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









Welcome back to school, we hope that you had an enjoyable summer break with your children. Perhaps some time to explore some of what New Zealand has to offer. The children have settled back into school really well, it is lovely to visit calm settled rooms each day and see learning in action.

During our Teacher Only Days staff had sessions based on Understanding Behavior Responding Safely and have started looking at Structured Literacy and how this might enhance the programmes we have at St Martins School.

We welcome two new staff members to the school this year. Leanne Parnham has joined the leadership team as one of the Deputy Principals, a key area of leadership Leanne will be undertaking is Learning Support. We also welcome Sarah Williams to the Y5 / 6 team, Sarah has expertise in the Arts, we look forward to Sarah supporting the production and music throughout the year.

We have a couple of community events coming up. Firstly, the Back to School BBQ tomorrow 12th Feb 4.30pm to 6.30pm at St Martins School. This is an event organized by the Smart Community and is an opportunity to meet other families and enjoy food, fun and games. We hope to see you there. Next week on Wednesday 17th Feb 5.30 – 6.30pm we will be holding our annual Meet the Teacher sessions. There are two sessions each being 30mins. The first session starts at 5.30pm and is then repeated at 6.00pm. Feel free to come along, meet your child's teachers and hear about the class programmes. Teachers will meet you in their pods. We hope you can join us for the events.

As always it is great to have a chat to families as they enter the school through the waharoa. This year Alice D, Leanne and myself will be available on different days. If there is anything you would like to discuss while we are there feel free to stop and have a chat.

Last week the Y5 / 6 children finished the week on the water slide in the sunshine, this week all of the children listened to a music demo by tutors from Monster Music and we finish the week off tomorrow with a free skateboarding session at lunchtime with skateboards, helmets and safety gear provided by Cheap Skates before they start their skate school programme next Monday 3.30 – 4.30pm om the top courts. We have a number of music programmes on offer during school hours please check with Diane (dianem@stmartins.school.nz) if you are interested in your child learning an instrument. This year we will continue with our Hip Hop groups, Strum, Strike, Blow group, Christchurch Choir groups, show choir and EPAC. Lots of opportunities for children to get involved in the Arts. As we look to expand what we can offer through the day we are also adding to the after school programmes, as usual we have the Homework Club each day, skateboarding on a Monday and Coding Club on a Tuesday.

Next week we start our KapaHaka programme for the year. This involves all of the children from New Entrant to Y4 and children who opt into the programme in Y5 – 8. As this is a group that is often seen at school events we expect that the Heads of School, School Council and House Leaders are

members of the KapaHaka group. Being a production year, we will also see the group perform. If your child would like to join the Y5 – 8 group please remind them the sessions start on Monday.
Our first sports event is the Y5 – 8 swimming sports on Thursday 27th Feb at Jellie Park. Children need to let Jarad Pateman know the events they are going to compete in. Swimmers need to be able to swim two lengths (50m in total). Please have a chat with your child about entering, if you would like to ensure your child has entered feel free to email Jarad – jaradp@stmartins.school.nz
We have a very full term of events for the children. As usual we have a calendar at the end of today's newsletter for you to refer to. The most up to date information on the calendar can be found on our school website.
We look forward to seeing you throughout the year.







PROPERTY UPDATE

We have new colorful umbrellas installed outside the Whare Kukawai to offer further shade throughout the year.
We look forward to adding new bark to our playgrounds (children completing the William Pike challenge we have some community hours you could pick up), starting development on the Lachie Memorial Garden and a big push with extending and freshening up the hall.
You may be aware that we have 2 onsite parking spaces. One is a 5 minute drop off space and the other is a mobility park. There is to be no waiting in the drop off park and users of the mobility park must have a valid mobility parking permit which is clearly displayed. We ask that parents and caregivers use these parks in good faith and only use them as they are intended.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Back to School BBQ -Friday 12th February from 4.30pm to 6.30pm in the school playground.
Free sausage sizzle plus games and jump jam organised by our senior students.
Bouncy castle and food cart.
Bring along a picnic and a rug, meet other families, enjoy yummy food and join in the fun and games. See you there!

St Martins Skate Skool!
Join the Cheapskates Skate Skool and get on-board EVERY MONDAY after school from 3.30 - 4.30 on the top courts.
Learn to Skateboard and Longboard, master the basics as well as trick tips and games with weekly prizes.
Beginners and experienced skaters welcome! Board and safety gear supplied.
$15 per session.
Registration forms will be handed out in term 1 and programme will start Monday 15th February.





2ND HAND UNIFORM SALE
When: Friday 12th February 8.45 - 9.30 **Where:** School Hall
Things are much easier now with proceeds going to the PTA to help our kids and teachers with things that the MOE can't help out with. Just bring in some small change and make your purchase. Some change on board but not too much. We would love some more Senior Jackets if you have some to donate.

A Facebook page has also been started by a parent for St Martins School parents to buy and sell school uniform. This is not run by St Martins School and please note that buying and selling in

this group is conducted at your own risk and St Martins School take no responsibility. However it may be a very useful place for parents who cannot make it to the sales held from time to time at school.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/3771381949635401

Parent/Grandparent Reading Assistance - Do you have one spare hour a week?
Would you like to use this time to work one to one with some delightful young children to help them with their reading? You will be provided with the room and books, and given suggestions as to what is required. At present we have a wonderful team but would welcome more helpers.
If you are interested in finding out about this please contact Cate van Leuven,
Reading Recovery Teacher. Email : catevl@stmartins.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE
What can the Public Health Nursing Service offer you and your family?
The public nursing service is a team of registered nurses who can:
Meet with you at home/school/workplace/café to talk about how to manage health problems in a way that suits your family, and work alongside you, your child and the school.
Deliver school-based vaccination programmes.
Attend health appointments with you and your child to support you to ask questions and have your questions answered.
Support teachers to manage your child's health issue during the school day by providing advice and care plans.
Access further support with your consent, for example for parenting/budgeting/mental health, and follow through to make sure that you have the support that you want.

The public health nurses are very happy to be contacted, and parents can self-refer for support with any health problem. Referral forms can be found at www.cdhb.health.nz/phn
Anna Marshall (RCpN, PHN) – Registered Nurse, Public Health Nurse
Email: phnburwood@cdhb.health.nz Phone: (03) 3836877

COMMUNITY DENTAL SERVICE
One of our Community Dental Service vans will be making a visit to your school soon. **Only the children who currently require a check-up will be seen at this visit.** Please do not be concerned if your child is not called for a check-up this time.
The dental therapist will provide a regular check-up and preventative care which may include:

- Cleaning/scaling (to remove plaque from teeth)
- Dental x-rays (to check for decay in teeth, or presence and position of teeth)
- Fluoride varnish (painted on teeth to help prevent decay)
- Fissure Sealants (coating put on teeth to prevent decay) if required

If your child requires any other dental care, they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required. **When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our Call Centre as soon as possible** as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
All Year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the service to a FREE private dentist from Year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist) to enable us to transfer your child for Year 9 onwards.
To contact our Call Centre phone: 0800 846 983 email: commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Guitar/Ukulele Tuition with Matt Kennedy on Monday afternoons at St Martins for years 1 - 8 and no experience required. Contact Matt at mwkennedy.92@gmail.com for a full price list.

Pete Fleming - guitar/bass/ukulele teacher. Lessons will be starting up again at St Martins School from the 16th February for current students. If you would like to enrol with Pete please email him on peterfleming@hotmail.co.nz

Children's Day Sunday 7th March - 11am-3pm
Red Zone (Crown Owned Land) 152 New Brighton Road
You can find more information at https://ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/event/childrens-day

The 14th Christchurch Boys' Brigade
Are you looking for an action-packed programme for your boy?
Boys' Brigade is a fun filled Christian based programme for boys aged 5-19 yrs old. We operate in three sections, Anchor 5-7 years, Team Adventure 8-10 years and Company Xtreme 11-19 years old. Activities include Crafts, games, camps, outdoor pursuits, leadership training, life skills and lots more. We meet on a Friday night at Beckenham Methodist Church Hall, 52 Martin Ave, Beckenham. New members welcome for 2021, interested contact Stephen Gregory ph: 027 4371565, email: admin@14thbb.org.nz or see our website for more www.14thbb.org.nz

Cashmere Netball Club Junior Registrations open now
Year 3 to 5 – no need to trial for a team. Year 6 and up please see website and Facebook page for trial information www.sporty.co.nz/cashmerenc Email: cashmerenetball@hotmail.com



ON THE CALENDAR

3	Mon 15 Feb	Tue 16 Feb	Wed 17 Feb	Thu 18 Feb	Fri 19 Feb
		Y7 / 8 Korfball	Meet the Teacher 5.30 / 6.00pm		Y7 / 8 Tech
4	Mon 22 Feb	Tue 23 Feb	Wed 24 Feb	Thu 25 Feb	Fri 26 Feb
		Y7 / 8 Korfball BoT Meeting		Newsletter Y5 – 8 Swimming Sports	Y7 / 8 Tech Assembly Whanau Group Meeting
5	Mon 1 Mar	Tue 2 Mar	Wed 3 Mar	Thu 4 Mar	Fri 5 Mar
		Y7 / 8 Korfball			Y7 / 8 Tech
6	Mon 8 Mar	Tue 9 Mar	Wed 10 Mar	Thu 11 Mar	Fri 12 Mar
	Y7 / 8 Korfball	Y8 HPV Dose 1		Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball Assembly Discoverers 2
7	Mon 15 Mar	Tue 16 Mar	Wed 17 Mar	Thu 18 Mar	Fri 19 Mar
					Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball Y7 / 8 PCT
8	Mon 22 Mar	Tue 23 Mar	Wed 24 Mar	Thu 25 Mar	Fri 26 Mar
		Canterbury Triathlon BoT Meeting		Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball Assembly Whanau Group Meeting
9	Mon 29 Mar	Tues 30 Mar	Wed 31 Mar	Thu 1 Apr	Fri 2 Apr
			William Pike Trip	Y5 / 6 Korfball	Good Friday
10	Mon 5 Apr	Tue 6 Apr	Wed 7 Apr	Thu 8 Apr	Fri 9 Apr
	Easter Monday	Easter Tuesday		Newsletter Canterbury Swimming Sports	Y7 / 8 Tech Assembly High Fliers 2
11	Mon 12 Apr	Tues 13 Apr	Wed 14 Apr	Thurs 15 Apr	Fri 16 Apr
		Y5 – 8 Cross Country Literacy Quiz Y6 – 8			Y7 / 8 Tech