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

Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**



Newsletter 15 – 21 October 2021





SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora e te Whānau,

We have enjoyed getting back into our learning programmes. We have been able to enjoy some EOTC events and the Y5 – 8 Athletics – thank you to whānau for your understanding that we could not have parents spectating this year as we follow the guidelines from the MoE using the gathering rules. We are looking forward to an adapted Canterbury Duathlon for the Y7/8 children next week. Again the gathering rules are being used with the event being held in waves with no spectators. Jarad and the schools in our zone have been able to create a model for Zone Athletics that meets the criteria as well. This means that we will have four staggered events for different year groups held over four days.

Next week we have classes visiting Victoria Park. We hope that the Y3 / 4 team enjoy their EOTC event.

We have been working on our teams for next year and placement of children is underway. Our teams in 2022 will be:

Explorers (NE – Y2)	Discoverers (Y3 / 4)	Navigators (Y5 / 6)	High Fliers (Y7 / 8)
Charlotte Bates Helen Norcliffe Kate Keenan Michelle Parsons Paige Hampton	Caitlin Ross / Jenny Oldridge Catherine Dalley Chris Sumer Susie Keenan	Amy Kenel Chantal Ward Hamish Lancaster Jane Williams Tamara Saxon	Alice Barakat Alice Perry Jarad Pateman Nicky Pateman

A reminder that we have some school guidelines around safety with scooters and bikes. These need to be walked through the school gates and up the drive or walked through the school down to the last classroom to the walkway through the field. We have had a few children not following these rules and making it unsafe for others. As you may be aware we have a skateboard ramp in the school for skateboarding, this ramp is not designed for scooters and we have asked scooter riders to stay off this both during school time and their own time.

We are continuing to think around how we can share the end of year learning celebrations. At this point we are thinking about both onsite smaller learning sharing, various groups sharing at different times and live streaming. We start our discussions with the children as the focus, looking to ensure they have an experience and then move out to how we might be able to incorporate family. One of our very special celebrations is the Y8 graduation ceremony held at Hillview Christian School. Our first level of thinking is that this event will go ahead with the children and staff. We are investigating having the opportunity that one family member can be in a different section to view the graduation in person, we will also look at various live streaming options in the next few weeks for this event. As we get nearer to this event we will be able to finalise how it looks. Thank you to all of the families involved for your understanding that this event will need to be adapted if the current criteria does not change.

This week we welcome, Mia and Poppy. 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 THURSDAY 11th November for Teacher Only day and FRIDAY 12 November for Canterbury Show Day

Lachie's Garden – Official Opening



Kia Ora tatou,

On Saturday afternoon we were finally able to officially open Lachie's Garden, attended by around 40 family, friends, staff and helpers. This garden was inspired by Lachie Sutherland, one of our 2020 year 8 students who very sadly passed away last year. Lachie's Garden is a space where our Tamariki can hang out, be with their friends and feel at ease. Lachie's friends and their families were involved throughout the process, including in the making of the bee-utiful bumblebee mosaics. They're stunning! We hope you love the garden as much as we do.

Ngā mihi nui,
Kate Hodgins
BOT Chair, St Martins School

Lachie's Garden has been a collaborative effort from many parties, and on behalf of St Martins school, we would like to thank the following people for donating their time and expertise to make this possible:

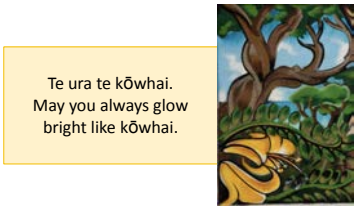
- Katie Chilton, Hamish Cochrane, Elle Fairgray from **Boffa Miskell** for landscape design.
- Dave McClaren from **Spaceman Gardens** for hardworks implementation.
- Marie Hudson for the mosaic design and workshop.
- **St Martin's Men's Shed** for the curved seat slats and bee hotels.
- **CCL constructing** and **Allways Concrete** for the fabulous pathway.
- Jeremy Leeming, **The Filing Kabinet** for the creation of 'The Hidden Bee'.
- **Trees for Canterbury** for plant donations.
- **Southern Woods** for plant donations.
- **Treetech** for their donation of mulch.
- **Elite Trees** for their donation of mulch.
- Philippa Curtis, our wonderful gardener.
- Dyson who helped fit the bee.
- The William Pike volunteers.

We would also like to extend a very special thankyou to Lachie's family & friends.

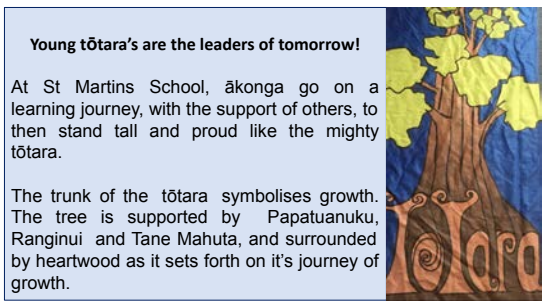
Included in the planting in the garden are three plants gifted by the ex-BOT chair Nikki Tod, with three specially chosen Whakatauki:

"The plants were chosen carefully, aligned to the cultural narrative of the school and area, and also because they symbolise key messages our family wanted to share with all ākonga at St Martins School:

The importance of learning (socially, emotionally and academically) a growth mindset & positive disposition, supporting each other (whanaungatanga) and striving towards high expectations so you can 'walk tall', feel proud plus empowered to make a difference in this world"







COVID UPDATES











We continue to work through the new COVID-19 Public Health Response Order which came into effect at 11.59pm on Monday 25 October. Clearly there are implications for school life, and it is going to take some time to appreciate what all of these are. A school like ours enjoys the support of parents and the community, and this is something that we appreciate a great deal.

The advice that we have received from the Ministry of Education is that everyone who works or volunteers for a school who may have contact with children or students, or will be present at a time when children and students are also present must have had a first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 15 November and be fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022 or have a valid exemption.

This also applies to

* principals
* teachers
* relief teachers and casual staff
* administration staff
* caretakers and cleaners
* contractors and other tradespeople
* service managers
* caregivers and other staff

The vaccination requirements apply wherever in person schooling occurs, such as on the school site, but also at school camps, swimming pools, museums, or where other education outside the classroom (EOTC) programmes take place.

This means that we are only able to allow people to help at school events with children if they have had at least their first dose by 15 November, and are fully vaccinated by 1 January 2022.

If you wish to be involved as a helper in any events after 15 November, please email through or pop by school with evidence of your vaccination/s before that date. When school starts next year, we will need evidence of full vaccination by 1 January 2022 for any school helpers (or evidence of exemption). We will store your information privately in our school database.

The requirements do not apply to people who are just visiting the school, such as dropping off / picking up, for a learning conference, or a parent, whānau and community evening.

Today the Ministry of Education has asked that we collect vaccination information for children aged 12+. We will be sending home a link to a form to gather this information on Monday next week.

Although the gathering rule does not apply during a normal school day this does come into effect when we invite whānau into the school to watch learning in action (including sports events). As our teams have more than

We realise that there will be plenty of questions, and it is likely that we will not have answers right away. All schools are in the same boat and working through various situations and scenarios. If there are any aspects you would like to discuss look for Alice, Leanne or myself at the waharoa in the mornings before school.

Thanks very much for your understanding and support.

PROPERTY UPDATE

We have a start date for our next new build. You may have seen the four fenced off classrooms for the last term while we waited for consent from the Council. We are pleased to be able to share that work will begin on November 11. This is our Teacher Only Day and a perfect time for the fences to be put up. We will have some fences crossing the lower court. These will be mostly open for access out to the field. At times, to allow for movement of trucks carrying building equipment, the gates will be closed.

All things going well the finish date is anticipated to be May / June 2022.

The inside of the hall is nearing completion. The extra floor space is looking really good. After our meeting this morning the finish date has moved from the end of next week to more likely being the beginning of December.

2022 TERM DATES

T1 = 3 Feb - 14 Apr
T2 = 2 May - 8 July
T3 = 25 July - 30 Sept
T4 = 17 Oct - 17 Dec

STUDENT NOTICES





From over 270 children and after 3 weeks of numerous auditions, we are excited to hear that Erik Misnyovszki from Miss Williams class has been selected for the lead boy role for Showbiz cast of 'Revolting Children' for Matilda - The Musical!
The shows will be at The Isaac Theatre Royal from 14th April to 1st May 2022. Bookings will open in November! Watch this space…
As there will be double cast, we will announce later which days will be Erik on stage.
Well done Erik we are so very proud of you, you are a STAR.

Congratulations to Ted Knight who played second trumpet at Cashmere High School in the Christchurch wind festival. They sounded amazing considering Covid and the reduced rehearsals and that they are primary school level. Nice work Ted.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Student Absences
When your child/children are sick or going to be away from school could you please notify the office in the first instance either by leaving a phone message or using the student absences link on the website which is at the top of the home page. Emailing teachers can be secondary but as they aren't always available to check their emails/text before school or they may not be in the classroom that particular day an absence isn't always noted and you then receive a text from us to ask where they are or we spend time checking if the child has arrived late. This would help us enormously thanks.

Itinerant Music Concert
Our annual Itinerant Music concert is to be held on Monday 22 November for parents of our Itinerant students. We will need to keep numbers to 100 so family only or unless of course we go to Level One.!! We are crossing our fingers this will be held in the school hall but I do have a plan B if this is not the case.

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 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 Due to low numbers this will be postponed until 2022
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
These are being returned slowly so thank you to those who have returned them. To those that haven't I will be contacting you to remind you. We are happy to lend tops to students and its great the school has managed to have these available for our teams etc but please we need you to play your part in returning them when they are finished with them. Returns should be dropped to Diane in the school office. Queries or concerns can be made by email to dianem@stmartins.school.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SPACES RUNNING LOW IN MARRZIPAN SELF-CONFIDENCE CLASSES
Marrzipan, the revolutionary, successful and ***fun*** drama class that has been running at in schools across Christchurch and beyond has a few spaces available for new students looking to grow their confidence, creativity and sense of fun.
We teach students a wide array of games, discuss important lessons about confidence, working with others, and the importance of being yourself, and we learn how to act onstage to further our ability to believe in ourselves!
Spaces are running low - and they will disappear fast! Get in touch now for a no obligations trial.
Contact Daniel on 02040779932, or email him at Christchurch@marrzipandrama.co.nz for more information.
Or, if you aren't sold yet, ask your tamariki about him! All the students know him from his school visits!

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/

4	Mon 8 Nov	Tue 9 Nov	Wed 10 Nov	Thu 11 Nov	Fri 12 Nov
	Canterbury Duathlon Rm21 / 22 Trip to Victoria Park Zone Athletics Day Yr 5 & 6	Rm9 / 10 Trip to Victoria Park	Navigator Speech Finals 11.30 -12.30 Rm 23 Trip to Victoria Park	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 Yr 7 & 8	Mufti Day Diabetes NZ	Summer Tournament	Newsletter	
	Mon 22 Nov	Tue 23 Nov	Wed 24 Nov	Thu 25 Nov	Fri 26 Nov

6	Itinerant Music Concert 6.30 to 8.00pm Yr & & 8 Production 11.30 to 12.30(TBC)	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 11.15-2.45 Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming	Y0-4 Swimming Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming BOT Meeting 6.30-8.30	Year 0 -4 Swimming Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming	Year 0 -4 Swimming Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming	Year 0-4 Swimming Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming Y8 Graduation
9	Mon 13 Dec	Tue 14 Dec	Wed 15 Dec	Thu 16 Dec	Fri 17 Dec
	Y3 / 4 Christmas Extravaganza 9.15 Y7 – 8 Pool Day Y0-2 Christmas Concert 11.45 to 12.30 Reports and Classes Go Home	Meet Your 2022 Teacher NE – Y4 Waltham Pool 12-2.30pm Y8 Amazing Race	Y7 / 8 Adventure Day	Newsletter	Final Assembly 10.30am

SMART COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

ITS COOKIE TIME!!!



The S'Mart Committee is running a Xmas fundraiser with one of everyone's favourite things...Cookie Time cookies!!!

You'll need to be quick, though, don't miss out!!!

Orders close Tuesday November 19th

Keep an eye out for an order form in your child's bag and return to the School office as soon as possible.