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

Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**



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SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora e te Whānau,

Just like that, we have 12 schools days remaining in the year. We continue with our learning programmes and are looking forward to events like swimming for NE – Y6s starting up next week and the Y7 / 8 Ironman / Ironwoman event next week. Tomorrow we have a group of students heading off to Akaroa to place the penguin nesting boxes they have made with the help and support of members from the MENZSHED. We hope the children from the Fix It Club enjoy their experience.







Congratulations to Elsie, Lucy, Aroha and Ben on receiving scholarships at High School next year. Elsie, a Leadership Scholarship, Lucy a Sports Scholarship, Aroha the Te iringa o Kahukura Māori Scholarship and Ben the Academic Scholarship. Good luck with these and the opportunities they will give you.

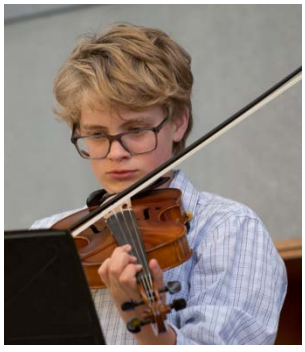
Some of our children in the senior school have wonderful new haircuts in their efforts to support the Child Cancer Foundation.

Elana, Isabella and Isla Ramsey set up a fundraiser where they pledged to cut off and donate their hair to be made into wigs for those who have lost their hair following chemotherapy treatment. The three children raised approx. $1200 for this wonderful cause. Thank you so much for thinking of others.

Thanks to Diane for her organisation of the Itinerant Music Concert last week. It was great to have the event held outdoors. Navigating the requirements of gatherings rules at L2 as well as the weather has not been an easy task. Thank you to Juliette for the photos from the event.

This years ‘Thank You’ gathering put on by the S’Mart Community has been put on hold. This was not an easy decision to make, however, given the guidelines at the time, having to make a decision early was important. We would like to thank all of the members of the S’Mart Community for the mahi you have undertaken throughout the year. Your support of families as well as money for extra sports equipment, reading materials, Garden to Table resources and the very large contributions to the hall upgrade. We would also like to take the time to thank all of the whānau who have helped in and outside of the school, some of these include: Parent reading programmes, class parent help, support on trips and events, travis wetlands trip, swimming sessions, Marae trips, Garden to Table, Victoria Park, Pool Day, Grow Your Mind skills day, Mihi support, Careers Expo, Discoverers Rock Presentation, Coding club, Hanmer camp, shelving reading books, William Pike, King George V Reserve, Wainui Camp, Epro8, training Hip Hop crews, extension Te Reo sessions. And of course, if we have missed anyone off our list, please know that your support is greatly appreciated. Thanks for your continued support following the guidelines around coming onsite. A reminder that face coverings must be worn, signing in using the covid tracer app and the continued guidance to wherever possible dropping off children at the gate or outside the classroom. Have a great weekend, hopefully with some summer sunshine. Ngā mihi, Andrew Mouat (andrew@stmartins.school.nz)





CLASS PLACEMENTS

This year we will be sending home the class placements for 2022 via HERO. The information will be sent home between 4 – 4.30pm on Monday 13th December. As usual school reports will be sent home as a paper copy with your child on Monday 13th December. We believe that having a bit of time to focus on the report and achievements of the year would be beneficial rather than making the class placements the focus. If you are not getting HERO information please contact Diane (dianem@stmartins.school.nz) or Alice Denley (aliced@stmartins.school.nz) for some support.



COVID UPDATES

As you may be aware the motu (country) moves to the CPF/Traffic Light system on Friday 3rd December (tomorrow). Christchurch will be at the Orange Level.
The Ministry of Education has shared in their bulletin to schools on 13 October and 29 November 2021, the following;

Please treat the running of any large programmes with strong caution. Especially if there are large numbers of students, parents and caregivers involved at the same time / indoor space. We'd recommend that these types of events are ***deferred*** *until your school returns to Alert Level 1.*

Schools will retain their existing COVID-19 settings *until the end of the 2021 calendar year. The COVID-19 Protection Framework settings will come into effect for all schools from* ***1 January 2022****.*

And as the MoE would ask, *does your school want to be the super spreader?*



This means that although the motu is working in the traffic light system, our school will continue meeting the requirements of the existing Level 2 settings. This year and next, health, safety and wellbeing will continue to be a priority for us and the same public health measures you are very familiar with will remain in place:

- good hygiene and cleaning
- contact tracing systems in place
- vaccination requirements for workers (paid and unpaid)
- if you are sick, you must stay home and get tested
- good ventilation.





As we come into the end of the year we start discussing graduations and assemblies. We have gone back and confirmed with our Ministry of Education advisor the parameters around these. This year we need to consider how these will work within the gatherings rule if we are to invite parents. First and foremost we are working to make sure there is some type of final aspect for all students. With all of our teams having more than 100 students it makes it impossible to also invite whānau to team assemblies or bigger. Teams will be finalising how Christmas performances and final assemblies will look with information about these going home at the beginning of next week. We are looking into live streaming or recording of events just as other local schools are.
Our Y8 graduation planning will remain the same with the Hillview site being able to offer two distinct areas, one for the students and staff and one for a family member to attend to view.
For next year, we can confirm that everyone will be back onsite for learning from the start of the school year, regardless of what setting under the new Traffic Light Framework we will be in. This is good news and means we can plan for a great 2022.





And if we are at Red at any stage next year:

- face coverings will be required at school when indoors for students and staff in years 4 – 13
- we will ask that only essential visitors come onsite.

With all these measures in place, public health has confirmed the risk of infection remains low when at school, with households continuing to be where COVID-19 is spreading the most.
However, if we do have someone confirmed with COVID-19 in our school, we have a plan in place to manage this and will contact you as soon as possible.

If you'd like to learn more about the framework visit COVID-19 Protection Framework.





PROPERTY UPDATE

Work on the hall continues and is scheduled to be ready for the start of school 2022. The addition of more floor space, upgraded bathrooms and storage space will be well utilised. The lighter colour scheme and new ceiling will enhance the space as well. You may have noticed last week we had four classrooms fenced off, this week they are now demolished with earthworks being done in preparation for building. Certainly a lot quicker to demolish buildings than put them up.







2022 TERM DATES

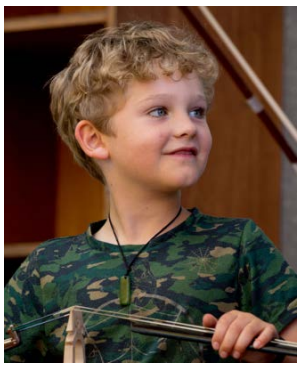
T1 = 3 Feb - 14 Apr
T2 = 2 May - 8 July
T3 = 25 July - 30 Sept
T4 = 17 Oct - 16 Dec

SCHOOL NOTICES

Back to school stationary – order now for 2022!



We've teamed up with OfficeMax to make getting school ready faster! Your child's class list is available now on the OfficeMax MySchool website – myschool.co.nz.
We encourage you to order early to miss the start of year rush and ensure your child has all their stationery requirements ready to go in plenty of time for the start of Term 1 (Feb 3rd).



Laybuy* is also available, so you can pay in 6 weekly, interest-free payments - and still get your order right away. Or you can pay by internet banking, credit card or debit card. When you shop on myschool.co.nz you'll receive free delivery on orders over $46*. You will also help our school earn school rewards* that we use to purchase much needed extra resources for our school. * *Terms & Conditions apply, see myschool.co.nz for details.*



Uniform shop

On **Tuesday 2nd February 2022** the office will be open from 10am to 2pm for any uniform items you may need before school starts on Thursday 3rd February 2022. Payment is required before goods can be taken.

You can pay by Eftpos (excluding credit cards), cash or cheque at the office, or you can pay online to the school account and collect the uniform items once the payment is showing in the school account.



End of year Sports uniform return

Items are being returned slowly so thank you to those who have returned them. To those that haven't, especially our Year 8 students, we will be in contact to remind you. We are happy to lend tops to students and its great the school has managed to have these available for our teams, however it is important items are returned so other students can make use of them. Returns should be dropped to the school office. Queries or concerns can be made by email to dianem@stmartins.school.nz



End of year Library book return

As it is the end of the year any books your child still has on loan from the school Library must be returned by **Monday 13th December**. Please be aware that costs could be incurred for lost or non-returned books. Look out for 'overdue library book' slips which will be coming home with students. Please chat with your child's teacher for more information or contact Kate Thomson on katet@stmartins.school.nz

'Matilda' stage show

Tickets now are available for the production "Matilda". Erik Misnyovszki from room 15 will be on stage at these days/times should anyone wish to go and watch the days that Erik is performing..

15th April 7.30pm
16th April 7.30pm
19th April 7.30pm
21st April 7.30pm
23th April 2pm
24th April 4pm
26th April 7.30pm
28th April 7.30pm
30th April 2pm
1st May 4pm (last show)
https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=MATILDAC22





STUDENT'S CORNER

Naomi Nyahando entered in her very first trampoline competition at the weekend and it was a Canterbury Inter Club Competition with gymnasts from as far as Ashburton competing. Naomi competed in the women's red badge trampoline division as well as the double mini trampoline division. She came 3rd! WELL DONE NAOMI.

STUDENT NOTICES

Lachie's Laces

We have Lachie;s Laces in the office to purchase for $5.00 a pair. Lachie was one of our amazing students who lost his life to cancer. All proceeds from the laces go to the Child Cancer Foundation.

Monster Music

Some of our Tamariki have been learning a musical instrument with Monster Music this year. If you would like to see some talented musicians from St Martins School, feel free to head along to the End of Year Concerts held on the 3rd and 4th of December.
Check out the event page for more info! https://fb.me/e/2GFKgSbx4 $5 cash entry fee



Huntsbury Community Preschool

FREE FEES for two-year-olds who enrol and start their sessions with us in Term 4 of 2021. Conditions apply, phone 03 332 6001

or email: info@huntsbury-preschool.org.nz for more details if you'd like to secure a place in this limited-availability promotion!

Kelly Sports Summer Holiday Programmes

Bookings for our upcoming Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes at Hillview Christian School and Hillmorton High School are now available online.



The focus of our Programmes is to ensure kids are active throughout with a great mixture of games and activities to suit everyone. WINZ Subsidies are available for families that qualify and we have options of half day sessions, School Day sessions and Full Day sessions available.

To register and for more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east or contact Steve on steve@kellysports.co.nz for more information

Year 7-8 Junior Netball Camp



Christchurch Netball Centre are running a Junior Netball Camp (day only) for boys and girls in Year 7 and Year 8 in January.

Three day Junior Camp (day only, no overnight stay)

For children of all skill levels in Year 7 or Year 8

Dates/Time: Fri 28, Sat 29, Sun 30 January 2022 10am - 3pm each day

Venue: Christchurch Netball Centre

Cost: $100 per child (cost includes food on Day 1 and Day 3, a Camp Diary and a Certificate of Participation)

Guest presenters and coaches

Sessions include Nutrition, Team Work, Tactical, Pre-Movements, Shooting, Defence, Mental Skills and Mental Health, Ball Skills, Movement & Agility, Game Play plus much more

Link to register: https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/187729

Registrations close Sun 16th January 2022

For further information contact Sara jnrnetball@cnc.org.nz 0279194474

Clever little bees beekeeping courses



Ever wanted to learn more about bees? Want the opportunity to see inside a hive? Now's your chance!

Learn practical beekeeping skills in a safe and supportive learning environment.

Opportunities for children to take part in a one-off bee experience, beekeeping holiday programmes for single days or the whole week, or a 10 week for Term 1, 2022.

For enquiries and bookings, please contact Kathryn at cleverlittlebees@gmail.com or 027 863 8730.

All PPE provided (except footwear)

Adult classes are also available, please contact Kathryn for more information.

www.cleverlittlebees.co.nz - cleverlittlebees@gmail.com

Children's competition time

All your children needs to do is create a picture of their favourite thing in nature and enter it by following the link below (full rules online).

💚🤖 TOCK.earth is a local environmental education initiative delivering workshops in Christchurch and has recently visited your junior syndicate. Over the last year we have reached over 80 preschools and primary schools and given over 4000 tamariki the chance to meet and learn from TOCK the Earth Loving Robot. We run these competitions just for fun with prizes for the winning entries. 🤖💚 The link to the competition is: https://tock.earth/nature-picture-competition/

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

Dec 20-23rd
5-13 years' age group based at Cashmere Primary, 135 Hackthorne Road.

January 17th to January 29th 2022
9-13 years' age group based at Landsdowne Community Centre 8 Landsdowne Terrace, Cashmere
5-9 years' age group based at Cashmere Primary,135 Hackthorne Road.

January 31st to February 2nd 2022
5-13 years' age group based at Landsdowne Community Centre 8 Landsdowne Terrace, Cashmere

The Club offers a high standard of quality care and operate from 8-6pm during the holidays. We also have an after school care Programme that operates during the term time from 3-6pm.

You are most welcome to visit our website: www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or email Sara info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz, for further information.



ON THE CALENDAR

We update this calendar for each newsletter, the most up to date calendar will always be our online calendar - https://www.stmartins.school.nz/calendar-2/

8	Mon 6 Dec	Tue 7 Dec	Wed 8 Dec	Thu 9 Dec	Fri 10 Dec
	Y0-4 Swimming 11.15-2.45 Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming	Y0-4 Swimming Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming BOT Meeting 6.30-8.30	GTT Rm 23 Year 0 -4 Swimming Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming	Year 0 -4 Swimming Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming William Pike EOY trip	Year 0-4 Swimming Last day of Technology Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming Y8 Graduation
9	Mon 13 Dec	Tue 14 Dec	Wed 15 Dec	Thu 16 Dec	Fri 17 Dec
	Y3 / 4 Christmas Extravaganza 9.15 Y7 – 8 Pool Day Y0-2 Christmas Concert 11.45 to 12.30 Reports and Classes Go Home via Heros	Meet Your 2022 Teacher10.30am NE – Y4 Waltham Pool 12-2.30pm Y8 Amazing Race	Y7 / 8 Adventure Day Y5 Sailing	Newsletter Y6 Sailing	Final Day School Closes 12.30