff available** to supervise students on this day.

### 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)