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

Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**



Newsletter 7 20th May 2021

SCHOOL UPDATE

Last week the NE to Y2 children had the opportunity to participate in a Travis Wetlands programme. The trip focused on why we need the wetlands, what they look like and some of the creatures that live there. The children had several fun experiences such as bird watching, fishing for water bugs, role play and feeding the eels. Thank you to the parents able to join us on the trips.

This week we have been fortunate to be working with Caroline the Resource Teacher of Literacy further developing our understanding and putting into practice aspects of Structured Literacy. Caroline has been in the school for four days this week modelling, sharing and engaging the teachers in discussion. All teachers are putting some Structured Literacy aspects into their weekly programmes. This looks different throughout the school as we meet the needs of the age and stage of the children.

Next week the Y5 – 8 children will start their winter sports competition. We have the majority of children playing in a local competition this year. This means that most children will walk to and from their games at local venues. The Y7 / 8 netball teams will continue to participate in the Hagley Sports competition. Games are held on a Thursday afternoon, we are hoping that we continue with this lovely weather and that you may be able to join us at times throughout the season.

Good luck to the Y5 – 8 Zone Cross Country team competing next week. The team have been keeping up their fitness with daily (well almost) running sessions this term.

Next Friday the children in Explorers 1 will be sharing their learning with us in our assembly. As usual we will also be celebrating with children receiving values based certificates. The assembly times are;

- Y5- 8 teams 1.30 – 2.15pm
- NE – Y4 teams 2.15 – 3.00pm

We hope you can join our youngest learners in their sharing.

Last week we had a our first parents session for the term. There was a good turn out to listen to Rachel discuss the topic of screen time. As we move through the year we would like to offer other Parent Information sessions based on a variety of topics. We would like these to be of interest to our community needs, some topic sessions include;

- Sleeping
- Anxiety
- Internet safety - particularly around pornography
- Nutrition

If any of these topics are of interest to you, or you have further topics you may want to know more about could you contact Leanne Parnham (leannep@stmartins.school.nz) so we can organise our next session.

We welcome Bella and Dylan to Ti Kouka and Aruhe. We look forward to you starting your learning journey at St Martins School.

A reminder that the school is closed Friday 4th June and Monday 7th June.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.











SCHOOL NOTICES

We have been advised that all banks are phasing cheques out starting with Westpac from 31st May 2021. Therefore, we will no longer accept cheques from any banks to pay for any school activities or uniform from this date. Accepted forms of payment are Eftpos (excluding credit cards), online banking to our school account (ASB: 12-3240-0111723-00) or cash.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

'Tuning into kids' Parenting Programme
There are still spaces available in the TIK programme beginning Wednesday 26th May, 9.30-11.30am, Design Lab, 17B Print Place. Parents can email me for more information: liz.riley@sjog.org.nz



Studio One Performing Arts is currently giving Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and Acro lessons in Thorrington, Fendalton and New Brighton. Ballet lessons from age 3, Jazz and Contemporary from age 7. For all enquiries Phone: (03) 372-9191 Email: info@studioone.co.nz Website: www.studioone.co.nz

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Guitar, bass and Ukulele lessons at St Martins School – ready to learn a new instrument or want to level up your existing skills? Pete has been holding private lessons at St Martins School since 2010 and has helped students go from absolute beginners to following their musical dreams. Contact Pete Fleming on 021 135 4343 or email peterfleming@hotmail.co.nz

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Marrzipan Drama - Self-Confidence classes - Space Available for Term 2 2021!
Our classes focus on inner and outer self-confidence, and are super fun and exciting for children. Parents are kept up to date and we have two awesome showcases at the end of every term too, so you can see your child's development first hand as they perform in one of our termly productions.
Spaces are limited to 10-14 students, to sign up for a non-obligatory trial lesson - please register your interest or find out where and when classes are running by emailing christchurch@marrzipandrama.co.nz or calling 022 603 7147. See you there



Cashmere High School – Choral Celebration
Thursday 27th May 7pm at the McCombs Performing Arts Centre (CHS). Door sales only. Adults $10, Students $5, Family $20. Eftpos and refreshments available.

Sydenham Rugby Club – U13's wanted
Did your son or daughter miss out on registration? We are still looking for more players to join our U13 team. For more information please email Mel. srfc@xtra.co.nz

ON THE CALENDAR

3	Mon 17 May	Tue 18 May	Wed 19 May	Thu 20 May	Fri 21 May
	Rm 7-8 Travis Wetland trip		GTT Rm 23	Newsletter	
4	Mon 24 May	Tue 25 May	Wed 26 May	Thu 27 May	Fri 28 May
		Yr 5-8 Zone Cross Country Rm 23 and Explorers 1 Marae trip BOT meeting 6.30pm	GTT Rm 9-10	Yr 5-8 Winter Sports	Assembly – Explorers 1 Whānau Group hui 6pm in staffroom
5	Mon 31 May	Tue 1 June	Wed 2 June	Thu 3 June	Fri 4 June
		Young Leaders' Day	GTT Rm 21-22	Newsletter Yr 5-8 Winter Sports	Teacher Only Day
6	Mon 7 June	Tue 8 June	Wed 9 June	Thu 10 June	Fri 11 June
	Queen's Birthday	Yr 3-4 TOCK workshops	GTT Rm 23	Yr 5-8 Winter Sports Yr 8 Grip Leadership	Yr 5-6 Celebration of Learning Explorers 2 Assembly 1.30pm
7	Mon 14 June	Tue 15 June	Wed 16 June	Thu 17 June	Fri 18 June
	Yr 7-8 Antarctic Virtual Reality	Yr 7-8 Antarctic Virtual Reality	GTT Rm 9-10 Yr 7-8 Antarctic Virtual Reality Strum, Strike, Blow Yr 7-8 Zone basketball	Newsletter Yr 7-8 Antarctic Virtual Reality Yr 5-8 Winter Sports	Yr 7-8 Antarctic Virtual Reality
8	Mon 21 June	Tue 22 Jun	Wed 23 June	Thu 24 June	Fri 25 June
		Life Education Van	GTT Rm 21-22 Life Education Van Yr 5-8 Canterbury Cross Country	Yr 5-8 Winter Sports Life Education Van	Life Education Van Explorers 3 Assembly 1.30pm
9	Mon 28 June	Tue 29 June	Wed 30 June	Thu 1 July	Fri 2 July
	Life Education Van	Life Education Van Yr 0-4 Zone Cross Country	GTT Rm 23 Life Education Van	Newsletter Life Education Van Yr 5-8 Winter Sports	Life Education Van
10	Mon 5 July	Tue 6 July	Wed 7 July	Thu 8 July	Fri 9 July
	Reports Go Home Life Education Van	Life Education Van	Yr 7-8 Netball Festival Learning Conferences 3 - 7.30	Learning Conferences 1 - 5.30 School closes at 1pm	End of term assembly Last day of Term 2