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Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**



Newsletter 3 11th March 2021

SCHOOL UPDATE









We are very excited to be able to have our first assembly with children sharing their learning. The children and teachers from Discoverers Two (Rooms 21, 22, 23) will be sharing a number of aspects tomorrow. As usual we will be having two assembly times 1.30 and 2.15pm. If your child is in Y5 – 8 and they are getting an assembly certificate please come to the 1.30pm assembly. If your child is in Y0 – Y4 we will be having certificates at the 2.15pm assembly. Parents and caregivers from Discoverers Two, we especially invite you to the 2.15pm assembly.

We have our Learning Conversations at the end of term one. These will be held in the last week of term one. These meetings are a time for you to discuss with the classroom teacher how the start of the year has gone, any questions you may have as well as the children talking about the school values. Bookings are 3.15 – 5.30 Wed 14th and 1.00 – 7.30pm Thurs 15th April. Please note that we will close early on the Thursday 15th April to be able to accommodate a space for all parents.

Thank you to the parents who have been helping in the classrooms and with our class trips. It is wonderful to have your support.

Just a reminder that we use HERO as a main communication system for the school. Newsletters, notices, updates will come via HERO from the school and classroom teachers. We use this as our formal communication system. Alice Denley has been supporting parents to get into their HERO accounts, at times we have found that we are sending our communication to an old or incorrect email address. If you believe we need to update your account please send an email to aliced@stmartins.school.nz

Most classes also use either Dojo or Seesaw to share informal everyday learning. These are optional extras for parents to be involved in if they wish.

We will be closing the school for two Teacher Only Days this year. These are Friday 4th June (Queen's Birthday weekend – term two) and Thursday 11th November (Show Weekend – term four). These days will be used for assessment and reporting.

Have a nice weekend.

Andrew

PROPERTY UPDATE



We'd like to share some images for the proposed "Lachie friendship garden" behind the Whare Kūkūwai, courtesy of parent Katie Chilton and Boffa Miskell, who has generously been supporting the project. The colour yellow and bee-themed designs will be woven into the project as these were favourites of Lachie. As you can see in the images there will be planting as well as 'nests' for children to sit in, relax and chat. We see this space as being a special place that will be used in a variety of ways.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Year 7-8 Camp

Please complete the camp form before Monday 15th March so we can finalise activities and groups. The camp form has been sent through our school communication system, Hero. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact your child's teacher.

Remember, if you would like to be considered for parent help, please indicate this on the camp form and initiate the police vetting process with Michele in the office asap. (micheles@stmartins.school.nz)

Helpers for Year 7-8 syndicate
In the Year 7-8 syndicate, we value and encourage **extra-curricular** involvement outside of the classroom. In order to provide a range of enrichment opportunities for our students we rely heavily on our extended school community. We are seeking parents or family members who can support the following academic and sports programmes. **Maths Club, Science Club, Robotics, Hip Hop** and Term 2 and 3 **sports coaching** (Netball. Football, Rugby, Hockey)
In the past clubs have run before school, during lunchtime or after school. Times and days can be negotiated. We very much appreciate any support and expertise you can offer. We are keen to get these extra-curricular activities up and running for 2021.
Please email nickyp@stmartins.school.nz if you are able to help in any way.

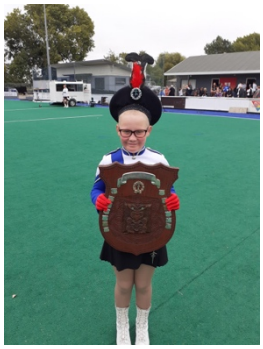
School Photos – we have extended the final date for orders until **Friday 19th March**. We cannot accept late orders so please ensure orders are handed into the office by this date.

Does your child want to learn the flute? We have one space available in our Itinerant Music Programme. This is preferably for students Year 4 and above. Lessons are free and the hire of the flute is $25 per term. If you are interested in finding out more please see Diane in the office or email dianem@stmartins.school.nz

Baskets and plastic containers – we have quite a few left over from the Fiesta last year. If you are missing a container come to the office to see if it is in the pile. Any left over by the end of next week will be recycled/donated.

The S'Mart Community will be running the annual fundraiser – Entertainment (Previously the Entertainment Book). 20% of every membership sold goes directly to our fundraising. From dining to shopping to travel with up to 50% off and 2 for 1 deals in Christchurch and across New Zealand and Australia. Order your membership online today. www.entbook.co.nz/134177w

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Hayley Rose is a Year 4 student who is a member of the Pioneers of Canterbury Under 12's Marching Team. They recently won the Most Improved team at the Canterbury Championships. Hayley and the team will be travelling to Dunedin for more competitions soon. Well done to Hayley and her team mates and all the best for your future competitions.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cashmere Netball Club are looking for future fern players (Year 3 -6) to join their friendly club. Email cashmerenetball@hotmail.com or visit the website www.sporty.co.nz/cashmerenc

Coding NZ Lessons – Ages 9 to 18 years - Learn coding languages to create technology. Try a free trial at www.codingnz.com

Cashmere Technical FC – Have a Go Girls' Football Fiesta. No experience needed. March 12, 4.15pm to 5.15pm. Somerfield Park. All ages – free. Email lisay@ctfc.co.nz to register.

Why not learn Spanish? Beginner Spanish for students in Years 5 & 6. Tuesdays and Thursdays 4pm to 5pm. South Library, 66 Colombo Street. $25 per hour – starting soon! Are you interested in learning a new language? We will have fun learning to speak Spanish. Bring your own device if you have one. Questions? Contact Ms Costeira. Ph: 021-211-0044 Email: ecosteira@gmail.com

Elements Nature Programmes – April School Holidays. Provides an authentic outdoor experience. Each day is a mix of team challenges and experiences. For more info and bookings go to https://www.elementsnature.co.nz

Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre is a parent run Early Childhood Education Centre with a friendly and diverse group of local parents. We run sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday mornings 9-12, and explorer outings on Thursdays. Come and check out our **Community Mural Fun Day** on Saturday 27th March 9am-3pm: bouncy castle, cake stall, sausage sizzle and more. Updates on our Facebook page.

The Homework Club Holiday Programmes are currently taking bookings for the following dates:
19th April to 30th April. 5-9 year olds based at Cashmere Primary, 135 Hackthorne Road, 9 – 13 year olds based at Landsdowne Community Centre, 8 Landsdowne Terrace. A high quality of care from 8am to 6pm during the holidays.
www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or email Sara info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz for further information.



ON THE CALENDAR

6	Mon 8 Mar	Tue 9 Mar	Wed 10 Mar	Thu 11 Mar	Fri 12 Mar
	Y7 / 8 Korfball	Y 0 / 2 Kelly Sports	Y 3 / 4 GTT PALS Workshop	Newsletter Y 5 / 6 Traditional Māori Games	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
		Road Patrol Refresher Y 0 / 2 Kelly Sports Year 8 HPV Vaccinations	Y 3 /4 GTT Mufti Day	Zone Swimming Y 5 / 6 Traditional Māori Games	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
	Y 7 /8 Sailing Rm 11 and 12	Canterbury Triathlon Y 0 / 2 Kelly Sports BoT Meeting	Y 3 / 4 GTT Y 7 / 8 Sailing Rm 19 and 20	Newsletter Y 7 /8 Sailing Rm 24 Y 5 / 6 Traditional Māori Games	Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball Assembly - Lip Sync Whanau Group Meeting
9	Mon 29 Mar	Tues 30 Mar	Wed 31 Mar	Thu 1 Apr	Fri 2 Apr
		Dodgeball Staff v Students	Y 3 / 4 GTT William Pike Trip	Y5 / 6 Korfball	Good Friday School Closed
10	Mon 5 Apr	Tue 6 Apr	Wed 7 Apr	Thu 8 Apr	Fri 9 Apr
	Easter Monday School closed	Easter Tuesday School closed	Y 3 / 4 GTT Y 3/4 Marae trip Rm 9 and 10 Year 7 / 8 Camp Parent meeting	Newsletter Canterbury Swimming Sports Y 3 /4 Marae trip Rm 21 and 22	Y7 / 8 Tech Assembly High Fliers 2 Y 3 / 4 Korfball
11	Mon 12 Apr	Tues 13 Apr	Wed 14 Apr	Thurs 15 Apr	Fri 16 Apr
	Y 7 /8 Korfball Tournament	Y5 – 8 Cross Country Literacy Quiz Y6 – 8 Y 0 / 2 Marae trip Rm 7 and 8	Y 3 / 4 GTT Y 0 / 2 Marae trip Rm 5 and 6 **Learning Conversations 3.15 – 5.30pm**	**Learning Conversations 1.00 – 7.30pm** **School closes at 1pm**	Y7 / 8 Tech Last day of term 1