



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

Welcome to term 4. We have started the final term of the year with the addition of several new families and we extended to them the warmest of welcomes to the St Martins School community.

Term 4 is always a busy term as we aim to finish strongly and at the same time begin the preparations for 2019. One of those tasks involves the process of class placements. We are now beginning our process for organising the school and pods for 2019. As was the case for 2018 most children will remain in the same pod. However, there may be some movement of students within or across pods in each of the year groups. We now extend an invitation for you to make us aware of, or to discuss any information that might be relevant to placement.

If you would like to offer information that would help support this process, please email [classplacements@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:classplacements@stmartins.school.nz) Bernadette May will then collate this information. Please ensure that you email us any relevant information by Friday 2nd November.

As part of our class placement process, it is also important for us to know of any students who will not be returning in 2019. (We do not need to know about our current Year 8 students). Please inform us by completing the form below and returning to the office or by emailing [admin@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:admin@stmartins.school.nz)

Kind regards  
Rob Callaghan  
Principal

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The following child/children will NOT be returning to St Martins School in 2019

Students Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name/Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

## Students doing amazing things!

**Jack and Katie Wooster**, along with their Nana, collected walnuts and bagged them for sale. They raised \$140.00 which they are generously donating to the school hall rebuild fund. Wow! What an amazing effort and such generosity. Thank you Jack, Katie and Nana!



On Thursday 28th September 3 students from St Martins school went to the South Island and Wellington inter regional cross country meet held in Nelson on Rabbit Island. Minah van Dam a Year 6 student in Room 21 had a fantastic run and placed 6th overall and received a silver medal as part of the Canterbury A team.

Emily Jones, Room 18 and Cara Reid, Room 19 ran in the Year 8 girls race and placed 16th and 20th respectively. Cara also received a 3rd place teams medal. The Canterbury team won the inter regional relay race but the Wellington team won the overall event.



It was a fun few days away. The day after the run we all dressed up and ran along the waterfront in Nelson to beeping and honking from the passing cars. We also had a swim in Hanmer on the way back, a great chance to swim and relax out! Well done girls!

## School Notices

### We have the trophy!

We are very excited to let you know that on **Friday 26th October** the Super Rugby Trophy will be at our school for the day (unfortunately Sam will not be holding it as per the photo!) A great opportunity for students and their families to see, touch and take photos of the trophy that the Crusaders won for the ninth time (and back to back for the last two seasons) against the Lions in August.

Feel free to bring along your Crusaders top/gear to wear while having your photo taken, but please note it is **not** a Mufti Day so please come to school in your school uniform.



## School Notices



We had such an amazing time putting together and performing Seussical Jr for you all. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to you all for coming along and supporting us and watching our shows. Thank you to the parents and caregivers who made sure their children were dropped off for the evening performances, for those who walked down with all the students for the practices and matinee performances at Hillview Christian School, for those that encouraged their children as they learnt their lines, songs, dance moves. All of these things really helped to ensure our performance was the best that it could be. We are also very grateful to Hillview Christian School for giving us access to their wonderful gymnasium for the practices and performances, to Bounce NZ for sound equipment and The Light Site for lighting.

It was a lot of hard work, but we were so proud of the end result and hope you all enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed putting it on for you. There are probably many other things people did to help that we are not even aware of - so thank you, thank you, thank you to you all!



You can now register for the Sanitarium Weetbix Kids Tryathlon! The Tryathlon is to be held on Sunday 24th February at Jellie Park. Here is our school group link <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=31841&G=67704>

## Community Notices

**Available to rent** - a cosy, warm 3 bedroom property located on Hillsborough Terrace. Has DVS, heat pump, double garage with internal access and separate toilet. It is within the St Martins School and Cashmere High School zones. All enquiries please to Kate 021 0276 3445.



**Do you want someone to house sit or have a house to rent** in the St Martins area from 14th December to 2nd January? Sara (a school mum) has a friend coming with her family from Sweden and they need a place to stay. Contact Sara on 021 499 070.

# Community Notices

**Ronald McDonald House** is a charity providing free accommodation and support for families when their child is undergoing hospital treatment. Juliette Capaldi (a school mum) is offering portrait sessions for \$65 (usually \$99) for mums of any age. The whole session fee will go to Ronald McDonald House. Juliette is wanting to raise \$5000.00 for Ronald McDonald House. The portraits will become part of a book celebrating the beautiful relationship between mothers and their children, and is due out later in 2019. For more information go to [www.ettaimages.co.nz/book](http://www.ettaimages.co.nz/book)



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**Tots to Teens Magazine** is now digital. Our school will be sent the link for each issue which we will add to the newsletter. Our link to the September - November issue is <http://issue1809c.totstoteens.co.nz/> .



**Skeleton Hunt** - have some fun with the family at the Skeleton Hunt this Halloween. Work out the clues to complete the skeleton puzzle with the pieces you find from your adventure to earn your trick or treat. Too easy? Each clue requires you to complete a challenge that will test your skills and keep you busy! Good luck! 12pm Sunday 28th October, Cathedral Square. \$2 entry ages 5 to 14 years. Find us on Facebook Fo(UN)D: Skeleton Hunt



**"Spooked" - a circus spooktacular** presented by Christchurch Circus Trust, October 27th 4pm and 7.30pm shows. Tickets \$15 from [dashtickets.co.nz](http://dashtickets.co.nz) PGR 7 yrs. Roy Stokes Hall, 152 Seaview Road, New Brighton.

## 22 October

Labour Day - public holiday so school is closed for the day - enjoy the long weekend!

## 23 October

Athletics Training continues for the Year 5 to 8 syndicates in preparation for Athletics Day

## 25 October

Athletics Day for Year 5 to 8 syndicates at Hansen Park. Make sure you have plenty of food, water, sun screen and warm clothes.

## 26 October

The Super Rugby Trophy will be at school all day! Come and have a selfie or just a look!