



Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

This week we marked the blessing of the waharoa and the official opening of our new building Te Where Kūkūwai. It was wonderful to see so many dignitaries, our Board of Trustees, Whānau Group and community present for this special occasion.

A huge vote of gratitude must go to our Whānau Group for their tireless work in designing and creating this beautiful waharoa as well as creating the kōrero behind each of the important components. We will make this kōrero available on our school website as soon as possible.

We must also acknowledge our kaumātua, Henare Edwards for overseeing and for conducting the blessing and formal opening. He was supported by our brave Kapa Haka students who chose to wear our brand new Kapa Haka uniforms for this auspicious occasion.

The waharoa is a beautiful piece of cultural art work created for, and by our school community. If you have not already done so, please take some time to come down to the school and have a look, it is well worth it.

Kind regards
Rob Callaghan
Principal



Working Bee - a very big thank you to everyone who turned up to help with a massive planting effort. The entrance area is looking fantastic. Further planting will continue later on in the year.



School News



World Vision Famine - thanks to everyone who took part in the Famine last weekend. It's been fantastic hearing about the different things people chose to do without, over the weekend. Please return your booklets and money raised to the school office as soon as possible. If you had a booklet but were unable to do the Famine could you please return your booklet to the office.



Arbor Day - the Environment Committee spent the afternoon planting trees on Latters Spur for Arbor day. Thanks to the parents and teacher who made this possible with transport - Shelley, Rachel and Heather - when the bus organisation let us down. The Committee is made up of students from Y3-8.



Official Opening



The Kapa haka uniforms were blessed by our Kaumātua, Henare Edwards in readiness for the official opening of our new building and the opening and blessing of the waharoa which took place on Monday 17th June.



Thanks to the following...

You will have noticed a lot of changes to the front of our school. This has come with a lot of hard work from people in our community and also donations from various businesses.

Board member, Kate Hodgins, led the landscaping along with parent and landscape architect, Katie Chilton and of course the help of many who came along to the Working Bee. And we cannot forget the amazing work by our Whānau Group who planned, built and erected the beautiful waharoa that is the gateway to our school.

We would like to thank the following businesses for their support:

Southern Woods and Trees for Canterbury - plants
Living Earth - compost
Treetech - mulch
CCL Holdings - Path removal
Mitre 10 Beckenham - Hardware
Tracey Adams from Motukarara/DOC - Planting Assistance
Hanham Transport
Firth Concrete
Placemakers
Caine Tauwhare of Whakaraupō Carving Centre
Musgroves
Resene



Student Poetry

Autumn Trees

Leaves drifting to the feathery ground like fallen hair.
Naked branches reach out like arms swaying in the wind.
Tiny twigs snap like breaking fingers.
Sappy blood oozing from the open wound.
Rough bark skin, frail to the touch.
The tall towering trunk holding together the body of the tree.
Naked trees getting ready for the winter snow shower.
Long legs reaching into the depths of the earth.

By Joshua Spiewak Year 6, Room 15



Student News

Abaigh Kelly-McDonald, a Year 5 student in Room 17 has had some amazing achievements at gymnastics with the Christchurch School of Gymnastics. On the 1st June at the South Island Competition Abaigh placed 1st on the vault, 2nd on the bar and received the Gold Medal for being 1st overall.

On 9th June at the Affinity Competition Junior Challenge Abaigh placed 1st on the floor, 1st on the vault, 3rd place on the bar, the Silver Medal for 2nd overall and received a Gold Medal for 1st place for her team for overall best performance.



Kahutaiki Calman, a Year 5 student Room 14 won a prize in the Upstart Magazine for a fantastic review she wrote about the book - The Peacock Detectives. Here is her review. *"Hi Upstart, I've been reading The Peacock Detectives by Carly Nugent. This book is about a girl called Cassie who is looking for her neighbour's peacock, however she finds herself figuring out other mysteries as well. What I like about The Peacock Detectives is that, instead of being written from an adult's point of view it is written from a child's point of view, which makes it easier to understand."*

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 treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please contact our Call Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday throughout the year.

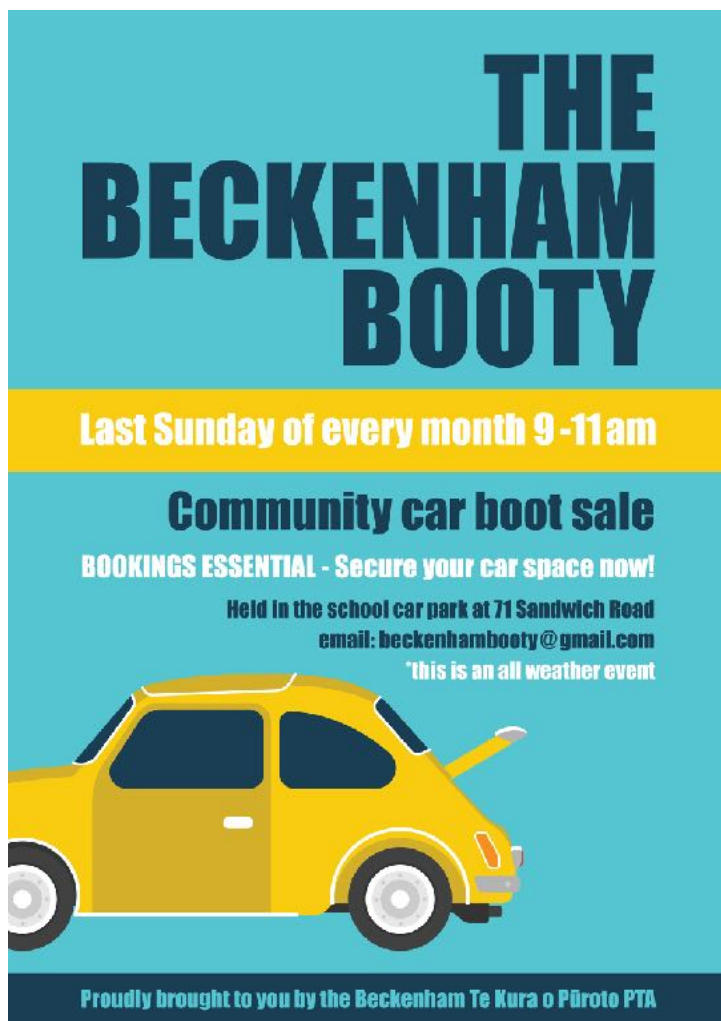
The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- **Northcote Clinic, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook**
- **Hillmorton Clinic, Hillmorton Hospital, Sylvan Street**

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.45am and 3.00pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment.

If your child has dental pain as a result 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 comm dental@cdhb.health.nz

Community Notices




THE BECKENHAM BOOTY

Last Sunday of every month 9 -11am

Community car boot sale

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - Secure your car space now!

Held in the school car park at 71 Sandwich Road
email: beckenhambooty@gmail.com
*this is an all weather event



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Babysitter available - Ex-St Martins student Lily Shields, a 15 year old at Cashmere High who lives close to St Martins School is available for child minding over the school holidays, evenings and weekends. Also available for maths tutoring. Please contact Lily on 0274 655321

Holiday performance - Riccarton Players presents the much loved Spike Milligan story, BadJelly the Witch at The Drama Theatre, Rangi Ruru School, Merivale Lane from July 10th to the 21st. Tickets \$10 for everyone. Go to www.riccartonplayers.co.nz/current-production or phone (03) 336 4699 for details of the days and times of performances.



MASH Pioneer Stadium
(021) 08582341
www.mashkids.co.nz

Looking for holiday programmes for the July School holidays? Why not check out M.A.S.H at Pioneer Stadium. Go to their website for full details.

25th June

Year 0 to 2 conferences from 3.30pm to 6pm.
Year 3 to 8 student led conferences from 3.30pm to 8pm

27 June

Year 0 to 2 conferences from 3.30pm to 6pm.

28 June

End of Term awards assembly from 1.30pm in the school hall.

5 July

Mr Callaghan's last day at St Martins School.
Last day of Term Two - have a wonderful holiday break.