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



The Y7 / 8 children have had another wonderful sailing experience (with Rms 19 and 20 looking to reschedule their day). This has tied in to their Inquiry Topic based on Wind. The children were able to put into practice the St Martins values revising and putting into practice new learning, taking responsibility as a group to care and encourage each other. It was wonderful to see children that may have been tentative around the boats in the morning utilising the increase in the wind or even having a go at controlled capsizing. Thank you to all of the parents able to support the five classes on the trip.



Learning Conversations are being held on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th April this term. School will close at 1pm on Thursday 15th 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.

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
- Enter code 5fh7f
    - or click on the link https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=5fh7f
- Enter your name, child's name, room
- Select your child's teacher
- Select the time you would like to meet



Online bookings will close on Friday 9th April. 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.

Last week we had a refresher session for the children new to the road patrol. Constable Meg supported the children to refine their skills down on the Centaurus Rd crossing. Before we went out onto the street we had a conversation about what our community is doing well and areas we can continue to work on. A number of positives included the majority of families / children waiting for the 'Cross Now' call before crossing the road. Families / children standing back behind the sign to allow the road patrollers to see the traffic. The areas we can continue to work on include walking bikes and scooters across the crossing and in particular on Centaurus Rd crossing with the road patrol rather than at the roundabout.



A couple of reminders around timeframes. We prefer children arrive at school after the 8.30am bell. This means the classrooms are open and we have staff members in the rooms to meet and greet the children. If your child is at school before 8.30am they need to wait either outside Rooms 21 – 24 or in front of the Whare Kūkūwai. As usual if your child has a phone they need to keep this in their bag until the 8.30am bell goes and then hand it in at the office for the day.



We have had a few incidences at the end of the school day recently and ask that the children leave the school grounds and go home, coming back if they are able to. If children are using the school grounds remember that there will be teachers continuing to work or be in meetings and they will need to be respectful of them.

The Home Learning policy is due for board, staff and parent review on our School Docs Policies and Procedures site. If you would like to read and provide feedback on this please go to the SchoolDocs Policies & Procedures website. Enter the user name (stmartins) and password (huntsbury). Click on the Current Review tab, select Home Learning, read the information and if you would like to provide feedback click on the red Under Review tab.
Before our next newsletter we will be having our Easter break. St Martins School will be closed for Good Friday, Easter Monday and Tuesday. We hope everyone enjoys the break with their children.
Have a lovely weekend,
Andrew.





SCHOOL NOTICES

Absences – a reminder that if your child is going to be away for any reason please advise this via the school website https://www.stmartins.school.nz/contact/report-an-absence/ or by phoning the school office on (03) 332-6121 and press 1 to leave your message by 9am. You may also wish to email your child's teacher, but by putting through the absence online or by phone ensures we are aware of the absence and will not contact you unnecessarily. It is a health and safety issue if we are not able to account for your child.



We are on the hunt for any second hand board games, puzzles or packs of cards! If you have any of these in good condition, at an appropriate age level and no longer use them, we would love to build up our collection at school. Please drop off any donations to Mrs Keenan (Pari, Room 23). Thanks in advance.

House T-Shirts – we have a few house t-shirts available for purchase. One or two sizes left for most houses. (Bowenvale, Glenelg, Huntsbury and Rāpaki) First in first served, no holds. Payment by cash or Eftpos at the school office. $15 each.

Overdue sports uniform - Thank you to all those who returned sports uniform borrowed in 2020. Unfortunately we still have a number of items that have not been returned. To be able to ensure we have enough uniform for upcoming sports, it is vital that families return borrowed items in a timely fashion. Replacement is a high cost for the school and for every piece not returned we run the risk of a student missing out on a uniform in their chosen sport in the future.
Please take a moment to search around at home. 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 katet@stmartins.school.nz

School photos have been delivered to classrooms so your child should have brought them home. There is still one set of orders that missed the first deadline to be processed and these will be given to children to bring home once we receive them.

St Martins Menzshed



A big thank you to the NZ Menzshed for fixing our broken Buddy Benches. We have also been really lucky to have two members of the Menzshed (John and Colin) share their expertise with the Fix It Club. Over the last few weeks they have been helping us create concrete mushrooms! They are coming back to help us with our next project - building penguin nesting boxes for the Pohatu Penguin group over on the Banks Peninsula.

The NZ Menzshed group brings men together in one community space to share their skills, have a laugh, and work on practical tasks individually (personal projects) or as a group (for the shed or community). Most sheds around New Zealand take on some community projects, examples of which include building playgrounds for pre-school centres, repairing toy library stock, repairing old bikes for distribution to poorer communities, building planter boxes for the main street of the local central business district, and the list goes on. If you would like more information, check out https://menzshed.org.nz/.



School Garden – as part of our Garden to Table programme for the Year 3-4 Syndicate, we have a school garden to grow produce to use in the Garden to Table kitchen. Sadly we have recently found some of the produce has been picked and thrown around the area making it completely unusable. This seems to be happening after school or in the weekends so if you are using the school grounds after hours we would ask that the school values are still upheld.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT



Hayley Rose and her under 12 Pioneers of Canterbury Marching Team competed in the NZ championships in Dunedin on the 19th to the 20th of March. They came 1st in Technical and 2nd in Display. Well done team. (Hayley Rose - top row, 1st right)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dan Brown, Wild Symphony - poems about lovable animal characters with accompanying signature tunes.
A 50-minute musical adventure with the Risingholme Orchestra at the New Zealand premiere in Christchurch on Sunday 11 April at 2pm and 4pm at The Piano, 156 Armagh Street Christchurch.
Bookings: www.trybooking.co.nz/FPJ Adults $15 Children $5 Door sales available EFTPOS or cash
Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of music and visuals, sure to impress children and adults alike.

Family Day Out – 10th and 11th April, 221 Gloucester St. Rides, amusements, food trucks, market stalls. For more info and to buy your tickets online go to:
https://www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/event-hire-placemaking-at-one-central-present-family-day-out-tickets-144136912385?aff=ebdssbeac

Act2 Drama Group Audition Call – The Little Mermaid, Saturday 17th April from 9am. Text or call Fay on 021 043 1108. Rehearsals will be on Fridays and Sundays and the performance will run from 18th to 24th July.
www.act2drama.co.nz

Halswell United AFC – Get into Football. Join us for 2021, register now. www.hawkfootball.org.nz

Community Mural Day at Landsdowne Terrace Community Centre this Saturday 27th March. Bouncy castle, sausage sizzle, bake sale, face painting and more. Organised by The Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre whānau. Check our Facebook event for details.

ON THE CALENDAR

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 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 1.15 – 7.30pm** **School closes at 1pm**	Y7 / 8 Tech Last day of term 1