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Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**




Newsletter 14 – 30h September 2021

# SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora e te Whānau,

Well, here we are at the end of term three. Quite a mixed bag, seven weeks of school learning and a three week home learning experience. Thank you for your support throughout the term, in particular during the learning from home phase. I know that many children and families enjoyed the variety of activities offered as well as the changes to a structured Meet timetable across the school as well as the opportunity to use school devices and hard copy resources. We have really enjoyed reconnecting with you and your children during the last few weeks of the term. Thank you for following the guidelines around using the tracer app when coming onsite and signing in if you are going into the classroom. At this stage we continue in Alert L2, although we wait to hear if there are any changes for the holidays and next term.

Thank you to Heperi for giving up his time to come into school to support and judge the children in the mihi and Manu Kōrero competition this year. It is wonderful to have children from New Entrant to Y8 sharing in front of their peers.

This week we continued with our Education Outside the Classroom events. Navigators 1 are enjoying their camp experience in Hanmer for three days. The second group of William Pike children enjoyed the warmth of the sun as we learnt about crossing rivers safely, making and testing rafts before finishing off the session with a float down the river using backpacks as buoyancy aids. As always thanks to the teachers (Jane, Amy, Alice D, Alice P) for organising the events and the parents able to support the children.

While we have been able to continue the majority of our programmes and events with modifications to meet the guidelines at Alert L2 we have made the decision to postpone the whole school production into 2022. Each team will be sharing some type of performing arts aspects with families next term. This may be adding to performances that may already be planned or in the case of the High Fliers team adapting the production script developed by the Extension Performing Arts Crew (EPAC) to a team based performance.

This week we welcome Savi and Lily to the junior school. We look forward to sharing in your positive learning journey at St Martins School.

Have a wonderful two week holiday. I hope that you enjoy the company of your children once again, this time with a little more freedom to get out and about. Stay safe and well, we look forward to seeing you for our last term of learning in 2022.

Ngā mihi,

Andrew Mouat (andrew@stmartins.school.nz)











# 2022 Class Placements

In our last newsletter we offered the opportunity for parents to let us know any aspects that may need to be considered for the placement of their child / children. At St Martins School we have mixed ability classes, we use the following definition for placing children: groups of children working at

similar levels - with consideration of ages, social, behavioural and emotional aspects. Our processes around class placements are robust.

- Your child's teacher starts by grouping children.
- Teams of teachers come together to discuss the groupings and place them in next year's class.
- Teachers meet across teams to discuss placement of children.
- Team leaders look at groupings, have follow up conversations with teachers as needed.
- The Senior Leadership Team looks at the overview and goes back to Team Leaders / Teams as needed.

This process takes the majority of the term, six or seven weeks. As always, the children's best interests are placed in the very centre of these conversations. If you are wanting to provide further information on the placement of your child use the form provided https://forms.gle/V35DeRfN4ePjuBvo6 by Friday October 22 2022. Information shared from parents that nominates a teacher for their child will be set aside as this is not an opportunity for parents to select their child's teacher for 2022.







## PROPERTY UPDATE

The hall work has continued throughout Alert L2 and 3. The finishing time should be fairly similar with the opening of the hall being dependent on the Council for sign off. This means the earliest we could get back into the hall could be week one or two of next term.

The Friendship Garden will be having a concrete path poured during the holiday break with an opening early in the new term.

The four buildings to be demolished and the new build has been held up at the consenting phase with the Council. Currently the main point is to move the new build forward away from the storm water drain that runs by the fenceline. We are hopeful that this work will begin in the new term.



## 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

**Overdue sports uniform**

Please remember to return items of sports uniform your child no longer needs. Often a student will have more than one item on loan. Returns should be dropped at the school office. Queries or concerns can be made by email to dianem@stmartins.school.nz

Thank you to all those who have already returned items.



**Lost Property**

Oh my goodness what a lot of polar fleeces we have around the school that haven't been claimed and that haven't been named. Please I can't reiterate enough how important it is to NAME your child's polar fleece. We haven't got a designated place for lost property/ polar fleeces at the moment and lots are coming to the office and outside Room 9 & 10, being close to the playground, they end up with heaps of them. My lovely Year 8 helpers have managed to find a home for quite a few, but we would love to be able to get them back to their owners but without names this is almost impossible. If your child has lost one please call into to see me Diane in the office in the first instance.



# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Last weekend Sophia Hickman of Room 10 competed in the Canterbury Provincial Brass Band competitions held at St Margaret's College, as part of a cornet quartet from the Woolston Junior Band, and their group had quite a remarkable result. The four youngsters competed in the Under 19 Ensemble competition, against primary and high school students from around the region, and won the event. Sophia learns cornet under the Itinerant Music programme at St Martins with Tyme Marsters. Well done Sophia.




Congratulations also to Addison Archibald of Room 23 who was named Player of the Year in her 9th Grade Heat Team for Hornby United AFC. What a great achievement Addison.




# 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 check-ups, treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays.

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

Northcote Clinic, 24, Tuckers Road, Casebrook,
Hillmorton Clinic, Hillmorton Hospital, Sylvan Street,

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.15pm for school age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because 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 commdental@cdhb.health.nz**



***Opawa Tennis Club***. Would your child be interested in giving tennis a go? Tennis opportunities for children aged 5years and up. Fun family orientated club. Registrations open now. Hot Shots starting 16th October. For more information contact Andrea 0212327141/ja.opawatennis@gmail.com or visit https://www.sporty.co.nz/opawatennis/Home



**Christchurch Astros** St Martins Neighbourhood Baseball. Registrations open now for age 5 and up. Tuesday evenings, gear provided. Term 4 is free! Find us on Facebook - Christchurch Astros Baseball Club or visit www.sporty.co.nz/christchurchastrosbaseballclub



**Act2 Drama Group** – audition call for Snow White and the 21 Dwarfs. Saturday 9th October. Phone or text Kerri-Anne on 0220669959 to book an audition time. To be performed as part of Summer Times 2022. www.act2drama.co.nz Email act2dramagroup@gmail.com



**Studio One Performing Arts**, your local dance school, is currently giving Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and Acro lessons in your area. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London). Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Contemporary starting from age 7. For all enquiries please phone 372-9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz

**CodeCamp** allows kids from the ages of 7-12 to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Develop confidence & initiative through design, creativity, solving problems, presenting & collaboration. Creating games, websites and apps as well as robotics. 4th - 8th October Book Now at https://codecamp.co.nz

**Squash Coaching for Beginners these School Holidays**
Come and "Give Squash a Go" at Christchurch Squash Club, 50 Colombo Street, Cashmere
Tuesday 5th of October 10am – 12pm
All equipment provided, please wear clean non marking court shoes.
Session with Head Coach Tim McVie
Contact Tim to register: coaching@christchurchsquash.co.nz
Or Phone 027 688 0574
Suitable for ages 8yrs +

**Clever Little Bees Holiday programme** - 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. Tuesdays – Phillipstown Community Hub. The holiday programme is for children aged 7-13 years. Time: 9am-3pm. Single days - $60 per child. For the week - $285 per child For enquiries and bookings, please contact Kathryn at dodowithbees@gmail.com or 027 863 8730.All PPE provided (except footwear) Children and adult Term 4 classes are also available, please contact Kathryn for more information.
**www.cleverlittlebees.co.nz**










How to book a ticket?
https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/kids-gelato-classes-at-cashel-st-8-12-years-tickets-173126735727?aff=erelexpmlt . Visit Eventbrite. Simply google "Rollickin Gelato Classes" Tickets are $35

# SMART TOUCH 2021

Registrations for term 4 opened on September 20th, so it's time to be getting teams, coaches and managers together. You don't need any prior experience to coach touch. Touch Canterbury facilitate coaching workshops for those interested. Information on how the game is played is under the tab: **Competition Rules** on www.sporty.co.nz/smarttouch. Website will be operational from September 19th 2022.

Steps to register:

1. Fill out the google doc sent from school. Indicate if you are an individual or you are in a formed team, please state team name and coach or manager.
2. Someone from Smart touch will be in touch if you are an individual and you will be placed into a team. Be aware there needs to be parents to coach and manage for this to happen.
3. Appoint a team manager and coach.
4. Team manager/Coach enters online using the URL address www.sporty.co.nz/smarttouch
5. On the Smart touch home page fill out the touch team manager sign up form and submit it. This means you are registered in the module. Please do this ASAP, as teams have missed out in the past due to not organising a manager quickly enough.
6. You will then receive an email giving you the link to enter your player details. To complete this it is helpful to have all your teams full names, Date of birth and contact phone number and email on hand.

## New Touch NZ Policy

Changes that were implemented last season. A basic summary of these are:

**Year 0-4:** No score keeping, modified rules, 5 players on the field, open ratio (any ratio of boys and girls), half field, max of 10 in a team. 8 ideal

**Year 5/6:** scoring, but not recorded, standard rules, 5 players on the field, mixed ratio 2:3, half field, max of 10 in a team. 8 ideal

**Year7/8:** Scoring and recorded, standard rules, 6 players, mixed 3: 3, full field.

A full outline of the new policy is on our website under **Rules.**

**Helpers:** Please keep an eye out on hero for the sign up genius. We can't run this competition without you.

**Closing date for entries is 17th October**

We are all looking forward to a great season.

From the Smart Touch Team

Touch Canterbury Affiliated Module

# S'Mart Community

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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/
https://www.facebook.com/StMartinsSmartCommunity/

## *BIG SKATE UPDATE*
## *-@ Alpine Ice-*



**Prior to Lockdown, we had a fantastic response to ticket sales for our "Big Skate" Community Event and sold over 100 tickets. Obviously due to the continuing state of Level 2 we are still waiting to see whether or not we can run a Sunday event when, and if, we reach Level 1.**

**Please stay tuned. We will keep you posted and we will try not to delay too long. Thanks for your patience.**

**The S'Mart Community is on Facebook!** Like and Share our page here:
https://www.facebook.com/StMartinsSmartCommunity/