



St Martins School

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



Newsletter 10

25th July 2019

## Inspiring a passion for Learning

### **Kia ora koutou family, whānau and tamariki**

Welcome back to school for Term 3! Term 2 was such a busy term with rich classroom programmes, reporting conferences, Mr Callaghan's last term and the move into our new building. It was great to take a breather over the holidays. I hope everyone has had a fun and relaxing break away. Teachers have returned to school energised and tamariki have quickly settled back into daily routines.

I feel really privileged to be Acting Principal for Term 3 and also really excited about working alongside our new principal, Andrew Mouat, who will join us in Term 4. I have met with Andrew during the holidays, the Board have chosen an amazing new leader for our school.

The rebuild continues on schedule and we hope to have the two-storey block back in operation in Term 4, then the work can begin on the removal of the buildings at the back of the school over the Christmas break. I know I speak for everyone when I say it will be great to have the school build finished so we can move forward into the future.

We have an amazing new performance arts teacher, Danielle Boxall. She has already taken her first classes! Danielle is passionate about the performance arts and we feel very lucky to have her join our team. This term, it is all about the Arts, yes, our Wearable Arts Show will be in week 10. Students have already begun the rich learning tasks to support this programme. I personally love this term as it is so exciting to see the children work in such a creative collaborative way.

At St Martins School, we take community wellbeing very seriously. Our Mana Ake team will continue to run their 'drop-ins' every second Tuesday starting next week from 8am to 8.30am. The Mana Ake resource is a fabulous resource and the team our school is working with is dedicated and knowledgeable. The Kai Mahi are working alongside a number of students and are also offering group work and are dedicated and keen to continue to support our community. Please let me know if you wish to know more about access to this programme. We will also be offering a range of parent workshops to support our tamariki and whānau. Please keep an eye out for more information on what the service offers and times and dates.

Thank you for your ongoing support over 2019!  
Keep safe, enjoy life and relax when you can!

Nga mihi

Bernadette May  
Acting Principal

# Student Achievement

Lewis, Mitchell and Liam from the Year 7-8 syndicate were part of the Cashmere Technical U12 team that took part in the Christchurch International Cup, a football tournament held in the school holidays. The team made it all the way to the final unbeaten but unfortunately the Nomads were too good for them - 2nd place out of 16 teams from all over New Zealand is pretty amazing though! On top of that Lewis took out the Golden Boot trophy for being top goal scorer in the U12 tournament!



**The EPro8 Challenge competition**, is an engineering and problem solving race. Every year over 10,000 students from 900 schools from throughout New Zealand take part. Teams compete to build large sized structures, solve practical problems, engineer using pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles, invent machines that can complete simple tasks, undertake unusual and fun experiments, construct basic electronic circuits and solve interesting problems using practical maths. On Monday night **"John the Builder" team consisting of Nerhys, Olivier, Hugh and Jack** competed against 12 teams and won!

And another EPro8 update! On Wednesday this week four Year 5-6 teams competed and two of our teams made it to the finals. **"20 Volts of Power" team consisting of Jamie, Hashim, Elsie and Harvey** then went on to take first place! They gained 510 points which was the highest of any Year 5-6 team ever!!! We are very proud of the Year 5-6 and Year 7-8 teams who took out first place and we are also very proud of all of our teams who took part in this amazing competition. You all worked hard and did your best and should be very proud of your achievements.



# School Notices

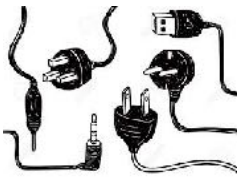


**World Vision famine** - thank you to everyone who has returned their money and booklets so far. If you still haven't done this please get the money raised into the office before the end of week 2.



For those students who have signed up for the ICAS exams and would like to do some preparation, the practice tests for ICAS are now available online at [this](https://www.unswglobal.unsw.edu.au/educational-assessments/products/icas-assessments/) address.

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**Electrical Testing** - we are still looking for someone who would be able to help us with this job. If you would be willing to help please send an email to [jennyw@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:jennyw@stmartins.school.nz)

We have some good quality old stock that we just do not have the space for. **Adult sized medium navy fully lined track pants** with zipped pockets and zipped at the ankles. We are letting these go for \$5.00 - please bring cash (correct change appreciated) to the school office if you would like to buy a pair or two!

## Scholastic Book Club Term 3 2019

Welcome to book club, there look to be some great titles and fabulous bargains! Brochures will be coming home with your children over the next couple of days.

Closing date for orders: Friday 2 August. Please make sure you have ordered on line by this date or handed a completed for and payment in to the School office. Please note we will be unable to process late orders

Orders can be placed either by yourselves directly on line, using the LOOP system - **Linked Online Ordering and Payment** for parents - or if you prefer orders plus payment can be sent to School and dropped at the Library or Office. Any cheques should be made payable to Scholastic New Zealand.

If you do wish to order directly please visit [mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz](http://mybookclub.scholastic.co.nz) and follow the instructions, we will **NOT** need the paper order form, your order will be delivered to school with the remainder of our order and be sent home via the children. As ever, if you ever want to order a "surprise" book for a special occasion put your name and phone number clearly on the order form and we will phone you for collection once they are received! Or if ordering orders can be identified as GIFT while ordering online. At St Martins we send one catalogue home per term, the first of two which Scholastic produce. If you wish to order from the second catalogue in a term you will need to do this online.

Any questions I'm happy to answer, or find the answer for you.

Thanks for your support, every book ordered raises dollars for School Library stock

# Community Notices



Helen Murray, who is part of our Arts Team here at St Martins teaching Music to our classes also runs a Preschool Music Program at Somerfield Community Hall on Thursday afternoons. She currently has a few spaces left for Term 3

Check the classes out at [Musicalkids.nz](http://Musicalkids.nz), or contact Helen on 0272780232 or [helen@musicalkids.nz](mailto:helen@musicalkids.nz)



**Permanent part time position** 25 hours a week, Monday-Friday 3pm - 8pm. 40 weeks of the year + 4 term cleans at St Martins School. We are looking for someone who is hard working, punctual and reliable. Duties include but are not limited to, Vacuuming, mopping of all hard

floors, dusting, table tops and rubbish removal. Must pass MOJ check prior to starting.

Kate Noonan - Contract Manager

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## Kelly Sports Sports Clinics for Term 3

Kelly Sports is back for term 3 with our Play Like a Sports Hero theme.

This term our 7 week Sports Clinic will introduce skills and games associated with the sports of Handball, Rippa Rugby, Football and Hockey. This programme is designed for children in years 0-4 and is a great initial introduction to Sport, as well as skill enhancement.

To register and for more information please visit [www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east)



**Scout Scarf Day - Thursday 1st August, 2019.** On 1st August each year, we celebrate our annual SCOUT Scarf Day and encourage our members to wear their scarves to school or work for the day to promote the uniqueness and many opportunities SCOUTS New Zealand can offer youth and adults alike.





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Want to find something fun, meditative & creative for mindfulness? Try Zentangle - learn to draw fabulous images through structured pattern making. Zen with a Pen! Adult two hour Taster class on Monday 29th July (evening) or Thursday 1st August at Risingholme Community | Centre. See [Tangleationz.nz](http://Tangleationz.nz) for

more info, or [Risingholme Community Centre](http://Risingholme Community Centre) for this and other local adult evening classes. Eight week courses start in August.

### 30th July

Board of Trustees meeting at 6.30pm in the school staffroom.

### 9 to 11 September

Camp at Hanmer Springs for Navigators 1.

### 16 to 18 September

Camp at Hanmer Springs for Navigators 3

### 18 to 20 September

Camp at Hanmer Springs for Navigators 2