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Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**



Newsletter 12 – 12th August 2021













SCHOOL UPDATE

We've had quite the difference in weather this week with the exciting start on Monday with snow flurries and a glorious day yesterday for the duathlon. Great to be able to move through the week and continue with our charity football match on Tuesday and the individual and team duathlon event for the Y5 – 8 children yesterday. Thank you to Jarad Pateman for organising the events for the children to participate in.

Whānau in Rms 17 and 18 have the opportunity to have learning conferences with Amy and Jane next week. We hope that you are able to meet with your child's teacher to discuss the progress they have made so far. Jane and Amy have sent home a google doc to select a time that suits families.

During the past few weeks we have been looking at our mid-year data in reading, writing and maths. There are a number of areas that we can celebrate with the majority of children making accelerated or expected progress. In maths we will continue to work on the number knowledge area in particular the understanding of place value. We are enjoying the opportunity to learning more about structured literacy and add this into our reading / writing programmes. In a few weeks' time our facilitator will be observing programmes in action and providing feedback for our next steps.

Thank you to the families able to join us last night for our online media session based on pornography. We feel Brett shared a very balanced session, his own personal journey and connection with the topic, statistics from New Zealand data and then some tools to support families with. These included the importance of having open conversations, being safe online, having shared accounts, devices being used in public spaces in the home as well as a common charging area that everyone uses overnight and some online resources to access to support conversations. We will share some of these through HERO when they are shared with us.

This week we welcome Kai, Sierra and Lucian to the senior school and Taylor, Stephen, Piripi, Arlo, Kiera, Harry and Amy all joining us in Harakeke. We look forward to sharing in your positive learning journey at St Martins School.

Congratulations to the Y5 – 8 EPRO8 teams competing in the semi-finals this week. We look forward to having the Y5 / 6 Tech Bombs Team competing in the finals next week – good luck.

Production planning is underway. Amy has been working with the Y7/8 EPAC team to create a script and overall vision of the production. The next stage is to move into the classrooms for all students to begin developing their shared pieces. This year each class will have an allocated section for performance to share the stage as well as the opportunity to have specialty groups sharing performances. Our showcase will be in week four (8 – 12 Nov) term four.

Have a great weekend everyone.

PROPERTY UPDATE

The hall work continues both in and around the hall. Next week we could see the framing for the new bay going up. This means that the PE shed needs to be moved over a few metres to be able to have the space for the

builders to work in. We have taken the equipment out of the shed that we need, however we may not have access to some of the things we have left in the shed while the build continues. Children may want to bring a named piece of sports equipment from home to use. The anticipated timeline is to have the hall finished and open again for the beginning of term four.



SCHOOL NOTICES

Hero - We are aware some parents are having issues receiving school Hero notifications on their phone. The Hero engineers are monitoring these issues in the hope they can improve and rectify any problems. If you do have any issues can you please email Alice Denley aliced@stmartins.school.nz and state what device you are using and how you receive notifications (either through the app or web browser). She is happy to investigate any issues you might have.



School fundraiser reminder - stainless steel pegs and glass straws. A great gift idea. There are samples in the office for you to see, or you can go onto the website to see more info and photos of the pegs and straws https://blueacorn.co.nz/ All orders placed will go into the draw to win a $100 voucher for Strawberry Fare. If you do not have an order form we have copies you or your child can collect from the school office. Orders close this Friday 13th August.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Opawa / St Martins Toy Library is having their annual preloved children's clothing sale on Saturday 18th September (9am - 12pm) in the Beckenham School Hall - 71 Sandwich Road. $2 entry and all items $1 each. Cash only. Please bring your own bags.

PCU Softball Club Registrations open "Have a go day" Sunday 24th August at the Eastern Canopy on Shaw Ave. https://www.sporty.co.nz/pcusoftballchch/Online-Registration/Senior-Registration

Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre – Messy Play Open Days 23 – 27 August. Mon, Wed, Fri 9am to 12noon. Thursday Explorer Session Mt Vernon Valley Carpark 9am to 12noon. Join us as we explore an array of messy play offerings. Email landsdownetce@playcentre.org.nz or find us on Facebook

Computing for Free – now running course at Ara Trades Campus, cnr of Sullivan Ave and Ensors Rd. Study at your own pace at a time that suits you. Options include beginner courses in Microsoft and Google products, as well as the Level 3 New Zealand Certificate in Computing. You can start anytime – we are open between 9am and 3pm Monday to Friday. To find out more just pop in to the Woolston Campus or phone 0800242476.

Gangsters! Cream pies! Singing! Dancing! And Splurge guns...
Erik Misnyovszki (Year 6) from Mrs Williams' class is currently in rehearsals with Elmwood Players for the hilarious family musical BUGSY MALONE! Erik has a solo singer role as Cagey Joe. Check out Erik on stage at Elmwood Auditorium over the October School Holidays.
Bookings https://nz.patronbase.com/_ElmwoodPlayers/Productions

ON THE CALENDAR

3	Mon 9 Aug	Tue 10 Aug	Wed 11 Aug	Thu 12 Aug	Fri 13 Aug
		Charity Football match	GTT Rm 23 Yr 5-8 Duathlon EPro 8 semi finals	Newsletter Yr 5-8 Winter Sport	Writing ICAS test DigiTech ICAS test

4	Mon 16 Aug	Tue 17 Aug	Wed 18 Aug	Thu 19 Aug	Fri 20 Aug
	Yr 5-6 St Johns Course English ICAS test	Yr 5-6 St Johns Course Yr 7-8 Squash Sessions	GTT Rm 9 and 10 Yr 7-8 Squash Sessions	Yr 5-8 Winter Sport	
5	Mon 23 Aug	Tue 24 Aug	Wed 25 Aug	Thu 26 Aug	Fri 27 Aug
	Science ICAS test	Cantamath BOT meeting 6pm	GTT Rm 21 and 22 Cantamath Spelling ICAS test	Newsletter Yr 5-8 Canterbury Winter Tournament	Whānau Group Hui in the staffroom. All welcome. 6pm
6	Mon 30 Aug	Tue 31 Aug	Wed 1 Sept	Thu 2 Sept	Fri 3 Sept
	Canterbury Duathlon Maths ICAS test Navigators Swimming	Navigators Swimming	GTT Rm 23 Navigators Swimming		Navigators Swimming
7	Mon 6 Sept	Tue 7 Sept	Wed 8 Sept	Thu 9 Sept	Fri 10 Sept
	ChCh Music Festival – choir to Avonhead	Yr 7-8 Ski Trip Navigators Team Camp meeting 5.30pm	GTT Rm 9 and 10	Newsletter Yr 7-8 Speech Finals	
8	Mon 13 Sept	Tue 14 Sept	Wed 15 Sept	Thu 16 Sept	Fri 17 Sept
	Māori Language Week	Mihi competition Explorers - Firewise	GTT Rm 21 and 23 Yr 5-6 camp Korfball tournament	Yr 5-6 camp Cashmere High Entrance test	Yr 5-6 camp
9	Mon 20 Sept	Tue 21 Sept	Wed 22 Sept	Thu 23 Sept	Fri 24 Sept
		Yr 7-8 Koru Games BOT meeting 6pm	GTT Rm 23 Yr 7-8 Koru Games	Newsletter Yr 7-8 Koru Games	Whānau Group Hui in the staffroom. All welcome. 6pm
10	Mon 27 Sept	Tue 28 Sept	Wed 29 Sept	Thu 30 Sept	Fri 1 Oct
		Yr 5-6 Tournament	Yr 5-6 camp	Yr 5-6 camp	Yr 5-6 camp End of term assembly Last day of Term 3

S'Mart Community

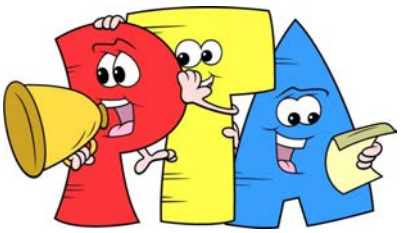
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The S'Mart Community is the St Martins School parent community (replacing the PTA and fundraising committees) that helps the school by fundraising, giving practical support and by helping develop a stronger parent community. Check out our website for more details: https://www.smartcommunity.org.nz/ https://www.facebook.com/StMartinsSmartCommunity/

ST MARTINS BIG SKATE

Sunday, 22nd August @ ALPINE ICE





S'Mart Community (PTA) Meeting

Monday August 23rd

7.30pm in St Martins School Staffroom

- All Welcome -

The S'Mart Community is on Facebook! Like and Share our page here: https://www.facebook.com/StMartinsSmartCommunity/