



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

Mana Ake - Stronger for Tomorrow was established in March 2018 to promote wellbeing and positive mental health for children in school years 1 - 8 across Canterbury. It was the result of additional funding provided by the government in response to the ongoing effects on children of the Canterbury Earthquakes.

The initiative aims to provide early intervention and support for teachers, families and whānau when children are experiencing ongoing issues that impact their wellbeing. The service can support individual children and groups of children and provide advice, guidance and support for teachers and parents/whānau.

This term our school, along with the other primary schools in our Community of Learning (Beckenham, Waltham, St Marks, Ōpāwa, Diamond Harbour) will be working together to develop systems for accessing this resource. We will have a team of five dedicated 'kaimahi' - workers, who come from a range of NGO (Non Government Organisation) backgrounds involved in supporting mental health and wellbeing of children and families.

This provision/initiative will support and enhance our already existing Well Being programme provided by Christchurch Methodist Mission through Lee Risby and Jo Fabien, social workers who are in each Wednesday and Thursday. They are currently funded by our Board of Trustees and this will continue in 2019.

Kind regards

Rob Callaghan
Principal

Bernadette May
Deputy Principal



This is Mitchell and for his safety we need to make sure our school gates are kept closed, because he is likely to run away. Please note Mitchell has a distinctive yellow marking on his uniform. Please help us to keep Mitchell safe by keeping the school gates closed.

Students doing amazing things!

An excerpt from a letter received from Cashmere High School.....

"We are delighted to confirm that Orla Dunlop scored the highest average of 90% in the academic entrances tests, which placed her in first place..... we would like to acknowledge and congratulate Orla on this impressive achievement"

Orla, a Year 8 student in Room 18 was unable to receive an academic scholarship from Cashmere High School as she had already been awarded a Music Scholarship from them. Well done Orla on your achievements both academic and musical!

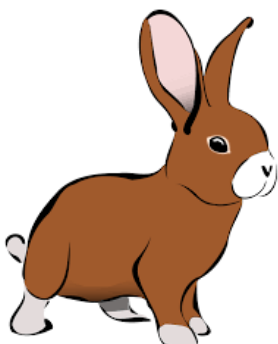


Year 8 students Abigail, (Room 12), Isabella, (Room 11) and Priya, (Room 11) had medal successes at the Top of the South Taekwondo tournament. Abigail received 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze medal, Isabella received 2 Silver medals and Priya received 1 Gold and 3 Silver medals. Congratulations to all of you for your continued success.

I wandered lonely as a cloud
Past trees, standing in the wind
A sparkle catching my eye
As a wing floats by
Beside the lake, beyond the breeze
Wings lingering above the clouds.

Inward eyes fly over the trees
Along with the creature
As it waves its head in sprightly dance
What fortune it gave
To see such a sight
As I walk off, my heart fills with glee.

Sitara Ferguson - Year 6, Room 17



Room 1 and 2 would love to have some donations of wood so they can create a new gate for the rabbit enclosure. Any offers of help gratefully received. See Heather Owen in Room 2 or email her at heathero@stmartins.school.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>

School Notices

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.

Year 2 students in Room 1 have already had their conferences earlier in the year.

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.

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.

Landscaping Q&A evening November 21st 7.30pm to 9.30pm. School hall.

St Martins School Board would like to invite you to take a look at the proposed rebuild landscaping plans, presented by the landscape architects Kamomارش. There will be an opportunity to ask questions and bring ideas. If you are keen to make it happen, come along! Please direct any enquiries to kate.Hodgins16@gmail.com

Community Notices

Ex St Martins Students available for babysitting services.

My name is Holly Cartwright and I am 15 years of age. I am a student at Cashmere High School and looking for a babysitting job during the holidays from 20th November onwards. I'm great with kids, trustworthy and reliable. I'm available throughout the day and evenings and I have had previous babysitting experience with school age children. Contact 0223405073 or hollymaecartwright@gmail.com

Hi I'm Lily Shields, currently in Year 10 at Cashmere High School. I am available for casual babysitting work for St Martins families. Please contact me on 0274655321.



Community Notices

Join Creative Junk in the 2018 Santa Parades - Creative Junk would like to invite children/families to come join us in being part of one or more of the Santa Parades at Kaiapoi (1st Dec at 1.30pm), Christchurch (2nd Dec at 2pm) or New Brighton (8th Dec at 10am). You can make a Christmas themed costume, or borrow one of ours, decorate a scooter and join in with us to spread the Christmas cheer. If you would like to be a part of the fun contact Christine on 3794040 or 0211597299, email info@creativejunk.org.nz

House to rent - 15A Albert Terrace. www.myrent.co.nz/listings/OYC5Q4 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, heat pump, dishwasher. Handy to St Martins School and in Cashmere High School zone. See listing for details.

Spring Fair - 8.30am, 24 November at St Anne's Church, cnr Wilsons and Centaurus Roads. Fun, food and bargains galore for the whole family. Free bouncy castle, white elephant, books, cakes, toys, jams and preserves and much more. For more info phone 9809983.

Want a more 'Kiwi' Santa photo? Go to <https://kiwisanta.photo> to find out more. Have a picture of your family (bring the dog too!) at the beach in a real Kiwi Christmas setting.

Free Parenting helpline - Parent Help is a non profit organisation supporting families to build resilient and positive families/whānau. The free confidential helpline is available from 9am to 9pm 7 days a week providing advice, support and practical strategies on any parenting challenge. ph 0800 568 856

Ti Kōuka Parent-Child Adventure camp. Over the course of the weekend, parents and their 10-12 year olds will be supported to navigate the changing landscape of their relationship and of the adolescent years. Upcoming camps at Living Springs. 30 Nov to 2 Dec and 15 Feb to 17 Feb. Find out more at https://www.theparentingplace.com/ti-kouka/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Ti+Kouka&utm_campaign=Events_Ti+Kouka+%28For+Attitude+presenters%29

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.

5 December

Canterbury Athletics

7 December

Year 8 Graduation evening.