



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

It is amazing how quickly this term is moving. Next week we are into Week 4 of a 9 week term, and still with so much to fit in. At the moment we are organising staffing and teacher placements for 2019. We have a few spaces to fill, some unexpected, but we are confident that we will find excellent teachers through our appointment processes. We are sad to announce that Emma Risk, who is currently on Maternity Leave, has moved to Auckland, and while her heart is in Christchurch, she has tendered her resignation. Iona Rait was granted leave to teach in Kathmandu and has now decided that this is where she needs to be. Iona is enjoying the challenges of the cultural change and feels this is where her skills, talents and passions will be best utilised. We are also saddened to announce that our amazing Performance Arts teacher, Trudy Rowe will also be leaving us to move to the other side of the world. Trudy has accepted a position at Sheikh Zayed Private Academy for Boys in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates where she will follow her Performing Arts passion teaching a new School-Wide Drama and Teaching and Learning Programme as Head of Arts. We are very sorry to lose these wonderful staff members and leaders and we wish them all the very best for their future adventures in teaching in places far from Christchurch.

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan
Principal

Students doing amazing things!

Hannah Hughes, a Year 7 student in Room 19 went to Rotorua in the October school holidays with the Under 13 Canterbury B hockey team and they won the McGrath Tournament, beating Northland in the final. No goals were scored against them in the whole tournament. What a fantastic achievement for Hannah and the team - future Black Sticks in the making!



School Notices

A reminder that we are now in the 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 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 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 dianem@stmartins.school.nz

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

Students Name(s): _____

Parents Name/Signature: _____

Annual Itinerant Music Concert - Monday 19th November from 6.30pm to 8pm in the school hall. A wonderful opportunity for the students receiving tuition at school with the Itinerant music teachers and Concert Band to show us what they have achieved over the year. Parents, Caregivers, Grandparents and anyone who would like to come are more than welcome.



Canterbury
District Health Board
Te Pouri Hauora o Waitaha

COMMUNITY
dental service

Community Dental Service preventative mobiles will be making a short visit to St Martins School soon. Only the children who currently require a check up will be seen at this visit. Please do not be concerned if your child is not called up for a check up this time.

All Year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from Year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for Year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their Year 8 check up.

If your child requires further dental care such as fillings, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required. Please contact our call centre as soon as possible if you receive this as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to a Community Clinic. For any further information please contact our call centre on 0800-846-983 email: commdental@cdhb.health.nz

School Notices



You can now register for the Sanitarium Weetbix Kids Tryathlon! The Tryathlon is to be held on Sunday 24th February 2019 at Jellie Park. Here is our school group link <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=31841&G=67704>

Year 0-2 Reporting Conferences - Term 4, 2018

Thursday 29th November, - from 3.30pm and Tuesday 4th December, - from 3.30pm

Website: www.schoolinterviews.co.nz **Event code: 88s67**

Online bookings open Monday 29th October

Online bookings close 2.00pm Monday 26th November

If you do not have access to a computer to book online please contact Michele in the office (ph 332-6121) and she will be happy to make an appointment for you.

The Reporting Conference will focus on student progress and achievement within numeracy, literacy, smart learners profile and values. These are the core areas of learning.

Teachers and students together will identify learning needs, next step goals and pathways for success. During the conference students, with teacher support, will discuss their learning goals, work they are proud of and next steps in their learning. You will also receive a print version of your child's report.

It is very important that students attend their conference.

Crèche

A Crèche will run out of the school library. The Crèche is for other siblings you do not wish to take to the conferences.

Parent Participation

The aim of the conference is to share and celebrate your child's achievement sensitively and develop a sense of personal best.

If you require more detailed information or wish to discuss sensitive issues please make another time to meet with your child's teacher outside the conference dates.

Our aim is to make the conferences a pleasant and informative experience for all. If you have any further questions please contact either the classroom teachers or Bernadette May.

Community Notices

Lena Pullan, a former St Martins School student is going to Chile with her Spanish class at Cashmere High School. She has been fundraising hard and their fundraising committee have now organised a comedy evening with entertainment provided by the Court Jesters. The Comedy Evening is R18 so a perfect night for the adults to have a date night without the kids! It is being held at the Beckenham School hall this Saturday 3rd November from 7pm. There is a licensed bar, supper included, silent auctions and raffle. The cost of the tickets are \$20. Phone or text Cathy Pullan on 021 297 1339 to reserve tickets.

Community Bootmarket and Thorrington School Kids Market - Saturday 24th November 10am to 2pm. Come along and join in the fantastic fun and entertainment at Thorrington School on Colombo Street. There will be live music, a huge variety of stalls, games, activities, food, coffee and more. If you would like to book a \$25 boot bootmarket site please email: bootmarket@thorrington.ac.nz

Predator Monitoring Workshop - 4th November at Living Springs

The workshop consists of expert speakers and hands on activities. Find out what predators are in your back yard, learn about the importance of monitoring and techniques, make your own chew cards and tracking tunnels, sign up to be part of a monitoring trial. We will have lots of activities for the kids, including a kids art area, some 'pest detective' workshops and trap demos. It is a free event, register via Eventfinda <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2018/predator-free-port-hills-monitoring-workshop/banks-peninsula>

You could be in to win a free fun day for your school at Jellie Park on the 18th December by filling in a short survey around water safety and learning to swim. Each entry increases your school's chance of winning. Currently only 30% of school age children participate in swimming lessons and the CCC Swimsmart team are keen to understand parents and caregivers views around water safety and learning to swim. Here is the link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SchoolSwim18>

Living Springs upcoming camps - Father and son camp November 9th to 11th, Ages 8+ \$140pp. Activities such as campfire, archery tag and more. <https://livingsprings.co.nz/camp/family-camp/>

Not sure what to do when school finishes for the year but you are still working? Living Springs Day programme from December 17th to 21st age 8+ from 8.30am to 4.30pm, \$45 per day includes morning/afternoon tea and lunch and bus transport from Princess Margaret Hospital. <https://livingsprings.co.nz/camp/kids-camp-2/>

14 November

Teacher Strike Day planned. School will be closed for the day. We will keep you updated if this changes.

16 November

Canterbury Anniversary day - Show Day. Have a great long weekend and fun at the show if you go!

19 November

Itinerant Music Concert in the hall 6.30pm

20 November

BOT meeting 6.30pm in the staffroom

29 November and 4 December

Year 0/2 Reporting Conferences from 3.30pm. Book online - see details in this newsletter.