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



Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**

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# BOARD UPDATE



Last Sunday afternoon, with the weather gods smiling upon us, we had another great turnout for our planting bee in Lachie's "bee-friendly" garden. The combination of year 7/8 William Pike students, returning year 9 friends of Lachie (and parents too) made short work of the task -and the subsequent afternoon tea! Many thanks to our gardener Phillipa Curtis for organising plants, materials and clearing up at the end and also to Katie Chilton and Elle Fairgrey from Boffa Miskel who designed and planned the planting, then laid everything out ready to go. We also got to try out the new seats, donated by the local Men's Shed and being installed by our wonderful landscaper Dave McLaren of Spaceman gardens. Just a few last finishing touches and it's not far off being ready... Great team work all round!



As a school we are working with the Council on a new School Travel Plan. The school has taken part in this project before and it is timely to have a refresh. The Council has informed us that they have received ongoing complaints about parking behaviour in the area around St Martins School. The Parking Compliance Team have been actively monitoring this area over the last month during school peaks. Staff advise that they have been there on multiple occasions and issued 24 tickets for parking on broken yellow lines, parking in the No Stopping area, and overstaying the P3.



If you see any non-compliant parking behaviour you can complete an online form on the police website or pick up a form from the office to complete. The online link is https://forms.police.govt.nz/forms/community-roadwatch-report-unsafe-driving-incident

# SCHOOL UPDATE



Congratulations to all of the children playing in the Y5 - 8 Korfball competition yesterday. Great to see so many children participating. Some results from yesterday included two 2nds and a 3rd place. There was a positive vibe amongst all of the players representing St Martins School. Thank you to the teachers for your support of the children throughout the tournament.



We are very excited to have a schoolwide Celebration of Learning next Tuesday 1.30 - 2.30pm. All classes will be open to families to come and see the fabulous learning the children have been involved in around Matariki. Across the school we have stories, art work, songs and digital objects to share. You may want to visit your own child's class and then pop through some of the others. We hope to see you in the afternoon. To start the week the children in Y3 / 4 have invited parents to come and see their Kapahaka performance on Monday 1.30 - 2.00pm. This is a culmination of the learning they have undertaken during term two with Tania and Willy. The performance will be in the hall.

Written reports will be sent home on Monday with the children. You will notice that there is not a general comment box on the report. This is because we will be following the reports up with a face to face learning

conference on Wednesday and Thursday. This 15 minute session will provide an opportunity to follow up any questions or discussion points you may have from the report, for your child to share a piece of learning with you, teachers to share the next steps in learning and of course the opportunity to answer any questions you may have.



A reminder that Learning Conferences are being held on Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July. School will close at 1pm on Wednesday 7th July to allow for a 1.15pm start. Please remember to book in a time for you and your child to talk with your child's classroom teacher. Bookings close Monday 5th July. (Students in Room 17 and 18 will have conferences next term. We will let you know how to book at a later date)



- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- Enter code kc35r
    - or click on the link https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=kc35r
- Enter your name, child's name, room
- Select your child's teacher
- Select the time you would like to meet



If you do not have access to a computer to book online please contact Michele in the office (ph 332-6121 ext 701) to make an appointment for you. **School closes at 1pm on Wednesday 7th July to accommodate the learning conferences.**

You may notice that next week we are on the move with some resources getting ready for the property work (read below) in the holidays. This means that our spaces will be very tight. Unfortunately we will not have a space available to offer the creche service during the learning conferences this term.

In term three The Homework Club will be working out of Toe Toe rather than the hall. This will be a shared space with The Homework Club using this before school, after school and then either the New Entrants / Y1s with Charlotte and Nicky continuing to use this space and the Garden to Table programme working out of here on a Wednesday. We will be adapting as we go to ensure that we can all work harmoniously in these adapted spaces.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, thank you very much for your support in and out of the classroom, whether it has been on trips, sports events, reading programmes, coming to celebration of learning events or simply reading with your child at home. Have a lovely restful break with your family. Stay safe and warm, do the things as a family you enjoy, maybe even try something new.

Andrew

# PROPERTY UPDATE

Well, no action on the hall as we had hoped. However we will now have a flurry of planned activities on property projects starting in the holidays. The hall project will have builders onsite cordoning off and setting up to start the project. This will be completed while there are no children or staff on site and is carefully managed.

The new two classroom block to be built on the North West side of the school will begin with the cladding being taken off the four classrooms. The area surrounding what is currently the Teacher Resource Room, Music Room and two empty rooms will be cordoned off through the holidays with demolition of these starting.

With both projects there is asbestos cladding to be removed. This will be done during the holiday period following the Ministry of Education Guidelines. The asbestos removal work will be undertaken by a licensed asbestos removal company. WorkSafe NZ will be notified of the work. An asbestos removal control plan (ARCP) has been developed (and is on site) to ensure that adequate measures are in place to minimise risk and to meet regulatory requirements. During these works, access to the immediate surroundings will be restricted. Signs and barricades will be in place to delineate the asbestos work area, it is a legal requirement for an appropriate exclusion zone to remain in place during the asbestos removal works in the event of an unforeseen event. Immediate neighbours will be notified of a more concise timeframe when it has been finalised.

Thank you for your patience with this work. It seems to have been a long time coming. We will be very tight for space in the coming term, we will be sharing some spaces and wherever possible adapting programmes to have them continuing.

# STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Ted auditioned for the Christchurch School Music Festival. He was successful and will be playing trumpet in the Concert Band. Congratulations, Ted. Your dedication and commitment to playing the trumpet is fantastic.

# SCHOOL NOTICES

From Term 3 Pita Pit will no longer be available to order from Lunch Online. They have advised us that there are not enough orders to make it viable for them. We still have Sushi from Lunch Online and Subway which are both available each Friday.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**HOUSE FOR RENT Hillsborough Tce** 3 x double bedrooms In St Martins and Cashmere High school zones Warm with a large heat pump, new kitchen, new bathroom. Available from 1st August
Contact Aaron 027 5532102 or aaronprin@gmail.com

**First 1000 Days – Understand your Brain by Nathan Wallis**. Come along and get a summary of the latest research and everything a parent. Grandparent or whānau needs to know. Wednesday 30th June 7.30pm at La Vida Centre. Tickets at www.eventfinda.co.nz search "Nathan Wallis Christchurch" www.nathanwallis.com

**Art Classes for Children** - Is your child passionate about art? Would they like to extend their creativity through learning a range of new art skills and techniques? Maybe Kat's holiday painting workshops or after-school art classes are just what you've been looking for. Kat's Art Studio is located at 171 Waltham Rd. Art tutor Katrina is a professional artist and tutor who has over 10yrs experience teaching children art. For more details, please visit www.katsartstudio.co.nz

**Huntsbury Community Preschool** is having a Parent information evening; All Welcome.
Our Speaker, Rachel McFedries, is an Occupational Therapist, Play & Screen Time Coach. She will provide practical, realistic strategies and encouragement to manage or reduce kids' screen time in your home - without tired and busy parents losing sanity time! Rachel's advice will be aimed at preschoolers' screen use, but with tips that apply to older children also, plus a Q&A session at the end.
Tuesday 3rd August at Woolston Community Library, 689 Ferry Road, Woolston. $2 entry, limited seats available – RSVP essential to: https://fb.me/e/4tFMzaEW7

Huntsbury Preschool - **30H Huntsbury Ave (03) 332 6001 www.huntsbury-preschool.org.nz**
Now open Monday to Friday 8.30 PM-2:30 PM for children aged 2 to 5 years. An inspiring, unique, caring, unrushed community-based preschool. High adult to child ratios. Fully qualified, experienced teachers. Individual learning programmes. Exciting natural outdoor garden. Visitors are always welcome.

**Imagination Station after school LEGO classes** are back at South Christchurch Library for Term 3 with all our LEGO robotics, mechanics, and movie making fun! In Term 3 our South Christchurch classes will be held on Mondays AND Wednesdays from 3.30pm to 5pm, with a cost of $15 per session. We are also running heaps of activities for KidsFest over the July holidays at Tūranga, Aranui, Fendalton and Upper Riccarton Libraries. Find more info or reserve a space at imagination-station.org.nz

**Matariki planting in King George V Reserve** - We are excited to be holding the next event in our wee gem of a forest at King George V Reserve on Saturday July 3 at 10.00am. It is a Matariki planting of ferns at the Aynsley Terrace end. The Urban Parks Ranger for the CCC, Heidi Wilton, will be there to assist us. We envisage it'll all take about an hour. Please dress appropriately. Hope to see some of you there.

# ON THE CALENDAR

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| 9 | Mon 28 June | Tue 29 June | Wed 30 June | Thu 1 July | Fri 2 July |
| | Life Education Van<br>Year 5-8 Korfball tournament | Life Education Van<br>Yr 0-4 Zone Cross Country | GTT Rm 23<br>Life Education Van<br>Mufti Day – Theme, Twins and Triplets | Newsletter<br>Life Education Van<br>Yr 5-8 Winter Sports<br>Yr 0-4 Zone Cross Country Postponement | Life Education Van |
| 10 | Mon 5 July | Tue 6 July | Wed 7 July | Thu 8 July | Fri 9 July |
| | Reports Go Home<br>Life Education Van | Life Education Van<br>Celebration of Learning<br>Yr 7-8 Success Awards Assembly<br>Yr3-4 – Aladdin Performance at Hillview | Twins/Triplets Mufti Day<br>Learning Conferences 1pm to 5.30pm<br>Yr0-2 Aladdin performance at Steiner<br>School closes at 1pm | Learning Conferences 3pm to 7.30pm | Last day of Term 2<br>Assembly |




Brett from Time 2 Talk will focus on the following points;

- Pornography today & NZ Statistics
- The effects of pornography on our children & whānau
- Common misconceptions around pornography
- Why sooner is safer – Benefits of being the first to talk with our children
- Managing devices – Parenting in a digital world
- Tips to get comfortable on talking with our children
- In-home filtering systems – Protecting our children online
- Resources for you to take home and use immediately

If you are interested in attending this session please RSVP to leannep@stmartins.school.nz