



St Martins School

*Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga* Inspiring a passion for learning



Newsletter 1

14 February 2019

## Inspiring a passion for Learning

### Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

The year has got off to a fantastic start. Our roll numbers continue to grow and we have started this year with around 540 students, and enrolments look strong. We have been told that our new classrooms are on track for the start of Term 2. This will not initially provide us with any extra classroom space as straight away the refurbishments of the 8 classrooms in the two storey block and administration area will begin. The library will initially be used to accommodate the school admin and leadership team, and provided all goes to schedule the refurbishment of the two storey block will be completed for the start of the 2020 school year.

This week our Performing Arts programme has begun with our new Performing Arts teacher, Sonia Hocking hitting the stage running. There are a large number of options being offered in this area and we are encouraging our children to step into these opportunities. In addition we have Kapa Haka for Seniors and Juniors, and all are welcome to be part of this wonderful part of our school culture.

### Sun Safety

With the amazing weather we are having it is important that children do have hats and sunscreen to apply for break times. Reminders are being given and emergency sunscreen is available for children to use if they have forgotten their own.

Please remember to be lawful and courteous when dropping off or collecting children before and after school. Please also note that letting children exit a vehicle while parked on the yellow lines is an offence. Once again we expect random visits by City Council traffic wardens and tickets will be issued. We ask also that drivers are courteous and refrain from parking over driveways. Neighbours have been asked to record numbers and submit them to the council for action. It was very upsetting last year when one of our very elderly neighbours could not get out of his driveway to take his ill wife to a medical appointment because someone was parked across his driveway. It is a simple request and we ask that drivers be respectful in their parking behaviours.

Kind regards  
Rob Callaghan  
Principal

# School Notices

## Year 3 to 8 Goal Setting Conferences - Term 1, 2019

**Tuesday 5th March from 3.30pm to 8pm and Wednesday 6th March from 1.30pm to 8pm**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 12.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH FOR ALL STUDENTS.**

Website: [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz) **Event code: x5mpc**

Online bookings open Thursday 14th February

Online bookings close 2.00pm Monday 4th March

If you do not have access to a computer to book online please contact Michele in the office (ph 332-6121 ext 701) and she will be happy to make an appointment for you.

### 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. Please take care going around the school and from the library to classes as you pass the building site.

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.

## Off the Shelf - News from the Library



Welcome back to a new term full of fun reading - there are many new titles to be added to the Library this term and of course many old favourites here too! If you took up the offer of borrowing over the summer we hope you enjoyed the books, however now is the time to return them please. If there's too many for one day then just a few each day would be appreciated! We'd love to have them all back by the end of next week please. Thanks to those who have already returned them!

If you're looking for a way to help at School but don't have much time to spare then we'd love to hear from you!! Our lovely Mum's who used to help with our shelving have sadly left school so we're looking for some replacements please - just 30 mins after dropping off at School is fabulous and makes such a difference to our limited time - and then of course, if you can't make it one week, not a problem. If you're keen either call into the Library or contact Bridget on [bridgeth@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:bridgeth@stmartins.school.nz)

# School Notices

## Changes to the 2019 Orientation and Meet the Teacher Evening

Over the previous years St Martins School has always held an Orientation and 'Meet the Teacher' evening. This is a very special event for our school. Unfortunately for 2019, the constraints of our new build means that we have to provide an alternative way for you to meet your child's POD teachers and learn about what happens with in the overall year group.

This year the Orientation and Meet the Teacher evening will be brought to you via your child's POD Blogs. The Blogs can be found by visiting our school website:

<https://www.stmartins.school.nz/information/class-blogs-wikis/>

The Meet the Teacher info will appear on the school Blogs at the **end of Week 4 (1 March)**

You will find:

1. A very short message from our Principal and Deputy Principal , Rob and Bernadette
2. A video that will introduce the teachers and give a brief description of all the important pieces of information you will need to support your child at school.
3. A downloadable document that supports the video message.

Kind regards  
Bernadette May  
Rob Callaghan



Our friendly office staff are here to help you with enrolments, school administration and uniform sales. Please note that the office is open from 8am to 3.30pm each school day, excluding Monday when the office opens at 8.30am to enable staff to

have their weekly start up meeting. If you need to leave an absence you can phone us or you may find it easier to click on the 'Report Absence' tab on the front page of the school website - [www.stmartins.school.nz](http://www.stmartins.school.nz)



## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

School will close at 12.30pm (lunchtime) on **Wednesday 6th March** for all students due to the Year 3-8 Goal Setting Conferences. In addition, on **Monday 25th March** school will be closed all day due to a Teacher Only Day for staff training.

## Celebrating Success

At the end of the year we celebrated our students that went above and beyond to show their best in Effort, Learning and Values. Well done to the students listed below who received certificates at our final assembly for 2018.

Rm	Effort	Learning	Values
22	Colton Cozzone	Manuella de Oliveira Wander	Brooklynn Anson
22	Neave Hamilton	Bella Hall	Saoirse McCann
6	Lucy Price	Andrew McKinley	Anna Ramsay
7	Ethan Edensor	Daisy Holten	Quade Tumai
8	Zoe Broughton	Finlay Williams	Zara Wood
9	Charlie Hill	Trudie Levett	Amelia Wenlock
1	Ben Lamborn	Mason Bates	Summer Young
2	Felicity Newsom	Joseph Scott	Hugo Sanderson
3	Meri Dalrymple	Nick Capaldi	Niamh McDonald
4	Xavier Ballantine	Greta Prince	Samuel Wild
5	Isla Burks	Finn Groer	Mackay Boswell
14	Vaibhav Jayan	Elsie Brown	Anahere Moffat-Whare
15	Chloe Archibald	Lucy Young	Joe Lill
16	Kuhu Agarwal	Braydon Charleston	Evelyn Low
17	Sitara Ferguson	Arthur Norman	Vasilisa Matviets
20	Thomas Newsom	Tamar Dijkstra	Karin Prince
21	Zoe Johnston	Alice Vetcher	Edie Fisher
11	Lucy Young	Joel Sage	Francis Tagle
12	Chloe Tindall	Daniel McLaughlin	Bronagh Corrigan
13	Poppy Sargentina	Jacob Ridder	Mitchell Cozzone
18	Jenna Davison	Dominic Croucher	Grace Howell
19	Jimmy Sutton	Annika Houde	Emma Cartwright

# School Notices



NZSTA (NZ School Trustees Association) is working very hard to encourage parent and whānau participation on school boards. To that end they will be rolling out the Korari Programme for anyone interested in finding out about standing for the school board elections and having a say in the education of their children. Korari is a programme (workshop) that provides you with governance training to help you understand the role of school boards of trustees.

NZ School Trustees Association (NZSTA) will be rolling out workshops for Korari in March/April this year. NZSTA will support anyone who is interested in becoming a trustee by the way of workshops but also providing access to their Learning Management System where online modules can be completed. If you are interested in finding out more please contact Michele in the school office. Email: [micheles@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:micheles@stmartins.school.nz)



## Free Dental Care for Children - including special information regarding Year 8 students

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be making a short visit to your 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 for a check-up this time.

Year 8 students: 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.

The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also X-ray, clean, and apply protective treatments fluoride and or Fissure sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required

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.

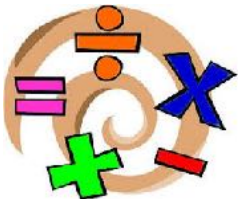
When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our Call Centre as soon as possible as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.

Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back) To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email [commdental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:commdental@cdhb.health.nz)

# Community Notices



Not long until the Weetbix Tryathlon on Sunday 24th February. The morning session is now sold out but there are still some spaces for the afternoon session. <https://tryathlon.co.nz/locations/christchurch-afternoon/> We have a student registered for the afternoon session who is needing to swap to the morning session. If you would like to swap sessions please contact Michele in the office for details.



My name is Max Croucher and I am a Year 12 student at Cashmere High School (ex St Martins School student). I am offering Maths tuition for primary school students from Years 0-8 plus secondary students up to NCEA Level 1. My rate is \$15 for a 45 minute session. Please contact me at [mpccroucher@gmail.com](mailto:mpccroucher@gmail.com) or 02102466009.

**Dyspraxia Support Group - Fun Groups:** We are a non profit organisation providing information, education and support to all people impacted by DCD/dyspraxia. We have 3 fun groups aimed at different age groups which we run on Saturdays during term time. Funlink 5-10 years, Funtween 10-13 years and Funteen 13- 18 years. The groups participate in a programme put together by our team of enthusiastic supervisors. If you would like to know more to see if these groups are for you please contact Sue on 3583249 or email [dyspraxia.centre@xtra.co.nz](mailto:dyspraxia.centre@xtra.co.nz)

## Kelly Sport Multi Sport Programme:

Programmes run weekly on one day for an hour. Mondays at St Martins School. 7 week programme for \$75.00. Programme begins 18th February and this term focusses on Athletics Cricket, Ultimate Frisbee and Touch Rugby. Go to <https://www.kellysports.co.nz> or contact Julia Smith [chcheast@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:chcheast@kellysports.co.nz) phone 021 0814 8755



## 18 February

School duathlon for Year 5 to 8 students. Individual and team competition. Postponement date 25th February.

## 5 March

Year 3 to 8 Goal Setting Conferences from 3.30pm to 8pm. Book online - see details in this newsletter.

## 6 March

School closes at 12.30pm today for all students to enable Year 3 to 8 Goal Setting Conferences to be held from 1.30pm to 8pm

## 14 March

Zone swimming for Year 5-8 qualifiers.

## 25 March

School closed for Teacher Only Day.