



St Martins School

Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga Inspiring a passion for learning



Newsletter 6

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Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

On behalf of St Martins School I would like to extend a heart felt thanks for the amazing turn out and fabulous work done at the recent working bee. With Autumn making its mark and the many disrupted areas due to the build, the work done by the team of workers has really made a difference. Thank you all very much for your efforts.

While Stage 2 of the build is underway, there are still a number of projects being completed for Stage 1. Some of these are minor bits of work but some are quite sizeable and we do have to work around them. At the moment the concrete entrance way to the school is receiving its pattern and this has meant a restricted access to the new temporary office area. This should all be clear by the end of the week. Over the weekend the whanau group workers hope to add to our lovely waharoa and the kowhaiwhai will be installed above the main entrance.

We expect that the side handrails will be completed by the end of the week following a few delays. The new bike compound does seem to be working well, however, it is important that bikes are locked. The compound itself has been locked but that has not prevented determined thieves from stealing one expensive bike.

The official opening is planned for Monday June 17 at 9am. More details will be shared closer to the time.

Kind regards

Rob Callaghan
Principal



At the end of Term 2 we will be saying farewell to our principal, Rob Callaghan. Pop **Thursday 4th July from 7pm to 9pm** in your calendar to have an opportunity for parents and caregivers to farewell Rob. Keep an eye on your email inbox in the coming weeks for more details!

Student Led Conferences

Progress Student Led Conferences for the Year 3 to 8 students will be held on Tuesday 18th June from 1.30pm to 8pm and Tuesday 25th June from 3.30pm to 8pm. **School will close at lunchtime (12.30pm) on Tuesday 18th June for all students** to allow for more afternoon appointment times. School will close at the normal time of 3pm on Thursday 28th June. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use booking reference **knubh**. Follow the easy online instructions to make your booking. if you do not have internet access or need some assistance please contact Michele in the school office - ph 332-6121 ext 701. Bookings close on Monday 24th June. Creche will be provided as per usual in the library.

Board of Trustee Elections

Canterbury Education Services (CES) are providing BOT election services for our school in the forthcoming BOT elections. Nominations have been called to become members of the Board of Trustees. Key dates are as follows:

By Friday 10th May - Nomination forms posted to all persons on the school's caregiver roll.

Friday 24th May - NOMINATIONS CLOSE - 24th May at noon. An election will then be held if the number of nominations exceed vacancies. For our school the number of parents is 3

Wednesday 29th May - Voting papers will be sent by post to all on the school caregiver roll

Friday 7th June - Voting closes at 12 noon.

Thursday 13th June - Votes are counted, and school advised of the results

Friday 14th June - New board takes office.

If you are considering standing for election please follow the nomination process as detailed on the forms sent out. We encourage you to do this via the online School Election Portal. To access the portal please go to: www.boardelections.nz then enter the school name and follow the easy instructions to register your nomination.

Swimming - Year 5 to 8

A reminder to have togs, towels, swim bags and goggles named for swimming next week. Makes it so much easier to get lost items back to the correct owner if they do go missing.

ICAS Testing - Year 4 to 8

ICAS forms have been sent home for students in the Year 4 to 8 classes who are interested in participating in this year's ICAS tests. If your child is going to do any of these exams please complete the form. Payment is required as we will not order exams for your child if payment has not been made. See your classroom teacher if you have not received a form and would like your child to do any of the exams.

IMPORTANT - Teacher Strike Action

Kia ora koutou

I am emailing you to let you know the NZEI Te Rui Roa, the Primary teachers and Principals union have voted to take further strike action this term. They have rejected the governments latest offer as part of their negotiations and have voted for full day national strike for all primary and secondary school teachers. They are planning to strike on **Wednesday May 29th for the day**. As was the case last time, the St Martins Board of Trustees has determined that we would be unable to open the school on this day because of health and safety issues for staff and students because there wouldn't be enough relievers to cover the number of students we have at St Martins. We won't get **formal** notice of the strike until 3 days beforehand but we wanted to give our community as much notice as possible so you can make plans for your children on that day. We realise this may be inconvenient for some parents and care-givers and we thank you for your understanding.

Nāku noa, nā
Jo Malcolm
St Martins Board of Trustees Chairperson

Student Poetry and News

Super brave soldiers sprinted through the
bullet rain as their feet sink into the sand

Oceans of soldiers stumbled into a
muddy cave

Limited supplies of food slowly burnt as
the cooks were badly injured

Doomed soldiers were still forcing their
way through the water as they were an
easy target for enemies

Ice cold wind howled around the dreaded
cliffs

Eighteen year old soldiers overwhelmed
with fear dreaded the worst would
happen

Repulsive bodies were flooded in a pool
of blood

By Max Gibbs Year 6 Room 14

Year 5-6 Rugby Fun Day was held at Burnside Park on Friday afternoon in brilliant sunshine. We had two teams of mixed ability and experience and it was great to see everyone in action. The most pleasing part was seeing those new to the game learning so quickly.



Student News



Tūranga
7th June 9.30-4pm

SPEAKING 4 THE PLANET

A speech and art competition for young people passionate about our planet.

BE PART OF THE AUDIENCE!
TSB Space, Tūranga Central Library, Christchurch
Year 7-9 students speak from 9.30am.
Year 10-13 speak from 1.30pm.
Visual art exhibition open all day.

www.sustainablechristchurch.org.nz #sustainablechristchurch

The poster features a megaphone icon, a globe, and an illustration of a person wearing a face mask in a polluted environment with smokestacks and a boat in the water.

Speaking 4 the Planet

We have two Year 7-8 students who have entered the Speaking 4 the Planet competition. Thelma Jolly, a Year 7 student, has entered the Art/Poster category and Leila Cogle, a Year 8 student, has entered the Speech category. We wish these two students all the best as they compete in this very worthwhile event.

Olympic Ambassador Visit

On Monday 13th May the Year 7-8 students were fortunate to have former NZ Olympic bobsled representative, Aaron Orangi, speak to us about his experiences. We were mesmerised by his tales of courage and triumph and fascinated by his stories about some of the injuries that fellow bobsled teammates have sustained. It was inspiring to hear of his humble beginnings in Darfield to the Olympic stage at the Winter Olympics in Italy. Thanks for coming Aaron. We really enjoyed meeting you!

(Pictured - Aaron and his bobsled with some of the Year 7-8 students)



Student News



Xtra! Spelling Quiz was held last Tuesday night. Miss Denley and Miss Perry took four teams to Christchurch South Intermediate to test their spelling skills against the other Year 5-5 students in Christchurch.

Team 1: Grace Billings, Alex Wallis, Nick Capaldi

Team 2: Katie Hickling, Jordan Spiewak, Vaibhav Jayan

Team 3: Connor Ritchie, Arthur Norman, Ben Coughlan

Team 4: Fergus McLaren, Kahutaiki Calman, Lara Etheridge

The students did incredibly well and our Team 1 were placed third! Well done to all students.

Have you checked out the class blogs on the school website? Why not have a look at <https://www.stmartins.school.nz/information/class-blogs-wikis/> to check them out.

Community Notices

The Forest Run Fest is a morning for all levels of walkers and runners to get out there, compete and breathe in the fresh winter forest air with family and friends. Held at Bottle Lake Forest Sunday 7th July.

We offer four events including half marathon, 10km, 5km and 2km courses, the latter being staged especially for children 10 years and under.

We are offering a \$10 discount to any parent or family member if their child registers for the Half Marathon, 10km or 5km distances using code **SCHOOLS2019**. The website for the event is www.forestrunfest.co.nz

Homework Club 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 (3pm to 5pm Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays - this may increase) during term time.

Holiday work can be offered as part of this job for the school holiday programmes.

Applicants must be able to work the after school hours and holiday work is optional.

Experience with managing large groups of children is a requirement. We would love to hear from you!

Please visit our website www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz for more information about us. Email a covering letter and CV to: info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz

Community Notices

Canterbury

District Health Board

Te Poari Hauora o Waitaha

COMMUNITY 
dental service

Free Dental Care for Children

One of our Community Dental Service preventive mobiles will be visiting your school soon.

We will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is there.

To do this we will be asking the school to provide your child's name, address and your contact information.

The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, 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 let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre

If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our **Call Centre** to make an appointment

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

16 May

Winter Sports starts today for Year 5 to 8 students at Hagley Park and Hansen Park.

21 May

Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom (currently in new building) from 6.30pm

29 May

National Teachers Strike Day. School is closed for the day. Please make other arrangements for the care of your children

3 June

Queen's Birthday Statutory Holiday. School is closed for the day. Enjoy your long weekend.