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Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**



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SCHOOL UPDATE













It's lovely to have everyone back in the school. The children have enjoyed the holiday break, lots of new news to pick up on. Great to hear that lots of children were able to join in with family and friends at different times throughout the two weeks. This wonderful settled weather has provided the opportunity to reconnect with friends and classmates throughout the day. We really enjoy the happy, calm learning feel across the school.

We welcome Nicky Flewellen and Liz Williamson to the Junior School this term. Nicky has taken up the roll growth class of New Entrants while Liz has been appointed as a Teacher Aide to offer learning support.

We also welcome James and Maddie to Harakeke. We look forward to you starting your learning journey at St Martins School.

This week 125 Y7 / 8 children plus teachers and parents have been on a three day camp at Wainui. The children are thoroughly enjoying their time away being involved in the Outdoor Education opportunities on offer. On our day visits to the camp the children were highly engaged in the activities taking up the 'challenge by choice' idea. Nice to see the SMS values of Personal Best, Caring and Respect coming to the fore as the children encourage each other to give things a go. As always thank you to the teachers and parents involved for caring for and supporting the children in this area of the school for the 55 hours they have been away. To know that the children are in good hands is very reassuring.

As usual we have a calendar for the term in our first and only printed newsletter for the term. This is updated each newsletter as events are added to the calendar. Please note that the school will be closed for a Teacher Only Day on Friday 4th June. This means that families will have a four day weekend with Queen's Birthday holiday being on the Monday. Teachers will be using this day to analyse and assess data for mid-year reports. A number of teams will be opening their classrooms for celebrations of learning this term. Each team will invite families along when these are confirmed. We will also add these to the calendar when we can.

At the end of this term we will be sending mid-year reports home. These will be followed up by a learning conference involving children, parents and teachers.

We look forward to working with you and your children throughout the term. If you have any informal questions please feel free to ask Alice, Leanne or myself as we often are at the Waharoa before school. It's a great time to catch up.

Welcome back, see you through the term,

Andrew

PROPERTY UPDATE

You may have noticed that the nests in the Lachie Memorial Garden are starting to come together. We are aiming for planting to be completed by June / July.

We have a number of Y9 students creating mosaics to also add to the garden. We look forward to be able to use this lovely space during learning and break times.

The Hall refurbishment is coming along with the school now working with the preferred tenderer to finalise costings. We are very close to having the work consented. At this stage we do not have a start date, we are hopeful that it could be later this term, with the work being completed in a 12 week timeframe.





SCHOOL NOTICES

PARENT EVENING - Please see the flyer on the next page regarding an upcoming parent evening on the 10th May from 7pm in the school hall. This presentation covers **sensory processing, screens, and realistic family life**. Rachel is a registered occupational therapist who has had additional training in behavioural change, sensory modulation, trauma and attachment informed care. As a mum of four, she understands the challenges of modern day parenting, and trying to find a balance between screen time and other life activities!
Could you please email leannep@stmartins.school.nz to confirm your attendance.

WORKING BEE UPDATE – Now on Sunday 16th May 9.00am - 12.00pm approx. We will be emptying out the hall in preparation for our long awaited refurbishment. Volunteers needed for packing, lifting and moving. Feel free to BYO sack barrow if you have one. Cuppa and biscuits provided.
Email leannep@stmartins.school.nz More than happy to have William Pike children to do some of their community hours. Many hands make light work!



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE – we have been collecting unnamed and unclaimed uniforms, we have been unable to give these back. To relieve some of the storage pressure in the hall we will be having a sale on Friday 14th May 2.30 – 3.15pm. the clothing will range in price from $1 - $5, bring your cash people.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Kiran competed in the Christchurch Marathon on Sunday 11th April He came first place in the 7/8 year old boys 2km race against 36 other competitors in this category. Well done Kiran on this fantastic achievement.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Thinking about Hagley College for Year 9 - Open night Thursday 27th May with rolling starts at 4.30pm and 5.30pm. Go to www.hagley.school.nz for details.

Sky Sports Breakers are playing one game only against Melbourne Phoenix on Tuesday 25th May at Christchurch Arena. There is a 10% discount for school families available up until 7th May using the link below
https://premier.ticketek.co.nz/shows/show.aspx?sh=BREAKVPH21&ep=BREAKERSNATION



Open Christchurch – 15th and 16th May, the free festival celebrating architectural excellence and our special places with several events aimed at children and many family friendly buildings. Check out their full programme at https://openchch.nz/



Envirokids Christchurch – free programme for environmentally conscious kids. Launch day 10am 15th May at the Kiosk in the Botanic Gardens. Thereafter every Saturday between 10am and 3pm. Fun activities for kids inspired by different organisations in the Envirohub network. Email envirokids@chchenvirohub.org if you have any questions.

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



ON THE CALENDAR

1	Mon 3 May	Tue 4 May	Wed 5 May	Thu 6 May	Fri 7 May
	Class Newsletter Y7 / 8 Camp	Y7 / 8 Camp	Y7 / 8 Camp	Newsletter Y7 / 8 Camp	Y7 / 8 Camp
2	Mon 10 May	Tue 11 May	Wed 12 May	Thu 13 May	Fri 14 May
	Class Newsletter (Y7/8) Rm 5-6 Travis Wetland trip		GTT Rm 21-22 Rm 3-4 Travis Wetland trip William Pike Rock Climbing	World Vision Junior Youth Conference	Second hand uniform sale 2.30pm to 3.15pm
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 Yr 5-8 Winter Sports	
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	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	Learning Conferences 3 - 7.30 Yr 7-8 Netball Festival	Learning Conferences 1 - 5.30 School closes at 1pm	End of term assembly Last day of Term 2