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

Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**



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BOARD UPDATE

Kia ora tātou

On behalf of the board, I'm very excited to be able to share some more details of our hall renovation.

We have recently ticked off some important milestones: we are now the proud owners of a building consent and have engaged a builder, following a thorough selection process. We hope to be able to share details of the builders once the Ministry of Education has given their final approval.

We are confident that the majority of the build costs will be covered by both the $280,000 School Investment Package Fund (SIPS) from the government and the $85,000 raised by the community. However, many of you will know that renovations can throw up unexpected surprises, so as a Board, we have agreed to underwrite any shortfall of essential works up to $20,000. This is a once in a generation opportunity for our community to upgrade our hall, meet current health and safety standards and include a few much-needed improvements.

Our plan is that work will start before the end of term and last around 12 -14 weeks. Some asbestos removal will happen before the build proper starts, but this will happen outside of school hours and the community will be kept informed.

Once again, huge thanks must go to Tom Norman of Three Sixty Architects who has been working closely with the council to get the consent through. We have also been well supported by our Ministry appointed project leader, Tracy Saunders. We were also very appreciative of everyone who has helped clear out the hall.

We are looking forward to getting this build underway at long last!

Kate Hodgins

Board Chair











SCHOOL UPDATE

Thank you for your support at the beginning of the week after the Canterbury weather event. We hope that everyone was able to keep safe, warm and dry through the weather and the following days. It was great to see children quite happy in their learning and ready to a have a few inside sessions.

We have had a traffic incident involving a child's safety after school this week resulting in two broken bones. Please take extra care on the streets around school especially during drop off and pick up times. We realise the streets can be quite congested and busy with pedestrians, bikes, scooters and cars. It is timely to share some traffic reminders to support the safety of the children arriving and leaving school. Inside the school grounds we have two parking areas, a 5 minute drop off area and outside the hall a mobility park. Directly outside the school we have a 3 minute drop off and across the road we have a no parking area by the road patrol so the road patrollers can see the traffic. With most corners we have yellow lines on these. If we all take the responsibility to abide by these guidelines it will help support the safety around the front entrance of the school. Please note as teachers we are not traffic wardens so we would ask that we all take individual responsibility for adhering to the guidelines.



At the end of term we will be holding our learning conferences. We have made a slight timetabling error so have needed to swap our late night session. With Thursday afternoon winter sport for the Y5 – 8 children we will close the school at 1pm on the Wednesday. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Our Learning Conference dates and times will be:

- Wednesday 7th July 1.00pm – 5.30pm
- Thursday 8h July 3.00pm – 7.30pm



This week we welcome Zoey, Maddison and Ollie to school. We hope you and your families enjoy being a part of the St Martins School Community.

Next term we will be continuing with the theme of keeping children safe online. We have a session booked for Wednesday 11 August 7 – 9pm. The session is entitled Devices and Online Media. Brett from Time 2 Talk will focus on the following points;

- Pornography today & NZ Statistics
- The effects of pornography on our children & whānau.
- Common misconceptions around pornography
- Why sooner is safer – Benefits of being the first to talk with our children
- Managing devices – Parenting in a digital world
- Tips to get comfortable on talking with our children
- In-home filtering systems – Protecting our children online
- Resources for you to take home and use immediately



If you are interested in attending this session please RSVP to leannep@stmartins.school.nz

A reminder that school is closed for a Teacher only day tomorrow and we have a public holiday for Queen's Birthday on Monday. We'll see you all back at school on the Tuesday. Have a lovely long weekend with your families.

Andrew



SCHOOL NOTICES

40 Hour Famine - The 40 Hour Famine is taking place from the 25th-27th of June. It is fundraising to feed, shelter and educate the youth in sub-Saharan Africa. (This will be a 20 hour famine for Year 0-4 students)

By joining the 40 hour famine this year you will help those children to live life to the fullest. Look out for more notices which will tell you more about the 40 Hour Famine and how to join. Consent forms will be coming home soon with a variety of ways to participate.

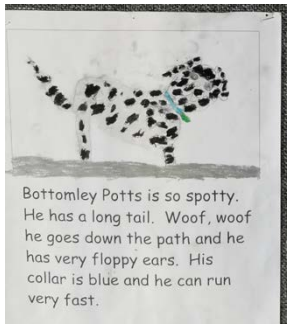


The Reporting to Parents policy is due for board, staff and parent review on our School Docs Policies and Procedures site. If you would like to read and provide feedback on this please go to the SchoolDocs Policies & Procedures website. Enter the user name (stmartins) and password (huntsbury). Click on the Current Review tab, select Reporting to Parents, read the information and if you would like to provide feedback click on the red Under Review tab. The closing date to provide feedback is Thursday 17th June.

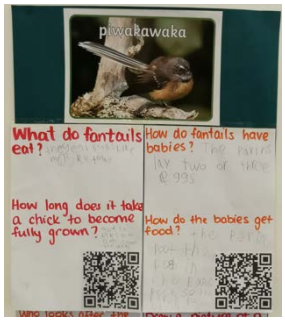
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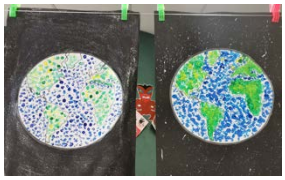
Pink Shirt Day

Today from all over the world there is a celebration called Pink Shirt day. Well you might say "why do you have to wear pink stuff?" Well it's because it's a celebration to stop bullying and stand up for yourself. And to wear pink stuff like for example a watch, pink



shirt, anything that's pink. Plus, you don't need to be embarrassed. And if you are a parent, teach your son to never bully anyone.
Laurence, Year 4 – Room 21









COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

Marching Canterbury. Don't knock it until you try it!
We cater for all ages 4yrs- 30yrs+ We are currently looking for more members to join our teams. Marching encourages teamwork, discipline, and friendship. It's great for coordination, posture and brain development. If you would like to see what we are all about and give it a go, get in touch with us at Publicitymarchingcanterbury@gmail.com or Kylie Dowers ph 021930434. We have teams in all areas of Christchurch.

The Homework Club Holiday Programme are currently taking bookings for the following dates:
12th July to and including 23rd July. 5-9 year olds based at Cashmere Primary, 135 Hackthorne Road and 9 – 13 year olds based at Landsdowne Community Centre, 8 Landsdowne Terrace. We operate from 8am to 6pm during the holidays. You are most welcome to visit our website: www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or email Sara info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz

Your Space Pilates – The Old Stone House, 30 Shalamar Drive, Cracroft. Wednesdays during term time.
Mat Class 10am, 10 classes $150, Seated Class 11.15am, 10 classes $80
Contact Mary ph: 022-0150-743 email: yourspacepilates@gmail.com Website: www.yourspacepilates.co.nz

Guitar/Ukulele Tuition with Matt Kennedy on Monday afternoons at St Martins School for Years 1 – 8. No experience required. Contact Matt at mwkennedy.92@gmail.com for a full price list

Starfish Swim School – 2 Nash Rd, Aidanfield. Bookings for July holiday programme are open. $55 per child for 5x 30 minute lessons. A fun filled intensive week to refresh your water skills.
Email: info@starfishswimschool.co.nz or Phone: (03) 3381795

Act2 Drama Group School Holiday production – The Little Mermaid. Merivale Lane Theatre, Rangi Ruru Girls' High School. Go to www.act2drama.co.nz for dates and ticket information.

ON THE CALENDAR

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 Year 7-8 Speak for the Planet

					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 Rm 21, 22 and 23 Halswell Quarry visit	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 Year 0-2 Huff and Puff
8	Mon 21 June	Tue 22 Jun	Wed 23 June	Thu 24 June	Fri 25 June
	Year 0-2 Huff and Puff postponement date Year 3-4 Cross Country	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 Year 5-8 Korfball Tournament	Life Education Van Yr 0-4 Zone Cross Country	GTT Rm 23 Life Education Van	Newsletter Life Education Van Yr 5-8 Winter Sports Yr 0-4 Zone Cross Country postponement date	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 1 - 5.30 School closes at 1pm	Learning Conferences 3 - 7.30	End of term assembly Last day of Term 2

