

*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/>*

## Changing of the Guard

We would like to say a HUGE Thank You to Jo Bethell for all her hard work as Chairperson of the S'Mart Community over the last few years and for standing in as interim Chair since the last AGM. We would now like to welcome Jamie Billings as acting Chair. Jamie is currently transitioning responsibilities with Jo to ensure we maintain momentum into the rebuild and continuing to look after the wellbeing of our kids and to ensure our parent's voice is heard.

Jamie and his wife, Sarah Barrell, have two girls at St Martins School. Jamie works for Spark as an IT manager and is passionate about sport, culture, theatre and good food. Sarah is a caring hard working Year 10 dean at Christchurch Girls High specialising in History.

School priorities for Jamie are being able to provide good quality, safe education with as many opportunities the students can be offered in the lovely St Martins area and supporting each other as a strong community.

## Working Bee Thank You

Thank you to all the parents and children who turned up for our latest Working Bee - we really appreciate you giving up your time over the weekend and help make a difference to our school!



## SmartTouch Term 4



We are looking forward to a fabulous touch season. **2<sup>nd</sup> to last week for registrations!** We have over 20 teams already registered, so don't miss out.

The competition starts on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October, so it would be good if coaches and managers meet their teams before this and have a run through of the rules and a practice.

We would like to offer another coaching course run by Shane from Touch Canterbury. It is 1 hr online and then a 1 hr practical. If you are interested email [sandyjones@outlook.co.nz](mailto:sandyjones@outlook.co.nz) We need 10 people interested to make this happen.

## **Help Needed!**

To make this a successful competition we rely on volunteers. There is a lot of work done behind the scenes to set up the smooth running of this touch module.

Remember to sign up via the sign up genius link if you'd like to help in any way.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0444a5aa28abfb6-stmartins>

## **Touch Canterbury Trials**

Touch Canterbury are running some junior trials this Sunday for U12 and U14. If you are playing in the Smarttouch competition you are eligible to trial for a Touch Canterbury team. Please register for the trials on the Touch Canterbury website by Friday. See Flyer below.

\*\*\*\*If you're keen to know what S'Mart Community events are coming up why not sign up to receive email reminders at [www.smartcommunity.org.nz](http://www.smartcommunity.org.nz)? \*\*\*\*



## **Junior Trials**

**Sheldon Park, Belfast**

**Under 16s & Under 18s Trial - 16th September**

**Under 12s & Under 14s Trial - 23rd September**

To register and for more information visit  
[www.touchcanterbury.co.nz](http://www.touchcanterbury.co.nz)