St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
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BOT UPDATE

At Tuesday's Board meeting, we reviewed the school's Covid response plan, which has also been shared and reviewed by staff. It is a comprehensive plan and we are comfortable that our school is well placed to manage whatever scenarios we are faced with.
Please bear with the school and staff as they put it into practice, navigating the evolving situation.
On a lighter note, the Board are delighted to have our revamped hall back in use and also that our two new classrooms are still on track for completion at the end of term 2. This of course means that our library will finally be able to return to its "home" inTte Kōuka (in the whare Kūkūwai) in term 3. This has been a long rebuild journey for our school!
Lastly, I hope you and your tamariki have all been appreciating and enjoying the gardens which are looking amazing- largely thanks to our gardener Phillipa Curtis. Thank you Philly!
Ngā mihi nui
Kate
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SCHOOL UPDATE

Although slightly altered, we are well into the swing of things for term one. Thanks for attending the online Meet the Teacher event. The teachers appreciated the time you took to meet with them. At this stage we continue to have our Learning Conversations planned for the end of the term as an opportunity to discuss how the term has gone. This may be face to face or online depending on the requirements at the time.
We have continued with our sports experiences with the Y3 / 4s having cricket sessions and the Y7 / 8s having korfball training. Lots of outside learning and mask breaks continue to happen on a regular basis.
We welcome Adrian Marr to the school this year. Adrian has taken over the caretaker role with the resignation of Mike Hutchtinson at the beginning of the year. We congratulate Alice Perry and Aaron on their recent engagement and the wonderful news that they will both be expecting their first baby in August. We wish Alice and Aaron all the best for

a wonderful transition into parenthood. Alice will be teaching her current class for terms one and two of 2022 and will be on maternity leave for terms three and four.



Next week we will be holding our school swimming sports for the Y5 - 8 children. Jarad Pateman has organised the event into two groups so that we continue to ensure the mixing across teams is minimised. The Y5/6 and Y7/8 children will have their own events. The numbers will be lower than the allocated one hundred, the children will not mix with the public having our own entry and exit doors as well as an allocated changing time. We ask that children competing arrive in their swimming gear so that they do not need to use the changing rooms at the beginning of the session.



A reminder about a couple of school rules:

- Hair tied up if it is over shoulder length
- If earrings are worn these need to be studs or sleepers
- Jewelry needs to have a family or cultural significance
- No nail polish



And the last guideline to mention is, walking wheels into the school, remember that bikes, scooters, skateboards need to be walked in from the bottom gate on Albert Tce and from the lower court when walking through the field. Children that are repeatedly riding down the driveway or through the school will be asked to leave these at home for a time period.



We welcome Mia and Te Nikau to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope that you and your family enjoy your school experience. We look forward to seeing the contributions you will be able to make.

Have a great weekend everyone - it was wonderful to see so many families walking in the hills and out in the ocean last weekend, enjoy the outdoors while it's still warm.

Andrew

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S'MART COMMUNITY UPDATE

Term 1 2022 update

Work has just about been completed on our fabulous new hall. Thanks again to Tom Norman (Barnaby & Edie's dad) and all of the team who made this project possible. We can't wait to see our kids enjoying their new learning and recreation space.

Due to ongoing Covid uncertainty, we're not sure how many of our usual events we'll be able to put on this year but we'll be doing our best to bring us all together when we can! In the meantime, keep an eye out for our 'at home' fundraising initiatives, which will be helping to fund the finishing touches on the hall, as well as additional sporting equipment and literacy resources for the classrooms.

March AGM

If you've been wanting to get involved and help with the school, as well as make some great new connections, come to our AGM in March! More details will be released closer to the date; it

would be fantastic to see some fresh faces, especially parents of younger children, as the 'old guards' of the committee will be moving on soon.

Autumn Bulbs Fundraiser

The S'mart Committee is running an Autumn Bulbs Fundraiser to support our school's Garden to Table program.

What better way to get behind this fantastic initiative than to purchase some gorgeous flowering bulbs for your garden!

Order forms will go home in your child's bag next **Wednesday 2nd March**, with final orders to be placed by March 24th.



COVID UPDATE

Thank you for keeping your children at home if they are unwell. We continue to ensure our classrooms are ventilated with windows and doors open for as long as possible. We have been given a CO2 monitor by the MoE and have placed this in each class for two rounds and have results that show each class sits well within the expected level for classroom learning.

As you will be aware this is quite a fluid moving situation at the moment. There are changes happening on a regular basis. New information from the MoE that if a child is a confirmed class and has been in a classroom, if they have been wearing a mask and the other children have been wearing a mask then the child who tested positive will need to stay home for the recommended isolation period, however, the other children in the class will be classified as casual contacts and can continue to attend school.

If you are able to, could you please send an extra mask to school in your child's bag, currently we are giving out around 125 per week.

Today the Government announced that we will move into phase three as of tonight. This again may mean changes in the education sector. As we know more we will keep you updated.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Student Absences

Just a reminder to all families the correct way to leave an absence message for your child if they are away from school. You can either ring and leave a voicemail message on ph 3326121 or go through our absence tab on the school website (top of home page) here: https://www.stmartins.school.nz/contact/report-an-absence/

Please include in your message their full name, class or teacher and details as to why they are absent. Messages should be sent to school the night before or by 9am on the day of absence.

School photo orders

Remember to get your school photo orders into the school office for your child's class and individual photos. Orders are being taken up to Friday 25th March. You must keep the small photo attached to the order envelope as Heritage Photos need this to match your child.

Flute Lessons

Does your child want to learn the flute? We have one space available in our Itinerant Music Programme. This is preferably for students Year 5 and above. Lessons are free and the hire of the flute is $25 per term. If you are interested in finding out more please see Diane in the office or email dianem@stmartins.school.nz

Scholastic Book Club

A reminder that all orders must be ordered online at scholastic.co.nz/LOOP The close off date for the current catalog is **25th February**.

Please do not bring order forms into the school office as unfortunately we cannot process these. Orders will be sent to school and distributed to students as they are received. If your order is a gift you can note this on your order. You will be advised once your order is ready for collection from school. See the Scholastic website for FAQs.

Term Dates for 2022

Term 1- Thursday 3rd February to Thursday 14th April

- Public Holidays: Waitangi Day (observed) Monday 7 February, Easter/Good Friday 15 April (during T1 holidays), Anzac Day Monday 25 April (during the T1 break)

Term 2- Monday 2nd May to Friday 8th July

- Public Holidays: Queen's Birthday Monday 6 June, Matariki Friday 24 June

Term 3- Monday 25th July to Friday 30th September

- No Public Holidays in Term 3

Term 4- Monday 17th October to Friday 16th December

- Public Holidays: Labour Day Monday 24 October

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Job Opportunity

We are looking for a conscientious and reliable worker with an eye for detail to join our cleaning team for an air BnB in central Christchurch. Ideal for someone wanting part time work within school hours. Will require some weekend work also.

The cleans average 3 hours and usually start at 10am. The number of cleans varies each week, usually between one and four. All cleaning gear etc provided. $30 ph contract rate. Please contact Nick Jarvis if interested on 021337837.

Coding NZ lessons

In today's world, it's essential for young people to learn how to create technology, not just consume it. Coding NZ's lessons empower students with the tools they need and help give students the best chance at being successful in our increasingly digital age. Extend your child's awareness and horizons. Free trial lessons available now at www.codingnz.com/signup

Cashmere Netball Club 2022 Registrations

NOW OPEN for the 2022 Season!!!

We are a family friendly club with teams for all ages and abilities

Year 3 - Year 6 – NO TRIALS (teams are put together based on school and friends)

Year 7 and 8 – TRIALS will be held on 6th and 13th March 2022 at Hagley courts, starting at 10am. Please attend both trials.

Visit our website www.sporty.co.nz/cashmerenc for more details including how to register

You must be registered prior to attending trials, and a vaccine pass is required for players aged over 12 years 3 months

Any enquiries please email – cashmerenetball@hotmail.com

ON THE CALENDAR

4	Mon 21 Feb	Tue 22 Feb	Wed 23 Feb	Thu 24 Feb	Fri 25 Feb
			Y3-4 Cricket	Y7 / 8 Korfball Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech
5	Mon 28 Feb	Tue 1 Mar	Wed 2 Mar	Thu 3 Mar	Fri 4 Mar
		Y5 - 8 Swimming Sports	Y3-4 Cricket GTT Rm 21/22	Y7 / 8 Korfball	Y7 / 8 Tech
6	Mon 7 Mar	Tue 8 Mar	Wed 9 Mar	Thu 10 Mar	Fri 11 Mar
	Walk or Wheel to school week (Week 6)	Rm21/22 Ferrymead Trip	GTT Rm 23/24	Rm23/24 Ferrymead Trip Y7 / 8 Korfball Y7/8 PCT Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball
7	Mon 14 Mar	Tue 15 Mar	Wed 16 Mar	Thu 17 Mar	Fri 18 Mar
	Rm 4, 7, 8 Ferrymead Trip		Rm 9/10 Ferrymead Trip GTT Rm 21/22	Y5-8 Canterbury Triathlon	Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball Y5-8 Zone Swimming
8	Mon 21 Mar	Tue 22 Mar	Wed 23 Mar	Thu 24 Mar	Fri 25 Mar
			GTT Rm 23/24	Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball
9	Mon 28 Mar	Tues 29 Mar	Wed 30 Mar	Thu 31 Mar	Fri 1 Apr
	Y8 GRIP Leaders		GTT Rm 21/22	Y5-8 Canterbury Swimming	Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball
10	Mon 4 Apr	Tue 5 Apr	Wed 6 Apr	Thu 7 Apr	Fri 8 Apr
			GTT Rm 23/24	Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech
	Y7 / 8 Camp - Glentui				
11	Mon 11 Apr	Tues 12 Apr	Wed 13 Apr	Thurs 14 Apr	Fri 15 Apr
			GTT Rm 21/22	Last day of T!	Good Friday