



## Inspiring a passion for Learning

### Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

It's hard to believe that we have just over two weeks left in this term! In that two weeks, and the two weeks of the holidays we will have to manage the shift from the classrooms in the two storey block to the new classrooms, (as well as some double shifts) and also temporarily move the office to the new library area until the end of the year.

There is a considerable amount to be done in a very short time, and we anticipate, that with Easter and Anzac Day holidays falling during the break, the pressure will be on for everything to be up and ready for day one! Because of this there is a **Staff Only day for the first day of Term 2, Monday 29th April** which you may have seen on the school calendar on the school website. Term 2 for students starts on Tuesday 30th April.

To help us out, please make sure that you take care of any uniform purchases this side of the holidays.

As has been the case with every change to our site area - all evacuation processes will be re-written and the updated drills shared with children on the first day back to school. Because of the recent events, a city wide Ministry of Education, NZ Educational Institute (Union) and Principals' Association review of Lockdown procedures is currently underway. There will be changes to how schools communicate and activate these procedures and as soon as these new procedures are developed they will be communicated with the whole community. This review will likely impact procedures for schools nationwide.

Because there will be no access to our current bike and scooter area, a new lockable compound is being created for Terms 2, 3 and 4. We are aiming to have this in action in Week 10 of this term. It will be located behind the Performance Arts Learning Room and the Music Room. We have decided to set this up this side of the holidays so that any access issues can be managed more easily.

Yours sincerely

Rob Callaghan  
Principal

# From the Board of Trustees

Kia ora koutou

We hope everyone is looking after each other. Remember to talk, help each other out and make time for your whānau and those around you.

The Board of Trustees and principal, Rob Callaghan, are revising our Lockdown procedures after Friday and will communicate the findings once we talk with other principals, schools, the police and the Ministry of Education. This was an unprecedented and shocking event, but we do need to be prepared, and make sure our systems are robust and that everyone in our community is clear on what those systems and procedures are.

The Board and school management have done extensive work on our Strategic Plan which is the "road-map" for the future of our school. This is an exciting piece of work and we hope to be able to share this with our community soon.

Remember to think about whether you'd like to become a Trustee on our Board. Elections will be held in June, with nominations in May. Come along to our next BOT meeting at 6pm on Tuesday April 9th in the school staffroom if you'd like to see what the Board does.

Ngā mihi

Jo Malcolm BOT Chairperson



## Off the Shelf - News from the Library

Following on from looking at the Library web app in the last newsletter I'd like to show you a great search - One Search, well worth introducing your children to if they don't use it already.

Head over to the [web app](#) and enter the subject you're looking for e.g. trees - this will show you the books available from St Martins Library, but there's more available in just a click or two! Take a look on the left side, you can filter the results by type of book - picture book, non-fiction etc and the tab below gives you the One Search options. Here there are a number of sites listed, both search engines and websites. Simply click on one or more of these and the same search, in this example trees, will repeat and open in a different window - a very quick and simple way to retrieve information without touching the dreaded Google which the students can become very bogged down in! Well worth investigating - take a look!!

## Staff Only Day

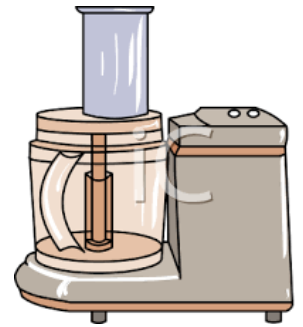
As you may have seen on the school calendar, **school opens for instruction in Term 2 on Tuesday 30th April.** We will not have access to the news building until later in the school holidays so need time to be able to move the classroom furniture and all the other student and teacher materials into the new building. We are so excited to be able to show you the new block next term.

# School Notices



Thank you for all the orders coming in for the school photos. Remember you can pay online directly to Heritage Photos, just follow the instructions on the order envelope. Please also ensure you keep the photo of your child attached to the envelope as this is required by Heritage to ensure correct orders are processed. The last day for orders to the school office is tomorrow, **Friday 29th March**. Late orders cannot be accepted as we cannot guarantee orders will be processed after this time.

**Garden to Table** is a wonderful part of our school curriculum for the Year 3 and 4 students. The students are learning so many kitchen and garden skills that they will be able to use at home and into the future. **To help in the kitchen Marie would really love a food processor suitable for their needs, if anyone has one they would like to donate.** If you do have a food processor in your cupboard that you just don't use and are happy to donate, please drop it into Michele in the office and Marie will see if she thinks it will be a suitable addition to the Garden to Table kitchen.

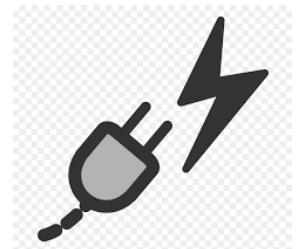


**Rooms 1 and 2 are planning to have some knitting and sewing lessons.** If you have any wool, material, or needles at home that you do not want, we would love to have them!



## Help needed with Electrical testing

We are needing to re test our electrical items throughout our school. To do this we need a person or people who have an electrical background to help us. The last time this took us about 4/5 days in weekends. If you would be willing to help please send an email to - [jennyw@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:jennyw@stmartins.school.nz)



# Student Poetry

## Joy

○ the jubilation that seeks throughout	○ the liberty that lets one be
○ the key that unlocks your destiny	○ for the echoes that dance like ghosts
○ for the sunlight that's ever so bright	○ for the drops of rain that twinkle like stars
○ for my spirit that lurks throughout me like thunder on a windy day	
A life that just began	

**Nikita Bryson, Year 7, Room 12**

# Celebrating Success

## Canterbury Duathlon



On Monday 25th March, our school teacher only day, we had 30 students race in the **Primary Sport Canterbury Duathlon**. This was the first time in several years that we have had good weather for the race.

St Martins are proud of all the students who gave their Personal Best. Some notable mentions are:

Raul Bethell 18th, Maya Price 14th, Leah Jones 14th, Payo O'Sullivan 13th, Hannah Hughes 7th, Josh Bligh 7th, Thomas Newsom 6th, Minah van Dam 5th, Felicity Newsom 4th.  
Our next school sport event is the school cross country on Wednesday 1st May.

## Kids' Lit Quiz



Mid March saw us with 2 teams in the Canterbury heat of the **Kids' Lit Quiz** - one Year 6 team and another Year 7/8 team, both rose to the occasion doing extremely well. There were 50+ teams competing and the Year 7/8 team came 5th and the Year 6's about half way through the teams and 2nd in the Year 6 competition. We need to look at how we choose our joker rounds - both teams would have been in the prizes if they'd chosen a different round to double their points on!! Well done to all the team members and subs you worked hard and got the results! Year 6: Grace, Hugo, Ben, AJ and sub Arthur. Year 7/8: Ida, Isla, Liam Tristan and subs Nerhys and Payo



# Student Activities

This term we have two teams competing in the Year 7/8 waterpolo competition at Jellie Park on a Friday night. The teams are a mix of age, gender and experience. Our A team is beginning to assert their dominance in the competition, while our B development team is learning new skills each week and building a strong love for the game. There is never a dull moment in the pool and our kids are coming away in high spirits each week. We are so proud of how the teams are representing our school!



The High Fliers get the opportunity to choose a senior interchange subject twice a year. One of the activities is Outdoor Education on a Tuesday afternoon. Students go on walks around the Port Hills with Mr and Mrs Pateman, and Mrs Kenel. The first week we went up Rāpaki track to test our walking abilities. It was a very fun challenge and we really enjoyed. The second week we walked up to the top of Huntsbury Hill, along the Summit Road and down the Farm Track. This Tuesday, 2nd April, we will be taking a trip up Rāpaki track to complete a series of physical challenges and on Tuesday 9th April we will be competing in an Iron Child competition at Hansen Park. We are very privileged to be able to go on these trips at St Martins School. Student Reporters - Stella Shields and Amelie Fink



# School Notices

## Friendship Lists

Friendship lists provide a really useful way for parents and caregivers to be able to arrange play dates and outings for their children. They will be made for each POD (group of classes working together) each year, using contact information already provided to the school.

If you were wanting to change or check you are on the list please email [dianem@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:dianem@stmartins.school.nz) or call into the office before this Friday 29th March. .

The list will include the name, home landline, cell number and email address for the parent who is the 'primary care giver' in the school system.

The list will only be distributed to those families who have completed the forms The contact list is confidential and is only for use by those who participated in the friendship list. It is only to be used for the organising of social events like play dates and birthdays, and for parents to get to know, encourage and support each other. If anyone asks for information off the list, permission must first be sought from the individual concerned. Please keep the list in a safe place out of view. It is not to be used for any publication or as a business contact tool.

Information for the friendship lists is now requested during the enrolment process. If at anytime you wish to withdraw from the friendship list you can call us here in the office and let us know, otherwise we will assume that you wish to continue on the list from year to year.

If a child lives at two houses and both parents want to be included, each parent needs to return a separate form. Spare forms can be collected from the office.

Finally if your contact details have changed please take this opportunity to update all contact information with our school office.

## Your support is appreciated

Thank you for your fantastic support for our 'Colour our World' mufti day to raise funds to support families from Cashmere High School who were so tragically affected in the recent events.

We are so overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community and we will be gifting Cashmere High School with just over \$2000.00.

## Please close the gates

We ask you to be vigilant when entering and exiting the school grounds. We have gates with 'pool style' latches going up the driveway, to reception and other areas of the school. When you open the gate to drop off or collect your children please remember to make sure it clicks shut behind you before walking away. We do need to make sure all of our children are safe, but we also need to keep one of our students, Mitchell safe and he may try to run through gates that have been left open.





# School Notices

## Calling all unwanted Mobile Phones



It would be great if you could rummage around in your drawers and toy boxes and bring into school any unwanted mobile phones you may have.

Phones collected help our school gain valuable rewards and the environment also benefits by keeping our landfills free of mobile phones and their array of hazardous toxic substances.

Please drop any phones you may have in the collection box in school reception.



## Community Notices



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 Year 0-8, plus secondary students up to NCEA Level 1. My rate is \$15 for 45 minute sessions. Please contact me at [mpccrocher@gmail.com](mailto:mpccrocher@gmail.com) or 02102466009.



**Mother's Day Fun Run** - South Hagley Park, Deans Ave, Sunday 12th May from 9am. Join us for a run, walk or stroll this Mother's Day. It'll be a great start to the day and you'll be doing your bit to help beat heart disease. All participants will receive an event t-shirt designed by Dick Frizzell. Register online at [jennianmothersday.com](http://jennianmothersday.com) Event distance approx 5km.

**Homework Cub Staff Vacancy** - The Homework Club is looking for a positive and enthusiastic staff member to join our friendly team, if you love working with children and are available to work at the After School Care (2.30pm to 6pm) term time. Holiday work can be offered as part of this job. Applicants must be able to work after school hours and holiday work is optional. Experience with managing large groups of children is a requirement. Please visit our website [www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz](http://www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz) for more information about us. Email a covering letter and CV to [info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz](mailto:info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz)

# Community Notices



**KELLY SPORTS**  
**HOLIDAY PROGRAMME**  
Mon 15 to Fri 26 April

Join us for a fun-filled School Holiday Programme including Winter Sports Warm Ups, Lots of Sports, Awesome Games & **MUCH MORE!**  
Some activities may need to be swapped for other exciting ones! Go online to check out a full up-to-date timetable for your school.

OSCAR PROGRAMME SUBSIDIES AVAILABLE! \*Conditions apply

BOOK ONLINE NOW AT  
**KELLYSPORTS.CO.NZ**



The Homework Club are currently taking holiday bookings for the following dates:

15th to 26th April:

5-9 years based at Cashmere Primary, 135 Hackthorne Rd.

9-13 years based at Landsdowne Community Centre, 8 Landsdowne Terrace.

The club offers a high standard of quality care and operate from 8am to 6pm during the holidays. We also have before and after school care programmes that operate during term time from 7.30am for before school (for Somerfield and St Martins only) and from 3-6pm for after school. Visit the website [www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz](http://www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz) or email Sara at [info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz](mailto:info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz)

## Christchurch Circus Trust Open Day, show and workshops

**Circus Open Day** - April 20th 10.30am to 12.30pm at Roy Stokes Hall, 146 Seaview Rd, New Brighton. Gold coin entry, come and have a go at all kids of circus skills.

**Carrot and Pickle Clown Show** - April 16th 11am. Roy Stoke Hall. \$5 per person door sales. Captivating Clowning Fun for the whole family.

**Children's Circus Workshops** - April 18th and 22nd, 10am to 11.30am. \$10 per child per workshop. For ages 7 to 13 years. Please book via email: [circustrust@gmail.com](mailto:circustrust@gmail.com)  
<http://chchcircus.co.nz> <https://www.facebook.com/CircusCentre/>

### 2 and 4 April

Year 0-2 Conferences from 3.30pm to 6pm for students who are due to have conferences. Check with teacher if unsure.

### 9 April

Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom, starting at the earlier time of 6pm.

### 12 April

Last day of term one. Have a wonderful holiday break. Please note Easter and Anzac Day also fall within this holiday.

### 29 April

School closed to enable staff to finish the move to the new building

### 30 April

Term 2 starts for students.