



Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

With the 2018 school year end coming up very quickly, we are also preparing for 2019. Just recently, following a request for a 'staffing review' for the 2019 school year we have managed to gain additional teachers and this has allowed us to reduce class sizes considerably right across the school. It means for 2019 we will begin the year with six Year 7-8 classes, six Year 5-6 classes, five Year 3-4 classes and six Year 0-2 classes.

This is great news and comes at a time when we are best able to organise the school. This will mean that some existing pod arrangements will be reconfigured, because there are now more classes available to place children in. All information shared with the school as part of conversations about class placements will be taken into account but some classes will look a little different.

We have also completed our appointments process for classroom teachers (Performing Arts this week) and can now announce who will be teaching in each area for 2019.

Year 7-8	Room 18/19 - Nicky Pateman (Team Leader) and Jarad Pateman
	Room 10/11 - Hamish Lancaster-Whillis and Amy Kenel
	Room 12/13 - Katelyn Hill and Susie Keenan
Year 5-6	Room 20/21 - Alice Denley (Team Leader) and James Robinson
	Room 14/15 - Jane Williams and Sheryl Burgess/Catherine Dalley (co-teaching)
	Room 16/17 - Alice Perry and Tamara Saxon
Year 3-4	Room 3/4/5 - Chris Sumer (Team Leader), Jenny Oldridge and Jenny Wood
	Room 1/2 - Kate Keenan and Heather Owen
Year 0-2	Room 6/7 - Judy Davies/Ruth Burry (co-teaching) and Bethan Dempster
	Room 8/9 - Michelle Parsons (Team Leader), Helen Norcliffe
	Room 22/23 - Peta Berry, Charlotte Bates and Suzy O'Hara

As outlined in the latest build update we expect that by April 12th 2019 the new building will be passed over to the school, and therefore the teachers in Rooms 10 to 17 will move into the new building. While we are still very unsure how this will look and be managed, while the office area is being upgraded, at that stage the new library space will be used as the school administration area.

We are very fortunate to have gained extra teaching resource for 2019 and we are determined to make sure that our learners benefit from this.

Kind regards

Rob Callaghan
Principal

Students doing amazing things!



Well done to Hayley (on the left) who completed in the International Seido Karate tournament on 13th October. Hayley won the bronze medal (third place) in her youth kata division. Fantastic effort, Hayley!



Lucy Hudson, a Year 7 student in Room 11 made yummy Lemon Curd which she sold and all money made she donated to the school hall fund. It was a great total of \$25.00! Thank you so much Lucy for doing this for school.

School Notices



Fix It Club needs paint

Do you have any old, colourful and unwanted tins of paint in your garage that you just don't need anymore?

The St Martins School Fix It club have a wee project to paint a kindergarten mini-bus. They have sanded it and prepared it for painting so now they want to return this much loved and used toy back to its former glory. Paint donations can be brought into the school office.

Uniform shop and price update

You can still purchase any uniform items at school during office hours 8am to 3.30pm each day (Monday late start 8.30am). Next year we will have the uniform shop open in the school office on **Thursday 31st January and Friday 1st February from 10am to 2pm** so you can buy any items required before school starts back on Monday 4th February. Please note that you need to pay by Eftpos, cash or cheque if you want to take the goods with you - if you pay online you can collect your goods once payment is showing in the school account.

Due to manufacturing increases we unfortunately have to increase the price of our polar fleeces from \$69 to \$75. We do not sell our uniform at a profit - we only charge you what we have to pay, and we have been running these at a loss for a short time but can no longer sustain this so have reluctantly had to increase the cost to reflect the amount we pay. We thank you for your understanding.

School Notices

School Uniform Lost Property

The Lost Property bins are overflowing with polar fleeces and other items - disappointingly many of them unnamed. Admin staff are going to go through the bins soon and try and find owners for the items but this is not something we have time to do on a regular basis. Please remind your child that if they take off their fleece while outside they remember to pick it up before heading back to class, and if you do have unnamed items at home please name them well so if they do get lost there is a better chance of them being returned to your child. Lost property bins are located in the entrance to the school hall.



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>

Re-Percussion is on again. The St Martins School percussion group will be performing so come along and support them and the rest of the percussion groups performing on Sunday 9th December at St Margarets College.

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RE-PERCUSSION 2018

CHRISTCHURCH'S ANNUAL
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Itinerant Music Concert

St Martins School is very fortunate to have Itinerant Music teachers, Concert Band and recorder ensemble available for our students. At the end of the year a concert is held so students can show off their wonderful musical talents at whatever stage they are along their musical journey. The concert was enjoyed by many families and as always was a wonderful celebration of the musical talents of our students. A big thank you to the students who performed, the music teachers for teaching our students and a HUGE thank you to Diane Magon who is not only our wonderful School Secretary but our Music Co-ordinator too and organises these successful concerts each year.



Student Poetry

Please enjoy this selection of poems written by Year 3 and 4 students in Room 3.

Pikachu and Mega Rayquaza
Open my life with joy.
Keen to collect
EX and GX.
More exciting than toys
Over the seas from Japan
Nicely created and liked by this boy.

By Finley Howells

I have a toy called Ted that lies on my bed
and whispers until it does feed.
I have an ox that has a box that looks for a
fox.
I have a dress it looks a mess but it is my
favourite I confess.
I have an eye it is quite shy and now it says
goodbye.

By Lydia Drakes

The speedy thief velociraptor
The speedy thief that lived
In the cretaceous period with arms too
short to fly.

Seven foot long, two feet tall, three
sharply curved claws to petrify.
Hunting, scavenging, speedy as it goes
Eggs, meat, whatever it can find.

The speedy thief the velociraptor
It's lucky was not known to mankind.

By Kayne Cave

My name is sluggery, wuggery
My name is worms for tea
My name is swallow the table leg
My name is drink the sea
My name is I like sausage pans
My name is I like snails
My name is grand piano George
My name is I ride whales
My name is jump the chimney
My name is bit my knee
My name is jiggery pokery and
riddle dee dee and me.

By Meri Dalrymple

Trees and green, fleas are brown
I cannot miss this fright or I'll have a frown
I still have to say bye to my 200 friends
And keep up with the clothing trends
I have 2 million messages
And have to get my roommates some beverages
I'll try not to hesitate
HEY I'M TRYING TO MEDITATE
Oh wow I've missed the flight by an hour
And even forgot to take a shower.

By Andre Cane

The grass is green
The sky is blue
would enjoy it if I were you.

The planet is polluted
And some of it you did
Here are ways to help.

You could have polluted by using plastic
Because people think plastic is fantastic
You should start using reusable bags
And you ought to be glad that we're not
using rags.

By Niamh McDonald

Oh that cat
That cat in the hat
That flat cat on the mat
Eating a rat
Getting fat
That cat.

Once he bent a rake
And ate a freshly baked cake
With a chauffeur
And a gofer.

And he ate that cake in the shower
Hoping to get power
In our hour
And he got pop guns
And wrote out puns

That geek
Oh no! A freak!
Oh that cat
He's such a brat
He wears a tri tie
Oh no! A pie!
He wears a flat top hat like a rat
Carrying a bat.

By Nicholas Capaldi

I am at the start line
 Nervous
 BANG!
 The gun goes off
 A hustle as the kid push to the front
 Soon I come to the first water crossing
 SPLASH!
 Through the water
 It's up to my knees!
 Suddenly I find myself running across
 the beach
 The track takes us into very shallow
 water
 Then we approach a forest
 We are about finished but.....
 The finish is on top of a hill
 Finally, I make it!
 The most tired I have ever been
 About one hour later
 I'm called to my medal presentation
 I GOT FIRST!

By Quinn Edmondson

When the teacher leaves the class to do her
 business on the loo, what do you expect the
 children tend to do?

Do they get out their gum, or play the table
 as a drum. Do they show their underwear?
 Do the girls let down their hair?

Do they get our their putty and slime and
 throw it round like a heinous crime!

Maybe they all put on some music, and
 dance around the room. And hope the
 teacher won't be coming back very soon.

But then it is all over, someone shouts. "The
 teacher's here!" They see her get closer,
 they all cry out with fear! But they all finally
 settle down just before the teacher's there.

By Lara Webber

Community Notices

Secret Santa Donation Appeal

Huntsbury Preschool have been exploring how to be supportive
 and show manaakitanga to others. As an extension of this learning
 they want to give to others and the cause they have chosen is
 Children's Acute Assessment Unit . They are kindly asking for a
 number of new gifts with a maximum spend of \$10. Please drop off
 gifts at Huntsbury Preschool, 30H Huntsbury Ave between
 preschool hours Mon, Thurs, Fri from 8.30am to 2.30pm or Wed
 8.30am to 12.30pm.



29 November and 4 December

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

5 December

Canterbury Athletics

6 December

Year 5/6 Pool Day at
 Waltham Pool

7 December

Year 8 Graduation
 evening.

10 December

Year 7/8 Pool Day at
 Jellie Park

11 December

Year 0/4 Pool Day at
 Waltham Pool

13 December

Service and
 Celebration
 assembly 1.30pm