



St Martins School

Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga Inspiring a passion for learning



Newsletter 14

19th September 2019

Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora koutou family, whānau and tamariki

We are coming to the end of Term 3 and what a busy term we have had here at St Martins. Our final 'Celebration' assembly for Term 3 will be on Friday 20th September at the end of this week. Then we have an even bigger week to go with our Wearable Arts Shows, an evening for the Year 8 students and parents to meet Joe Eccleton, the new principal at Cashmere High School, the first of our Parent Hub workshops – Managing Anxiety or Worry and the final assembly to conclude the term where I will 'sign off' on my time at St Martins as Deputy Principal.

Please have a look at the school website and watch your email to see dates, times and event information.

It is with sadness and with excitement that I move on from St Martins to take up my new Principalship at Tai Tapu School. I have enjoyed my time at St Martins, especially working with the tamariki, whānau and wider learning community.

I have made many long-lasting friendships with colleagues and the wider community. I will take with me the warm, caring, loving messages I have received from you to remind me of the place I have given 13 years too. For that, I thank you very much.

It is an honour to hand over the Korowai (Cloak) to Andrew, St Martins new principal, at the Mihi Whakatau, on the 14th October. I feel privileged that key community members will be part of Tai Tapu School's Mihi Whakatau to welcome me into my new community.

A final word to sign off my time at St Martins School as Acting Principal and Deputy Principal...

Mai i te Kōpae ki te Urupa, tātau ako tona ai

From the cradle to the grave we are forever learning.

I wish you all happiness and success moving into the future!

Aroha nui

Bernadette May
Acting Principal
St Martins School

School Notices

Reminder - Planning for 2020

Term 4 is always a busy term as we aim to finish strongly and at the same time begin the preparations for 2020. We have a number of discussions around the class placement of each child throughout the term. We take into consideration a number of factors and involve a number of staff members in the conversations.

With new staff members taking on different roles in term four we would like to have a bit more time to commit to the placement of children. Jenny Wood will be taking the lead on class placements in 2019.

As with previous years we extend an invitation for you to make us aware of any information that might be relevant to the placement of your child / children. We have an online form open to parents for the next five weeks. Just a reminder, we use this form to collect social, emotional, behavioural and academic information rather than as a request for a teacher. Please fill in the [online form](#) by October 13th 2019.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Andrew Mouat
Incoming Principal
<https://forms.gle/whSEYotSs6N9hGZU7>

End of term assemblies



This term there will be two end of term assemblies to ensure we have the time to properly celebrate each event. **On Friday 20th September (Week 9)** we will hold the assembly to celebrate student achievement, where certificates will be awarded for Effort, Learning and Values. Assembly starts at 1.30pm. We welcome you to come and celebrate with us.

On Friday 27th September (Week 10) we will hold a special assembly for students and staff to farewell Bernadette May, our Deputy Principal and valued staff member for the last 13 years.

We welcome you to come and say your farewells to Bernadette from 3pm in the Whare Kūkūwai where there will be some refreshments and time to chat with Bernadette and other staff.



School Notices

Parent Workshops - We will be providing parent workshops and hope to have 10 to 12 each year. If you are unable to attend one, there will be the opportunity to attend another one as we rotate these around. These workshops are led by Lauren Thompson and the team from Christchurch City Mission, who provide support to our students at school. The workshops are designed for small groups and the first one is this Tuesday 24th September. Learn about managing worry in your whānau. From 7pm to 8.30pm in the Whare Kūkūwai. Please RSVP to Michele email: micheles@stmartins.school.nz by Monday 23rd September.



Naming of uniform and lost property - If you purchase second hand uniform items could you please remember to rename them with your child's name. We have a huge amount of lost property at the moment, and some of the items have names of students who are no longer at St Martins. We suspect the fleeces have been purchased and the name not updated.

If you have lost any uniform items, the lost property bins are currently in the boys toilet area in the hall. Go in the main doors, turn right then right again into the toilet area.



Hann Construction have advised us that the 2 storey block will be available for classrooms to move into during the second week of the school holidays. Therefore when students start back for term 4 there will be some changes to where their classes will be. Before the end of the term, if you child's classroom is moving, their classroom teacher will advise you where the new classroom is located. Please note that the admin/office area will remain in the Whare Kūkūwai for the time being.



You may have noticed our Buddy Benches have arrived in our play areas. They were kindly donated by the Cozzone Family and repaired and painted by members of the MeNZ Shed. <http://menzshed.org.nz/about-us/what-is-a-shed/>

These men completed the work free of charge (and even turned down the offer of a morning tea!) and have done a great job. They have offered to make us two more very sturdy benches as their next project. One will be in the junior playground and one in Area 2 by the new building. They are for your child to sit on and wait for friends to play with.

Kate Keenan.

Poetry

JOY

As I walk alone
Thoughts rush through my head
Waves dance in the ocean
Calling my name

I look back
At an endless trail of footsteps
Joy chases away loneliness
Warmth and freedom envelope me

Greta Prince, Year 5, Room 16



Student Achievement

We have heard that Felicity Newsom, in Year 5, Room 16 also qualified for the Canterbury Cross Country team who will be competing later this month. Well done Felicity and we wish you all the best as you compete for Canterbury!

Netball - Year 7 students, Beth, Edie and Rowan, won their netball championships over the weekend. They are the Under 12, Division 1 champions for 2019! Well done to you and your team.

The Year 7-8 basketball team who play at Pioneer on a Friday had a great season with only 3 losses, coming in 5th place. All the players showed great enthusiasm and energy throughout the games and had a lot of fun together.



In the weekend Aaron and Nerhys played for the Canterbury Devils Under 15 Ice Hockey team. Four fiercely contested games were played against Queenstown Stampede Under 15 team. Unfortunately the puck didn't bounce our way and Queenstown won all four games, The last game having to be decided in sudden death overtime after being tied up 2-2 at the end of regulation time.

Student Achievement

St Martins School had a big team competing at the Canterbury Schools Orienteering Festival in the weekend just gone. It was very wet conditions at the Sprint race at Old Avonside Girls on Saturday and to start with at the Long distance race at Spencer Park, with lots of big puddles. Greta (room 16) won the Year 6 and under girls Championship grade in the Sprint and she was second on the Long. Karin (room 12 - see photo) was third in the Sprint Year 7/8 Girl Championship grade and second on the Long.



Community Notices

Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please contact our Call Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday throughout the year.

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Woolston Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street, Woolston**
- **Hillmorton Clinic, Hillmorton Hospital, Sylvan Street,**
- **Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.45am and 3.00pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment.

If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: call **0800 846 983** or email comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

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Weetbix Tryathlon is back in February 2020 and Christchurch has a morning and afternoon session you can register for. The links are listed below if you would like to register for the school group. Please note that if you want to register your child you need to do it via the links provided. We will not be taking manual registrations this year.

Use this link if you are registering for the **morning session**: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35577&G=99573>

Use this link if you are registering for the **afternoon session**: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35578&G=99574>

CCC Swimsafe team - The Christchurch City Council are currently seeking superstars that are keen to work during school hours and school terms only. We are also looking for superstars to join our after-school program. This may suit people that are still at high school (16 years or older) or in tertiary study. Follow the link: <https://www.cccjobs.co.nz/jobdetails/ajid/XBjh8/Swim-Education-Instructor-Part-time-,17924.html> Come and join the CCC Swimsafe team and have fun while teaching an essential skill for life!

Research survey - My name is Jenny Brown and I'm a PhD student at the University of Canterbury. I'm conducting research into the effects ongoing earthquake insurance claims have on mental wellbeing. Anyone can take part, including those who haven't had ongoing claims. It involves a 25 minute anonymous survey, once completed participants can leave their email and go into the draw to win one of eight \$50 Westfield vouchers.

The link for the survey is here

http://canterbury.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0MnzXkqN9vRw7GZ.

It is an anonymous link that takes participants to the start of the survey. If anyone does not have access to a computer would like to talk to me about it my phone number is 0274246046.

Spring School holiday fun at The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora

Explore the rejuvenated Arts Centre these school holidays! The arts organisation has an exciting array of school holiday activities for children and families, many of which are FREE! Events include arts, crafts, dance, theatre, fudge making, poetry workshops, scavenger hunts, busking opportunities at the famous Arts Centre Māketē (now on every Sunday again), and films at the newly-opened Lumiere Cinemas. Visit www.artscentre.org.nz to check out the jam-packed

18 to 20 September
Camp for Navigators
2 at Hanmer Springs

20 September
End of term
certificate assembly
in the hall from
1.30pm

27 September
Final assembly for
students and staff to
farewell Bernadette
May. Parents and
caregivers invited
from 3pm to the
Whare Kūkūwai.

14 October
School starts back for
Term 4. We welcome
Andrew Mouat to St
Martins School.