



## Inspiring a passion for Learning

### Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

It's all go with term end upon us and preparation for the shift into the new building. These are very exciting times, but also quite disrupting. Thank you for your understanding of the office situation. We hope that by the end of Week 1 of the new term the office will be fully functional in its new, temporary location in the new build library. So what will be happening over the school break? The build team is working hard to make sure that everything is finished. Much of the internal fit out is complete, with the carpet almost in place, cupboards and storage installed, lighting and tech systems nearly up and going (apart from the big link up to the main server) and some temporary fittings are being installed in the new library area so that it can be used as an office admin area and staffroom.

Next week all the concrete works will be completed and mid week the tar seal will be laid. The outside areas will be made safe and there will be a full check of all services and facilities to ensure that a final occupancy-compliance can be obtained. All going well the movers will shift all furniture and teacher and class resources into the new building on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the second week of the holidays. It is hoped that this can be completed prior to Anzac Day on Thursday 25th April. There will be a blessing on the morning of 26th April at 9am and following that staff will start unpacking and setting up the new spaces. During this time the fences will be relocated and we can then establish our new environment rules and expectations.

This will include altering the pathway for cyclist and scooter access to the cycle compound.

There will be a Teacher Only Day on Monday 29th April during which staff will finalise set up and where we will finalise our emergency evacuation and lockdown procedures for the school and ensure that the temporary interclass communications systems operate as we hope.

So a great deal has to happen in a very compressed time but we are confident that when children return on Tuesday 30th April we will be up and running at 100%.

Enjoy the holiday break with your children and hopefully your children will have a safe and relaxing break and will be able to contain their excitement for all the positive changes that will be unveiled at the start of Term 2.

Yours sincerely

Rob Callaghan  
Principal

# From the Board of Trustees

Have you thought about standing for the St Martins School Board of Trustees? It's a fantastic way of contributing to the school and is rewarding and interesting.

Look out for nomination forms which will be sent out by post at the beginning of May to all persons on the school's caregiver roll. Nominations will close on May 24th at noon.

There are 3 positions becoming vacant on the St Martins Board of Trustees. Any questions please email Board Chairperson Jo Malcolm email [jomalcolm100@gmail.com](mailto:jomalcolm100@gmail.com).

## 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 new 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.

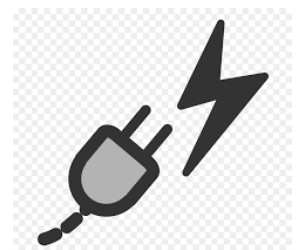
## School Notices

**A reminder that school does not open until 8.30am**, with students needing to be in class ready to start by 8.50am. Next term there will be no sheltered outside areas to wait in due to Stage 2 of the rebuild. We do ask that children do not arrive at school before 8.30am, and if you do need to drop them off earlier, please consider using the Homework Club Before School programme that operates from the school hall from 7.30am. The weather is getting progressively colder so it is not ideal for students to be waiting outside until they are able to enter the classrooms.

**Have you got a pair of gumboots that are too small?** Last Friday one of our students took her new navy blue gumboots off and had them outside Room 1 and 2. They have a brown/cream sole and are a child's size 6. At the end of the school day her gumboots were gone but there was a much larger pair still there. Did your child accidentally wear the wrong gumboots home? If so, could you bring them to the office so we can get them back to the correct owner.

### 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)



# Off the Shelf - News from the Library



First things first - I've been introducing you to AccessIt web app over the last couple of newsletters and know that some have taken a look and found it useful so that's great. You will however need to amend your bookmark, the web app has a new address -

<https://nz.accessit.online/STM11/> take a look and bookmark today please!

With the holidays coming up I've added some fun things to the front page of the web app, the Guinness World records website, full of the weird and wonderful the children so love! Also a typing tutor website, in this technical world it's a great skill to have! And finally a range of popular author/series websites loaded with games and other fun activities to keep the children engaged - Dav Pilkey, Jeff Kinney and others. Keep an eye on that front page, it's frequently updated.

We're still hoping to clear up the books not yet returned from 2018 - if you received an email over the last few weeks could you please either ask your child to return the overdue book/s or, if lost, pay the replacement cost in the email to Michele in the School Offices. Many thanks.

## Student Poetry

If only tranquility  
Was big enough to share  
With every soul  
Hatred driven away

If only the world could talk  
Give its feelings  
Give its cries of pain  
Maybe then we might care

If only we didn't fight  
Hands are for everything  
But not for pulling the trigger  
Man should only be overcome by age

If only Hell was not needed  
No soul dead early

If only darkness didn't exist  
If only the heart was not engulfed in a veil  
If only the sun inside every soul never went out.

If only.

**By Harvey Sanderson Year 6, Room 17**

If only the world's features  
Weren't marked by man.

If only the shadows of evil  
Were lightened into kindness  
If only the world didn't revolve  
around a dollar.

If only every soul stood a chance to  
live free  
If only darkness yielded to the bright  
light of humanity  
United

If only fear stepped down  
But wasn't eliminated  
If only the world was free.

**By AJ Williams, Year 6, Room 17**

# Celebrating Success in Sport

## Y3/4 Miniball Competition

Last week the Y3/4 team from St Martins School won the Wednesday C Grade Competition at Pioneer Stadium. For many of the students this was the first time they had played Miniball. They all learnt many new ball, court and team skills through this weekly competition.



## School Mountain Biking Successes

Over the last few weeks, several of our students have participated in various mountain bike races. On 28th March the Canterbury Secondary Schools cross-country mountain bike championships were held at Halswell Quarry Park. St Martins had 4 students competing - Josh Bligh, Payo O'Sullivan and Fergus West in the U13 Boys and Meg Baker in the U14 Girls. Meg won the U14 Girls and Payo came second in the U13 Boys. Fantastic effort!

On Friday 29th March to Sunday 31st March the Enduro Race, Downhill and cross country were held over consecutive days. The St Martins competitors were Raul Bethell (17th Enduro), Tawera Hema (15th Enduro and 10th Cross Country), Josh Bligh (9th Enduro), Jorja Bethell (2nd Enduro) and Olivier Joynes (16th Enduro).

On Friday 5th April the Huxster Buxster mountain bike race took place at McLeans Island. Students race in a relay team taking turns to compete laps. Meg and Payo won their mixed team event, Katie and Elise got 4th in the girls Year 5/6 event and Leah and Lucy were 5th. Hugo and Louis were 8th in the Year 5/6 boys and Connor and Elliott came 31st. Josh and Tarz were 11th in the Year 7/8 boys. Max and Fergus were 19th, Seamus and Mitchell were 23rd and Ryan and Sam were 37th. Great results by all on a soggy day - there were 870 kids racing!





# Korfball Tournament

## **St Martins takes out first 2019 Korfball Tournament - from the Korfball Canterbury page**

St Martins School has taken the Korfball Canterbury trophy for Year 7&8 schools. On a fine warm autumn day at Elmwood Park, 18 teams from 7 schools competed for the trophy - equalling our previous record for the number of teams in a Year 7&8 tournament.

St Martins has attended most of our tournaments over the past three years without even putting their name on the trophy. This time around they entered five teams. With several from the top St Martins team returning from last year, they put up some big scores in the pool games, as did the other main contenders. Semi-finals were much tighter though, with defence dominating and players becoming more nervous.

In the end, the final was won by one goal and the play off for third and fourth by two. Despite conceding only two goals all day, defending champions Christchurch South had to be content with second place this time around.

St Martins also had two players named in the tournament team. They were Stella Shields and Brayden Hill.

## Community Notices



**ANZAC DAY** 

Christchurch Memorial Returned &  
Services Assoc. Inc Presents

**The World Wars in Miniature  
Displays & Memorabilia**

Thur. 25th April  
8am-4pm  
74 Armagh Street  
Christchurch  
**Free Entry**



# Community Notices continued

**Hi my name is Jade.** I am a 15 year old girl attending Avonside Girls' High School. I am available in the school holidays for child minding. You can contact me on 0284216049. References available should you require them. I look forward to hearing from you soon.



## **Creative Junk - April School Holiday Workshops: Make a Bath Fizz Ball**

Workshops for children 6 to 12 years on Tuesday 16th to Thursday 18th April, Wednesday 24th April or Friday 26th April. 10am or 1.30pm. \$10 per child (members) or \$15 (non members). Bookings limited and payment is required with booking. Phone 3794040 or email [info@creativejunk.org.nz](mailto:info@creativejunk.org.nz) Creative Junk 25 Disraeli Street.



Early Childhood Resource Centre

**Piano Tuition with your locally based registered piano tutor.** Royal Schools of music exams available. Please contact Guy Hobson - BA (hons) IRMTNZ ph 3371785 or 0211464223 or email [kayandguyhobson@yahoo.com](mailto:kayandguyhobson@yahoo.com)

## **What's in the latest issue of Tots to Teens Magazine**

In this issue, we give parents the quick facts about the current **measles** outbreak. We also share a no-nonsense guide to **screen time** for kids: How much is okay? Diana Noonan pleads with parents to please keep **reading to your kids**, even as they get older, as the benefits are beyond convincing. And while we're on that note, **singing with your children** connects the mind with the heart and the heart with the soul - so sing (we dare you)! If you love chocolate, then we have some super-healthy **cacao recipes** for lunchboxes and after-school snacks, and all the deets on why this wonder food is so good for us. We also cover off **elimination diets**, facing the **braces** journey, and take you on a truly New Zealand family adventure: Walking the **Tongariro Alpine Crossing**. We have plenty of prizes to **win**, holiday ideas to help **entertain the children**, and a **kids' fun** page to enjoy.  
<http://issue1904c.totstoteens.co.nz/>

### **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.

### **1 May**

School Cross Country

### **6 to 8 May**

Year 7-8 camp Pod 1

### **8 to 10 May**

Year 7-8 camp Pod 2

### **14 May**

Zone Cross Country

*The S'Mart Community is the St Martins School parent community (replacing the PTA and fundraising committees) that helps the school by fundraising, giving practical support and by helping develop a stronger parent community. Check out our website for more details: <https://www.smartcommunity.org.nz/>*

A big THANK YOU to all who attended the S'Mart Community AGM. It was a good lively session, and those who attended were provided with an update on the build and also the landscaping plans. We also presented the financial statement of our fundraising efforts for the previous year. Highlights of the last year include: purchasing a table tennis table, a new (and recently fixed) gazebo, and iPads for the School, as well as continuing to help fund the Garden to Table programme. There are also funds set aside for the hall for a potential refresh plan which we are working on slowly. Re-elected officers at the AGM were: Chair (Jamie Billings), Treasurer (Tracy Taylor), and Secretary (Shell Harford).

Some valuable feedback was received on the confusing format of the S'Mart Community Committee and a perceived lack of inclusion and lack of forward notice of meeting times.

SO a reminder that ALL are WELCOME anytime to join us – we are a hard working Parent/Teacher Association just with a fancy name. The next meeting is Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm in the School hall (second week of term). Anyone is welcome to attend - not just those who signed up at the AGM.

## Working Bee

A Sunday is being organised for early next term to work on the landscaping around the new building.

More information will be sent through School Links.

A yummy morning tea will be provided!



\*\*\*\*\*If you would like to join the practical jobs team or fundraising teams please email [info@smartcommunity.org.nz](mailto:info@smartcommunity.org.nz)

If you would like to join the meals or baking database, or community team please email [community@smartcommunity.org.nz](mailto:community@smartcommunity.org.nz) \*\*\*\*\*