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

Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**



Newsletter 11 – 29th July 2021





BOT UPDATE

Kia ora tātou,
I hope you've all had a good break and everyone is feeling enthusiastic about term 3. I'm particularly excited to see the hall upgrade getting underway and the Lachie friendship garden almost, almost completed.
As part of our push to improve safety on our school routes, we are revisiting our school travel plan. This was last undertaken back in 2010 / 2011, unfortunately coinciding with earthquakes and subsequent rebuilding. We are kicking things off today with a short survey of the school community's daily travel habits.
Please take a few minutes to click through the survey - the more answers we get, the better our chances of seeing some real improvement. Our tamariki will have the opportunity to complete a short survey in class.
The survey will show us where the main issues lie for our community and hopefully indicate possible steps for improvements for both the council and the school community. In the meantime you may also notice council workers counting vehicles and clocking speeds on the roundabout and around the school zone.
If any parents or wider whānau are keen to be more involved with this initiative, especially if you would like to see better cycling or pedestrian facilities on our school routes, please contact me directly on bot@stmartins.school.nz
The survey will be open for a fortnight and we will feedback to you with the results.
https://christchurchcc.syd1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9ypNW5sZUDNICJU
Ngā mihi nui
Kate Hodgins
Chair of the St Martins School Board of Trustees









SCHOOL UPDATE

Thank you for joining us in the last week of term two for our open sessions to share our learning around Matariki and attending the learning conferences. We hope that you enjoyed both of these opportunities.
Welcome to term three, the children have settled back into the term with lots of exciting news from the holidays being shared in the first few days. Sounds like it has been a wonderful time at home for two weeks.
This week we welcome Caleb, Finn, Jayden, Ruby, Stephen and Zara all joining us in Harakeke. We look forward to sharing in your positive learning journey at St Martins School.
Each team sent a newsletter home on the first day of the term. These highlighted the learning and events children from each team would be sharing in throughout the term.
A number of teams are focussing on the value of Responsibility this term. It would be great as we reinforce this value that perhaps this becomes part of the conversations at home. The aspects we discuss at school are;

- Actively participate and make positive contributions within our school
- Be helpful and caring

- Give everyone a fair go
- Be inclusive
- Take care of the environment
- Care for theirs and others belongings
- Follow school expectations
- Value individual differences
- Be excellent role models
- Take responsibility for their own behaviour

The Y5 - 6 children are enjoying their Antarctic experience, particularly the VR session. Next week the Y0 – 2 children will be engaged in the hands on Kids in Space' programme. We have a number of other opportunities coming up for the learners at St Martins School. Have a look at the calendar below for dates, as usual further details will be sent home closer to the events if necessary. We update the calendar attached to the newsletter every two weeks or feel free to have a look at the online calendar, https://www.stmartins.school.nz/calendar-2/
As always we look forward to seeing you in and around school throughout the term.
Enjoy the weekend.
Andrew

PROPERTY UPDATE

As you may have noticed the work on the hall and the classrooms down the side of the school is underway. The asbestos cladding needing removal was taken out during the school holidays. The work on the hall has continued with foundations for the new bay being poured either this week or next.
The MoE will be demolishing four classrooms and building two new flexible spaces, similar in style to Rooms 20 – 24. This work has a best case scenario of being completed by the beginning of term one 2022.
With this building work happening we have a number of spaces that we are unable to use. This has meant that we are working hard to continue the music, drama, code club, homework club and Garden to Table programmes. We have been fortunate to shuffle these through the remaining school spaces. We thank all involved for the flexibility and continued support of the children's learning during this building phase.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Year 0-4 Zones Cross Country was held on 1st July and our kids had a great time, did their best and had some great results. Here are some notable mentions:
Year 0/1 girls – Gabrielle Lea Tuilau, 5th place
Year 2 girls – Frankie Butler 3rd place, Laura Walker 4th place
Year 3 girls – Lara Condron 3rd place, Bella Hall 5th place
Year 3 boys – Callum Taylor 4th place

SCHOOL NOTICES

Parent Appointments - The Mana Ake team works alongside schools and whānau when they have noticed a concern about a child's wellbeing or mental health. Natasha from Mana Ake is onsite at our school fortnightly on a Monday for parents/whanau to make appointments. She is available should you need parenting support, the opportunity to talk through any issues or to connect whānau to community resources that enhance wellbeing. The appointments are 20 mins each starting in Term 3 on Monday 2nd August. Times available are 1.40pm, 2.00pm, 2.20pm and 2.40pm. You can make an appointment by emailing Michele on micheles@stmartins.school.nz

Policies and Procedures Review

Policies and Procedures under review this term are **Concerns and Complaints** and **Behaviour Management**. Go to the School Docs Policies and Procedures site. https://www.stmartins.school.nz/about-st-martins/policies-procedures/
Enter the user name (stmartins) and password (huntsbury). Click on the Current Review tab, select Concerns and Complaints or Behaviour Management, 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 Friday 17th September.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

We are delighted to be able to offer Code Camp at St Martins School for those students interested in joining the programme. Code Camp allows boys & girls from the ages of 7 and up to develop 21st century skills in a fun and action packed environment. Create games, apps & work with robots. We are also offering 1 gift voucher for a free term to one lucky student! When: Tuesdays 3:15 to 4:15 - 10 Tuesdays (27th July - 28th September) Book here: https://codecamp.co.nz/st-martins/

Huntsbury Community Preschool is having a Parent information evening; All Welcome.
Rachel McFedries, is an Occupational Therapist, Play & Screen Time Coach. She will provide practical, realistic strategies and encouragement to manage or reduce kids' screen time in your home. Rachel's advice will be aimed at preschoolers' screen use, with tips that apply to older children. Tuesday 3rd August at Woolston Community Library, 689 Ferry Road, Woolston. $2 entry, limited seats available – RSVP essential to: https://fb.me/e/4tFMzaEW7



Tuning in to Kids is an evidence-based programme designed to teach parents & caregivers:

- awareness and regulation of their own emotions;
- awareness of their children's emotions;
- to use children's emotional experiences as an opportunity for closeness and teaching;
- skills in assisting children to verbally label and manage their emotions;
- skills in assisting children to problem solve;
- to guide children's behaviour with appropriate limits.

Sessions include:

- watching video material
- group discussions and exercises
- role plays
- home activities to practice different ways of responding to your child's emotions

Parents are encouraged to share experiences and ideas within the group.



If you would like further information or to sign up to attend please contact the facilitator as listed below.

Start	Day and time	Location	Contact
11 August	Wednesday 7pm	Clearview School, Rolleston	Daniela danielaj@psusi.org.nz
5 August	Thursday 10am	Heathcote Valley Community Centre	Greta Gretas@mmsi.org.nz
TBC	TBC	Shirley area	Rosalie.Sprosen@standforchildren.org.nz
26 August	Thursday 10.30am	Youth Alive Trust- New Brighton	Liz Liz.riley@sjog.org.nz
5 August	Thursday 6pm	Barnardos, Langdons road, Papanui	Paige Paige.lenton@barnardos.org.nz
11 August	Thursday 12.30pm	Hornby Community Centre	Jonathan Jonathan@mmsi.org.nz
13 August	Friday 9.30am	Phillipstown Community Hub	Bethany bethponniah@gmail.com

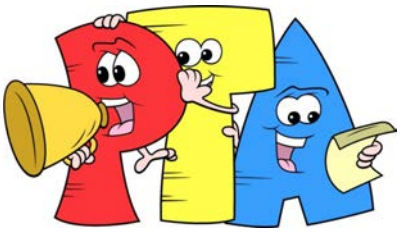
ON THE CALENDAR

1	Mon 26 July	Tue 27 July	Wed 28 July	Thu 29 July	Fri 30 July
			GTT Rm 9 and 10	Newsletter Yr 5-8 Winter Sport	Whānau Group Hui in the staffroom. All welcome. 6pm
2	Mon 2 Aug	Tue 3 Aug	Wed 4 Aug	Thu 5 Aug	Fri 6 Aug
	Kids in Space Year 0-2	Kids in Space Year 0-2	GTT Rm 21 and 22 Yr 5-6 Zone Basketball Hip Hop competition	Yr 5-8 Winter Sport	
3	Mon 9 Aug	Tue 10 Aug	Wed 11 Aug	Thu 12 Aug	Fri 13 Aug
	Yr 5-8 Duathlon Writing ICAS test DigiTech ICAS test S'Mart Community meeting 7.30pm	Charity Football match	GTT Rm 23 EPro 8 semi finals	Newsletter Yr 5-8 Winter Sport	
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/



S'Mart Community (PTA) Meeting

Monday August 9th

7.30pm in St Martins School Staffroom

- All Welcome -

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, 22nd August

For St Martins' BIG SKATE @ Alpine Ice



Precious Labels Fundraiser is Back!!!

Have you just bought an expensive new uniform item? Make sure it always comes back home by NAMING it clearly. These "Precious Labels" not only work, they fundraise for our school as well! Please be sure to click on the FUNDRAISING tab at the top of their page and go to CURRENT FUNDRAISERS so you can support St Martins School.



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