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Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**




Newsletter 15 – 21 October 2021

# SCHOOL UPDATE









Kia ora e te Whānau,
Welcome back to term four. We hope that everyone enjoyed the two week break. It was great to hear about the exciting aspects the children were involved in during the holidays, this could have been the family games on the wet days, trips to places like Orana Park, visit friends and family as well as the day trips and mini breaks away from home. Lots of exploring of the South Island.
We have a number of exciting aspects to be involved in this term. We are looking at a wonderful nine weeks of learning to finish the year off. The Y5 – 8 children have started their athletics training for our school event in a few weeks. At this stage at L2 the event will be held for students only. The gatherings rule does not apply to our school group, however, it would apply if we invited parents to spectate. We thank you in advance for your understanding as we work within the guidelines provided to us, ensuring the safety of all.
The calendar for the term is at the bottom of the newsletter, however, as events are added or changed this will be reflected on our online calendar, https://www.stmartins.school.nz/calendar-2/ Wherever possible we continue to offer the out of school learning experiences if the provider can meet the guidelines of Alert L2 and if appropriate approved by the Health and Safety Team.
The policy of St Martins School is for all children to wear either a wide brimmed or bucket hat for term four. New Entrant to Y7 children must wear a school uniform hat. The Y8s are able to wear a mufti hat, this however needs to be a wide brimmed or bucket hat (no caps).
As always we look forward to a fabulous term of learning, we hope to see you in and around the school through the term. If you have any aspects you would like to discuss, Alice, Leanne or myself can often be found at the Waharoa before school each day.
This week we welcome, Tilly, Cooper, Kaea, Huxley, Finlay, Matilda, Mia and Marina.
We look forward to sharing in your positive learning journey at St Martins School.
Enjoy the long weekend everyone.
Ngā mihi,
Andrew Mouat (andrew@stmartins.school.nz)

## SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 25 OCTOBER FOR LABOUR DAY









# Covid Updates

We continue to adjust to the new guidelines put in place by the Ministry of Health and Ministry Of Education. From last term we continue to focus on providing air flow in all learning spaces. This involves ensuring that windows and doors are open whenever possible and at a minimum during break times.
Thank you to the parents who have picked up the new change to being onsite, face coverings are now a requirement for parents coming onsite. A reminder of the new MoE guidelines for drop off and pick up;

- These should occur in an outdoor environment where face coverings must be worn, and physical distancing measures retained.
- Parents, whānau and caregivers are not required to be vaccinated or tested in order to pick up or drop off children.

Face coverings are required to be worn by students aged 12 and over while on any school transport service under all alert levels. Could families please provide children with a face mask for Friday's technology transport.
The mandate for those working in education to be vaccinated includes parents who are working with children, from 1 Jan 2022 this would include parent helps on camp etc. At this stage we are waiting from further information around this.

# 2022 Class Placements

During the holidays Teachers started grouping children for placement, this week children will be asked to nominate three children they learn well with in the classroom setting. We aim to have at least one of these nominations in the home room or across the pod.
We have provided the last six weeks as an opportunity for parents to provide further information to be considered about the placement of their child. The survey closes tomorrow, Friday 22nd October at 4pm https://forms.gle/V35DeRfN4ePjuBvo6 . 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 extension of the hall continues to progress. With the hall being enclosed the next phase will see the team moving to complete the new bathroom configurations, flooring, interior and exterior painting. The new timeline is for the hall to be completed around the 11th of Nov with a week or two after that for the Council to sign off completion.
The Friendship Garden is in the last throws of completion with a finalised opening date of October 30. Thank you to everyone involved in getting this space ready for the children to use. We look forward to this space being open and offering the students a unique space to meet, relax and learn in.
Our last build program of demolishing four classrooms and building two new rooms is still waiting at the consenting phase. The builders are ready and waiting to get the green light to start demolishing the rooms. What feels like an ever hopeful timeframe would be the start in November.

# 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

**Children's Cancer foundation donations**
Kia Ora St Martins community,
I'm sure you've heard of the children's cancer foundation, this is a New Zealand-established charity that offers support to children suffering from cancer.
This is an amazing cause to donate to as it helps save and change many children's lives. That is exactly why we three girls: Isla Ramsay, Isabella Hyslop, and Elana Weaver have the goal of raising $1000 for them in our community. Once we have reached this goal we are going to donate our hair to be made into wigs for children with cancer who partake in the chemotherapy, where there are nasty side effects such as fatigue, nausea, and hair loss.

If you wish to donate to this cause make sure you check out this site where you can easily donate online: https://wigwednesday.org.nz/islaramsayandelanaweaver/
We know that our school community can help these children live better lives.
Nga Mihi
Isla Ramsay, Isabella Hyslop, and Elana Weaver

**Mana Ake Parent Meetings**
Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow provides mental health and wellbeing support for children in primary school years 1-8 across Canterbury. Mana Ake Parent Meetings

Mana Ake kaimahi (workers) are employed by one of 13 NGO providers and support schools, families and whānau when children are experiencing issues that impact their wellbeing such as managing emotions, friendships and bullying, parental separation and grief and loss. You can talk to Natasha from Mana Ake, here at St Martins, if you think your child would benefit from support from the Mana Ake team. Natasha is available to meet with parents on:

- Monday 8th November -1:40pm, 2.00pm, 2:20pm or 2:40pm.
- Monday 22nd November- 1:40pm, 2.00pm, 2:20pm or 2:40pm.
- Monday 6th December - 1:40pm, 2.00pm, 2:20pm or 2:40pm.

Please contact Kate in the school office katet@stmartins.school.nz to book an appointment.

**Term 4 Parents Evening**
How to Talk to our Kids about Food
Monday 8th November from 7.00pm - 8.00pm
St Martins School - Whare Kukuwai
Koha - gold coin
To register please email leannep@stmartins.school.nz

**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**
We still have a lot of polar fleeces 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 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

A huge thank you to the St Martins Community from our 40 Hour Famine Leaders, Harvey Sanderson, Kahutaiki Calman, Elana Weaver and Danica Neels. We set a target of $5000.00 and more than doubled it, raising $10309.76!! This money will provide life saving food to 252 children in Sub-Saharan Africa. Awesome effort!

**THE GREAT DOOM**
Wheels scratched against steel as the rollercoaster trundled up a slanting slope that reached up to the low woolly clouds. A penultimate peril filled the air as the coaster slowly reached its climax. There was a slight pause as the rollercoaster mustered its strength. Then, like a burst of golden flame, it rocketed down the pitch-

black track towards what seemed like impenetrable iron bars. But it was just a hologram! Suddenly, a jet-black tunnel enveloped the coaster and oil sprinkled onto the polished iron of the track. The coaster was sliding past sparking chunks of dynamite when it emerged into blindingly bright light and giant rubber hammers took swings at the rollercoaster. One smashed into its side but surprisingly bounced off the thin titanium! The coaster suddenly launched into a crazy 'loop the loop' and lurched into the air! It plunged into the other side and turned upside down. It then came to a juddering halt. The ride was over.

Tom Burnett Age 8 years
Year 4  Room 21

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Missing Cat Freddie –** Freddie is a black fluffy beloved family pet who is missing.  She is a female - desexed - microchipped  missing from 147 Centaurus Road. She has food allergies so if you find her please do not feed her. If you have seen Freddie can you please phone Ashlii on 021 232 7531

**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

**Orienteering**
The Canterbury Schools Orienteering Festival is coming up.  Thanks to Sara Prince who is taking charge of this for St Martins School. There will be 3 weeks of practices leading up to the races which are on Saturday  6-7th November. To register visit the website www.papo.org.nz then email Sara on  sara.prince@talbot.co.nz with the size of the sports top your child would require.

**Huntsbury Preschool is hosting an OPEN DAY**, Tuesday 26 October from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Spaces available for 2-5 year olds, Monday-Friday, Come check out our special little preschool on the hill.







## Navigation training events

**Ideal for beginners and learners - have a try!**

Come along to our training events leading up to the Canterbury School Champs. Run on different evenings so you have many chances to avoid a clash with a sport night. To guarantee your training maps we encourage schools to sign up as a group on the papo.org.nz webpage. Note: there may be changes to the traning schedule, so do check the webpage for the latest information. All welcome have a run with a map, suitable for both primary and secondary school students.

**Mon 18 Oct** I **Old School Reserve Mt Pleasant** I Meet Scout Hall Carpark

**Wed 20 Oct** I **Kirkwood Intermediate** I Kirkwood Avenue entrance

**Tue 26 Oct** I **Halswell Quarry** I Finlay's Picnic Area at the end of the main road into the park

**Wed 27 Oct** I **Barnett Park** I End of the car park near the field

**Mon 1 Nov** I **Heathcote Domain** I Meet by Cricket pavilion

**Tue 2 Nov** I **Hansen Park / Rudolf Steiner School** I Playground in Hansen Park

**Time:** Starts at 4pm and finishes at 5pm .
**Cost:** $2 per child and they get a printed map - make sure your school has booked a group for maps if you have a large group.

**Guarantee your maps:** Register your numbers for training at the individual events on: **papo.org.nz**

Add the Canterbury Champ dates in your diary and secure your place at the champs by registering before Friday 29 October:

**Saturday 6 November** I
**Canterbury Schools park event - The Groynes**

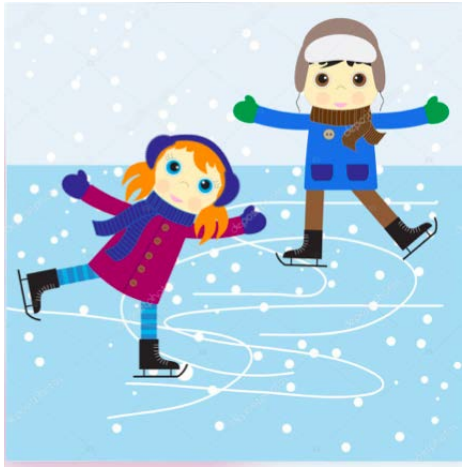
**Sunday 7 November** I
**Canterbury Schools forest event  - Bottle Lake**



EVENT HOSTED BY: PENINSULA AND PLAINS ORIENTEERS
papo.org.nz

# COMMUNITY BIG SKATE

## -@ Alpine Ice-



**Let's Try This Again!! The Big Winter Skate . . . Round 2!**

Thanks to all the 103 people who bought tickets for our ice skating fundraiser that was unfortunately cancelled due to the level change.

The good news is we have booked another date and we have 43 tickets still available, so get in quick! It's this year's fun community event — no disco scheduled so let's make it a fun Sunday afternoon for the kids.

Tickets are $15 payable in cash to Diane in the office or the S'mart account ASB 12-3147-0420521-00. Please email Diane if you pay this way so we can keep track of tickets. Thanks to those who have paid from last time, we'll get tickets out to you shortly.

**Date: NOVEMBER 21**
**Time: 4:20-6:00PM**
Spectators are limited to 50 so please only come if your little one needs you.
Social distancing encouraged and masks required for adult spectators.

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


# 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/

# TOUCH RUGBY RETURNS

Touch Rugby season is here. Games begin next Thursday 28th October and will run for 6 weeks finishing on Thursday 9th Dec. Note: There are no games on 11th Nov due to Show Weekend. Also, please look out for the sign up genius on HERO as we will be needing helpers again this year to make the touch competition a success.

Thanks, Sandy Jones




Smart Touch 2021

We're pleased to be able to run SmartTouch down at Waltham Park this year under Covid Level 2. Thank you to all the teams who have already entered. This year we will only be running with 32 teams. Games will start at 4pm and will be a duration of 25 mins 12 min halves. We will be having a 15minute gap between rounds so that teams have time to exit the fields and the next round teams can come onto the field 5 mins before their games. Coaches and managers please check the website regularly for updates. www.sporty.co.nz/smarttouch

Looking forward to some great games of touch rugby.

SmartTouch Team

Touch Canterbury Module

# ON THE CALENDAR

We update this calendar for each newsletter, the most up to date calendar will always be our online calendar - https://www.stmartins.school.nz/calendar-2/

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| **1** | Mon 18 Oct | Tue 19 Oct | Wed 20 Oct | Thu 21 Oct | Fri 22 Oct |
| | Rapaki Marae Visit<br>Rm 15(Group 1) & 16 | Rapaki Marae Visit<br>Rm 14 & 15 Group 2 | Y5 – 8 Athletics Day | Ara Bush Leaders<br>7/8S'Mart Touch<br>Newsletter | |
| **2** | Mon 25 Oct | Tue 26 Oct | Wed 27 Oct | Thu 28 Oct | Fri 29 Oct |
| | Labour Day | BoT Meeting<br>6.30 – 8.30pm | Cantamaths Teams Competition<br><br>Science ICAS testing | House Tug of War | Whānau Group hui in staffroom 6-8pm |
| **3** | Mon 1 Nov | Tue 2 Nov | Wed 3Nov | Thu 4 Nov | Fri 5 Nov |
| | Spelling ICAS testing<br>Smart Community Meeting 7.30 in staffroom | Athletics Day Yr 5 -8 | Maths ICAS testing | Newsletter<br>Huxter Mountain Bike Race<br>Athletics PP | |
| **4** | Mon 8 Nov | Tue 9 Nov | Wed 10 Nov | Thu 11 Nov | Fri 12 Nov |
| | Canterbury Duathlon<br>Rm21 / 22 Trip to Victoria Park<br><br>Zone Athletics Day<br><br>How to Talk to our Kids about Food<br>7.00pm - 8.00pm | Rm9 / 10 Trip to Victoria Park | Navigator Speech Finals | Teacher Only Day – School closed. | Show Day |
| **5** | Mon 15 Nov | Tue 16 Nov | Wed 17 Nov | Thu 18 Nov | Fri 19 Nov |
| | Zone Athletic PP | BoT Meeting | PP Explorers Athletics Day<br>Y8 Dance Lessons | Newsletter | |
| **6** | Mon 22 Nov | Tue 23 Nov | Wed 24 Nov | Thu 25 Nov | Fri 26 Nov |
| | Itinerant Music Concert<br>6.30 to 8.00pm | Year 3 & 4 Athletics | | Y0-2 Athletics Day | Whānau Group hui in staffroom 6-8pm |
| **7** | Mon 29 Nov | Tue 3 0 Nov | Wed 1 Dec | Thu 2 Dec | Fri 3 Dec |
| | | | Canterbury Athletics | Newsletter | |
| **8** | Mon 6 Dec | Tue 7 Dec | Wed 8 Dec | Thu 9 Dec | Fri 10 Dec |
| | Y0-4 Swimming<br>11.15-2.45<br><br>Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming | Y0-4 Swimming<br><br>Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming<br><br>BOT Meeting 6.30-8.30 | Year 0 -4 Swimming<br><br>Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming | Year 0 -4 Swimming<br><br>Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming | Year 0-4 Swimming<br><br>Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming<br><br>Y8 Graduation |
| **9** | Mon 13 Dec | Tue 14 Dec | Wed 15 Dec | Thu 16 Dec | Fri 17 Dec |
| | Y3 / 4 Christmas Extravaganza 9.15<br><br>Y7 – 8 Pool Day<br>Y0-2 Christmas Concert<br>11.45 to 12.30<br><br>Reports and Classes Go Home | Meet your Teacher<br><br>NE – Y4 Waltham Pool<br>12-2.30pm<br><br>Y8 Amazing Race | Y7 / 8 Adventure Day | Newsletter | Final Assembly 10.30am |