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Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora Whānau - Greetings everyone

Kia ora koutou.

I'm very excited to announce the appointment of a new Principal for St Martins School who will start at the beginning of Term 4 this year.

His name is Andrew Mouat, and he is currently Principal at Templeton Primary School. Before that he was Principal at Broomfields School, he's been a Relieving Principal and Acting Principal at Cotswold Primary school and Associate Principal at Ilam school.

The Board of Trustees appointment panel were unanimous in our decision to appoint Andrew.

Andrew is 46 and actually went to St Martins as a child, he has family living in Lascelles Street and is very connected to the area living locally as well.

What really impressed the appointment panel was his knowledge of pedagogy, particularly around new learning spaces, his open, inclusive and shared leadership style and his connection with the students at Templeton, he runs and trains for the school cross country and is the lead teacher of the schools' Kapa Haka group.

As Board Chairperson, I'm really looking forward to working with Andrew as we embark on this exciting new chapter in the St Martins journey.

I'm also pleased that Deputy Principal Bernadette May will take on the role of Acting Principal for Term 3. Bernadette is an incredible asset at St Martins and we are lucky to have such stability and continuity as Rob Callaghan leaves at the end of this Term.

Ngā mihi, Jo Malcolm BOT Chairperson



Student Led Conferences

Progress Student Led Conferences for the Year 3 to 8 students will be held on Tuesday 18th June from 1.30pm to 8pm and Tuesday 25th June from 3.30pm to 8pm. School will close at lunchtime (12.30pm) on Tuesday 18th June for all students to allow for more afternoon appointment times. School will close at the normal time of 3pm on Thursday 28th June. Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz and use booking reference knubh. Follow the easy online instructions to make your booking. if you do not have internet access or need some assistance please contact Michele in the school office - ph 332-6121 ext 701. Bookings close on Monday 24th June. Creche will be provided as per usual in the library.

Board of Trustee Elections

Voting papers have been sent out for the upcoming St Martins School Board of Trustee Elections. **Please note that the final date for voting is this Friday 7th June at 12noon**. You can drop your completed voting paper into the office by 12 noon on Friday and we will courier them to our returning officer on your behalf.

Working Bee - Sunday 9th June

It's THE big planting this **Sunday 9th June from 9am to 12noon** before the official opening of our new block on the 17th, and we need as much help as we can get. We need folk to bring **wheelbarrows**, shovels, trowels. There will be mountains of mulch and compost to move, plants to carry, holes to be dug and lots and lots of planting to be done! Come for an hour or for three. All help appreciated! Morning tea provided with huge thanks to the Smart community.

Student News

Over the weekend Daniel Saxon-Clarke travelled to Dunedin to compete in the South Island Brazilian Jiu Jitsu champs. He competed in the No-gi event where he was unbeaten in his weight division and won a gold medal, and finished second for a silver medal in the Gi event, beaten by a student from Queenstown. Congratulations!



Student News

We are so lucky to have many students who care about the environment around our school. These busy kids have been picking up rubbish around the school in their lunchtime - unprompted and with a lot of enthusiasm!





School News



Year 5/6 Eco Action Market Day!

When: Friday 5 July 11am - 12pm

Where: Harakeke and Toetoe Space (new

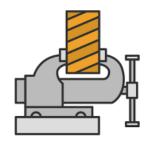
building)

Our Year 5 and 6 students have been working hard over the last two terms in preparation for

their upcoming market day. Come and check out a range of goods which are available for purchase. This includes skincare products, plants, home cleaning products, photos, bees wraps and eco boxes! Watch this space for more information...



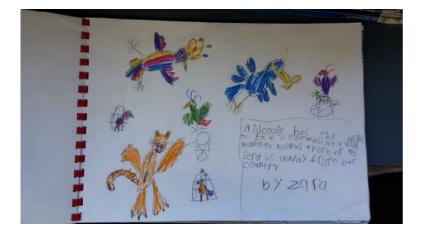
Hello everybody! Fix It! club and Eco-Action would love to be able to use a vice for when they are sawing. If there is anybody out there who has a vice (with or without a work bench), that they are happy and able to give away, please get in touch with Heather Owen (heathero@stmartins.school.nz). Thank you!



School News

Discoverers One have been completing such amazing work on Human Rights that they had a letter from our Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern. It's amazing how much difference we can make to the world, no matter how young or old we are. Well done, Rooms 1 and 2!







Our Buddy Benches Require Paint!
To have our Buddy Benches looking
their best we need to give them a fresh
coat of paint. If you have any left over
bright colours not being used at home,
would you please consider donating
them to us?

Many thanks. Kate Keenan - Room 1 katek@stmartins.school.nz



The St Martin's School Student Council, with support from S'Mart Community... presents DISCO 2019

THEME: "SUPERHEROES"

Get ready to dance the 'night' away.....

This Friday June 7th, in the School Hall.

Dress up if it's your thing.

For St Martin's School Students only, pay \$5 Entry Fee at the door. (Please bring correct money, helps reduce queuing time).

If you have 3 or more children at St Martins, see Diane in the office to buy '3 or more for \$10' tickets.

Anyone feeling financially stretched, also see Diane in the office.

For everyone's safety, each child needs to be signed into and out of the Disco by his/her parent/caregiver. There will be sign-up sheets at the doors for this.

If you're sharing rides please bring and show the door people a parent-signed note endorsing that. At the end of the Disco, Children need to wait **inside** the Hall to be collected & signed out. Please make sure they know this.

This process does mean queues, so come prepared. If wet, bring an umbrella!

Doors open at 5.30pm (no earlier).

Hot Dogs (on a stick), Cookies, Chips/Crisps, drinks and ice blocks, Tattoos and Face painting will be for sale, Polaroid photos too! Water is free! Bring coins. Prices 50c - \$3. (No glow in the dark/flashing things for sale any more, doing our bit to cut out rubbish. SO grab what you've got left at home from last time and re-use)

Junior Disco for Years 0-4, 5.30-7pm. There's a quick clean up and re-set then the doors open for Senior Disco for Years 5-8, 7.30-9pm.

At 9pm is final clean up, where all hands on deck are needed so it's left clean as a whistle. Just get stuck in and do a little part and we'll all get to go home earlier!

NB: Especially for the Junior Disco, Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay, get into it and have fun! No charge for parents. Prize for Best Dressed Parent!

And of course, the Disco won't happen without parent/caregiver help! Sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508094BAFAA2AA7F85-stmartins4

Cheers

The Disco Team (community@smartcommunity.org.nz)

Community Notices





Enrolments now open For St Martins School

Monster Music (Formerly Daniel Hitchens Music) is now offering music lessons at St Martins School. Do you want to learn how to play an instrument in a modern and relevant way? Choose an option below and get in touch before spaces fill up!





office@monstermusic.nz 0273501829

Kelly Sports Holiday Programme

Bookings for upcoming Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes at Hillview Christian School and Hillmorton High School are now available online.

The focus of our Programmes is to ensure kids are active throughout with a great mixture of games and activities to suit everyone. WINZ Subsidies are available for families that qualify and we have options of Half Day sessions, School Day sessions and Full Day sessions available.

To view a programme of activities, to register or for more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz

7th June

Junior and Senior School Discos - see full details on page 5 of this newsletter

18 June

South Music Festival rehearsal Junior Choir at Hillview Christian School 9am to 11.30am. Concerts Tuesday and Wednesday evenings

18 June

School closes at 12.30pm for all students to hold Year 3 to 8 student led conferences

18th June

Board of Trustees meeting in the staffroom (currently in new building) from 6.30pm