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

Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**



Newsletter 5 8th April 2021

SCHOOL UPDATE

And here we are at the end of the term already. There has been lots of fabulous learning both in and out of the classroom, all children have been involved in a number of hands on learning opportunities. Thanks to the parents for supporting the children's learning at home and at school.

We are into our second day of Marae visits this week. The children have enjoyed the opportunity to visit Rāpaki Marae to listen to the cultural narrative of the Marae and the area we live in. Thank you to the parents joining us on this learning experience. We would like to acknowledge Matt for offering to join each trip to lead us onto the Marae.

This week we have our first Y7/8 class sharing their learning in our assembly. We look forward to the students in High Fliers 2 sharing with us. The NE – Y4 children will be in the first assembly 1.30 – 2.15 and the Y5 – 8 children in the 2.15 – 3.00 session. We look forward to being able to join together as a school in a refurbished hall in the latter half of term three.

Next week we finish the term with our end of term assemblies, we will be presenting the Effort, Values and Learning awards for each class.

A reminder that we finish the term with learning conversations. This is a time to connect with your child's teacher. Discuss how they have settled in for the term, values that are strengths and those that your child is working on, any aspects you would like to discuss and what your child's teacher has noticed about their learning so far. If you haven't booked in already please use the following;

- 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 Monday 12th 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. School closes at 1pm on Thursday to accommodate the learning conversations.

As this is our last newsletter for the term we wish everyone a safe and enjoyable break. We hope that you can make the most of having your children home for the two weeks.









PROPERTY UPDATE

You may have noticed the Lachie Memorial Garden is underway. We have the first of our nests being created. The aim is to have planting completed by July. Thank you to the families and children who will be contributing their time and creativity to create this wonderful environment.

We are getting closer and closer to our next building work. The hall refurbishment has gone out to tender and to the council for consent. The property committee will be looking at the tender proposals next week, we anticipate to make a decision by the end of next week regarding who will undertake this work. The proposed timeframes are approximately 16 – 18 weeks of building.
We are also getting closer to finalising the plans for the new two classroom block being built by the Ministry of Education. We have one last aspect to negotiate and sign off before this goes in for consent.
It is anticipated that the two building projects will at some stage be happening at the same time. This means we will be a bit pushed for space, however we are planning to be able to continue the music programme, Garden To Table and Homework Club in different spaces.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Working Bee - Saturday 15th 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 Many hands make light work!



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dental Care during the School Holidays - The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer check-ups, treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the holidays. The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby,
- Northcote Clinic, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook,

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.
To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: call 0800 846 983 Or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz



Art Classes for Children
Is your child passionate about art? Would they like to extend their creativity through learning a range of new art skills and techniques? Maybe Kat's holiday painting workshops or after-school art classes are just what you've been looking for. Kat's Art Studio is relocating to 171c Waltham Rd. Art tutor Katrina is a professional artist and tutor who has over 10yrs experience teaching children art. For more details, please visit www.katsartstudio.co.nz

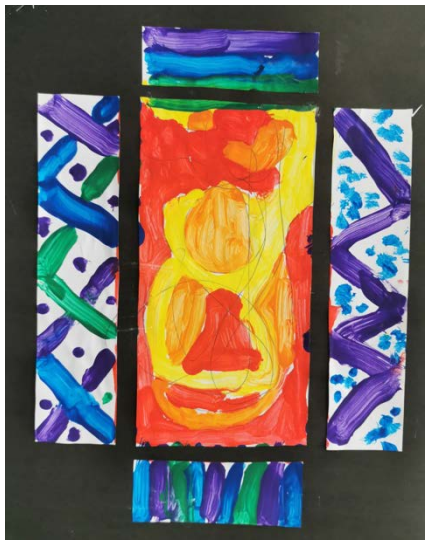
April Kids Holiday Programme 8-13 yrs Monday 19th - Tuesday 20th April, 9am-3pm
Waldheim, Seven Oaks, 35 Hassals Lane, Waltham $100 per student**.** During this two day kids holiday programme, participants (8-13 years) will play in our orchards and woodlands using mask, puppetry, physical theatre, design and music, inspired by poet Alan Curnow's 1948 New Zealand play 'The Axe" which uses the conventions of Greek drama to tell a story of 19th century Polynesia. Please contact Marian for more information or to enrol a student: education@freetheatre.org.nz

Imagination Station after school LEGO classes are coming to South Christchurch Library, with all our LEGO robotics, mechanics, and movie making fun! In Term 2 our South Christchurch classes will be held every week on Wednesday from 3.30pm to 5.30pm, with a cost of $15 per session. Find more info or reserve a space at imagination-station.org.nz

Imagination Station will be running heaps of classes these holidays at Tūranga and New Brighton Libraries! We'll have sessions that cover remote controlled race cars, introductory robotics and robot battles, and our famous LEGO movie making workshops! If you're interested, find more info and reserve your space at imagination-station.org.nz or give us a call on 027 438 2106.



Artists' Toolbox is a seven-week after-school course that runs each term. From Wednesday 19 May, 3.30–5pm Education Centre $90 for 7 weeks. Designed for 8-13 year olds, the lessons cover the drawing 'how to' skills that every young artist can use to develop their artwork. Each term is a slightly different programme created by artist Jacqueline Greenbank. All materials provided. Bookings are essential. When you book online, you are booking for the full seven-week course.
https://christchurchartgallery.org.nz/events/saturday-sketch
For more information email: schools@christchurchartgallery.org.nz



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

Bespoke Kids' Art Classes – do you have a little artist at home that loves getting their paws dirty with watercolours, paints or glue? Here at Southpaw Studio we have designed bespoke art classes to help children discover and grow their uniquely artistic talent. Where: Risingholme Community Centre, 99 Hawford Rd, Tuesdays from 4th May. For more info go to: www.southpawstudio.co.nz



ON THE CALENDAR

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 End of Term Assemblies