



Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora family and whānau

You will have seen the email sent out to the school community that I have resigned my position as Deputy Principal at St Martins School. It is with a combination of sadness and excitement that I let you know that I have accepted the role of Principal at Tai Tapu School.

It is with sadness that I leave behind valued colleagues, friends and the wonderful tamariki of St Martins School. I have really valued my time at St Martins School, it is a very special place. I will always treasure the positive memories that I have of the people.

On the other hand, it is extremely exciting to be taking this next step in my career pathway. As you know, I'm passionate about learning and working with families and whānau to achieve the best outcome for our tamariki. I will take this passion and drive into my new role and look forward to getting to know my new learning community.

In this newsletter our board has updated you on our rebuild and as more information comes to hand we will continue to keep you informed.

We also have many student successes and achievements celebrated in this newsletter. St Martins School has a proud history of our students gaining scholarships at Cashmere High School and this year is no exception. We are also showing that we have students with strong problem solving skills that were put to the test at the recent EPro8 semi finals. Our students have a strong community spirit which was shown recently in our Cans for the City Mission mufti day. Read on in this newsletter to find out what our students have been up to.

Finally, I have been overwhelmed and humbled by the many emails I have been receiving from parents and caregivers congratulating me on gaining the role of principal at Tai Tapu School. So many of you have conveyed your thanks for the work I have done for the school and your children and the support I have given you. It has been an absolute pleasure to work with you and your children and I will miss the many dealings I had with our wonderful school community.

Ngā mihi

Bernadette May
Acting Principal

From the Board of Trustees

Kia ora koutou,

In previous build updates, we've talked about acoustic/noise issues in our new Block A. We had a report done by acoustic engineers Powell Fenwick to try and find out why parts of the building seemed to funnel and in some cases amplify noise from one space to another. Our teachers notice it and so do our children. The Board is working hard to try and fix these issues and the good news is, I've had a personal assurance from the Ministry of Education that they will fund noise dampening solutions. We know some in this building find the noise levels high and are finding it tough. There are things that can be put in place to really bring these levels down and to stop the noise funneling through the spaces. Our teachers have been amazing in coping with this issue and so have the children. I am working hard to try and get this issue fixed as soon as possible so that we can really enjoy this amazing space for teaching and learning. I am in the process of talking to the sound engineers who will tell us which products or building retro-fitting (glass windows or sliding doors) will give us the best outcomes to dampen down the noise. Any questions around this, please feel free to contact me: jomalcolm100@gmail.com

Ngā mihi,
Jo Malcolm
Chairperson BOT

Student Achievement

We are very proud to announce that Cashmere High School have notified us of two recipients of scholarships for 2020. **Nicolae Didenco** has been awarded the Cashmere High School Music Scholarship and **Stella Shields** has been awarded the Cashmere High School Sport Scholarship. Nicolae and Stella impressed the panel with their proven leadership abilities, achievements and the mature way they conducted themselves during the interview process. Well done to Nicolae and Stella on their wonderful achievement and we know they will continue to shine at Cashmere High next year.



Congratulations to the two Year 5/6 EPro8 teams who placed first equal. Both teams finished with an impressive 290 points!

The teams are now through to the EPro8 Finals which will be held at the University on Friday 30th August. The day will start with a tour through the engineering department and then the challenge will begin with the best teams in Canterbury going head to head to win the overall trophy!

The two teams were: **Wolf Pack** - Hugo, AJ, Kuhu and Grace and **20 Volts of Power** - Harvey, Thomas, Hashim and Elsie.

Student Achievement

EPro8 Finals – Here We Come!

On Monday 19th August, three Year 7/8 teams participated in the EPro8 Regional Semi-Final. The EPro8 Challenge is an engineering and problem-solving competition where students build large structures using 3D printed materials and pulleys, motors, gears, wheels and axles. The three Year 7/8 teams were: **John the Builder** - Jack, Olivier, Hugh and Nerhys. **Lab Rats** - Jacob, Payo, Poppy and Sally. **Jeff the Tradie** - Abby, Thelma, Seamus and Meg. The 'John the Builder' team successfully qualified for the Regional Final to be held on Thursday 29th August. Best of luck!



Year 7/8 Canterbury Water Polo Tournament

On the 9th of August, St Martins School entered a team in the Canterbury Water Polo Tournament at QE2 and Jellie Park. In the team were kids from Year 5-8 – Karin, Greta, Meg, Thelma, Stella, Tamar, Hugh, Josh, Payo, Seamus, Liam G and Liam D. In the pool matches, we won against Casebrook Intermediate and Breens Intermediate; but then lost against Villa Maria.



The two wins in the pool matches meant that we were through to the semi-final against Christ the King. As it turns out, Christ the King was just too strong, so we played off for third and fourth against Villa Maria. The game started and St Martins scored the first goal, but Villa Maria evened it out soon after. Most of the game was very even, but in the last quarter, Villa managed to score a few more goals so St Martins came fourth.

Written by Tamar Dijkstra

City Mission Can Collection

On Tuesday the 13th August 2019, we had a mufti day to collect cans for the City Mission. On this day St Martins School collected 739 canned goods which is amazing, seeing as we have just over 580 children here. On Wednesday the 14th August 2019, a group of Year 7/8 students went to the City Mission to drop off the canned items. The people there were very grateful to the school and we believe it was a great help to their charity. Great job again on the amazing amount of generosity you have shown for this fundraiser.

Written by Sofia Strange



School Notices



Coffee Morning and Secondhand Uniform sale this Friday 23rd August in the school hall. Come along for a tea or coffee and a catch up. Second hand uniform sale also running. From 8.45am to 9.30am.



With limited access to the Library this term we're reminding students and parents about the [library app](#) which can easily be seen from home - if you've not already taken a look why not do so now! We've added some links for WOW and there are always some interesting articles to take a look at, competitions and news where relevant, links to child friendly search engines and our online encyclopaedias which come in 3 levels so something for everyone! To access to encyclopaedias from home you'll need a username/password combination - for Britannica this is smart/smart and for World Book it's smart1/smart. For easy use bookmark the page and then it's there for you and your child in the future.



Weetbix Tryathlon is back in February 2020 and Christchurch has a morning and afternoon session you can register for. The links are listed below if you would like to register for the school group. Please note that if you want to register your child you need to do it via the links provided which should be open within the next week. We will not be taking manual registrations this year.

Use this link if you are registering for the **morning session**: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35577&G=99573>

Use this link if you are registering for the **afternoon session**: <https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=35578&G=99574>



When purchasing your uniform items, or maybe buying books and other items from Scholastic Books you will now need to remember to bring your own bags as we will no longer be providing plastic bags as we have done in the past. As you will be used to having to use your own bags when doing your shopping we hope this will be an easy transition for you.



Unfortunately we again need to remind parents and caregivers that they must not park over driveways, even if just dropping children off. NZ parking laws state you must not park in front of, or closer than 1 metre to, a vehicle entrance. Our neighbours must be able to pull out of or into their own driveway at any time of the day. Please be a good example to your children by following good and legal driving and parking practices.

Community Notices



Parenting Week 2019 - Helping Whānau to Flourish, 9th - 19th September. Strategies to help your family through the difficult times and enjoy being together. With Mike King, Dr Sue Bagshaw, Pio Terei, Jenny Hale and more! www.nht.org.nz/parentingweek



The Sydenham Cricket Club has a proud history locally and with players going to Canterbury and New Zealand teams. Stephen Fleming and Lee Germon both played for Sydenham. The club has teams in all grades and also runs a Superstar Academy programme. To find out what Sydenham Junior Cricket Club has to offer go to www.sydenhamcricket.co.nz

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE - what can the Public Health Nursing Service offer you and your family?

The public health nursing service is a team of registered nurses who can:

- ▶ Meet with you at home/school/workplace/cafe to talk about how to manage health problems in a way that suits your family, and work alongside with you, your child and the school. Deliver School Based Vaccination Programmes.
- ▶ Attend health appointments with you and your child to support you to ask questions and have your questions answered.
- ▶ Supports teachers to manage your child's health issue during the school day by providing advice and care plans.
- ▶ Access further support with your consent, for example for parenting/budgeting/mental health and follow through to make sure that you have the support you want.

The public health nurses are very happy to be contacted, and parents can self-refer for support, with any health problem. Referral forms can be found at www.cdhb.health.nz/phn

Anna Marshall (RCpN, PHN) Registered Nurse ph 0274336529 email phnburwood@cdhb.health.nz



DRUM + GUITAR LESSONS

Now offered at St Martins School

Enquire now



office@montermusic.nz
0273501829

Community Notices

Girl Guiding NZ is looking for fun, energetic leaders that will provide positive support to girls aged 5 - 17 years old while delivering exciting programmes once a week. All support and training is provided by a dedicated team to help you do a great job. You just need to bring a drive and a passion to empower girls and lead them towards a bright future! If this sounds like you, find out more information here <https://www.girlguidingnz.org.nz/join-us/leaders-volunteers>



Canterbury Schools Orienteering Festival 14-15

September. There are several after school training sessions leading up to the races. Details are on the club website www.papo.org.nz

Open days Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th September 1 to 4pm at Opawa Tennis,

Cholmondeley Ave. Tennis opportunities for all ages. Come along and play some tennis (racquets available) or have a sausage from the BBQ. Look out for people wearing the Love Tennis t-shirts for any info. All welcome either day, however we are encouraging juniors to come on Sunday for more availability. Contact Andrea ja.opawatennis@gmail.com or visit www.sporty.co.nz/opawatennis



House to rent very close to St Martins School. 3 bedrooms, 1 study, 2 bathrooms, double garage. Available from October.
Ph Robyn 021 043 5311

9 to 11 September
Camp for Navigators
1.

16 to 18 September
Camp for Navigators
3

18 to 20 September
Camp for Navigators
2

12 September
Year 0-2 Conferences,
3.30pm to 6pm

17 September
Year 0-2 Conferences,
3.30pm to 6pm

Board of Trustees
meeting 6.30pm in
the staffroom.

27 September
Last day of Term 3
and final full school
assembly.

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/>

Hall Refurbishment

Planning for the school hall refurbishment is underway! We are looking for expertise to help the planning process go smoothly. If you are an architect, mechanical engineer, fire engineer, builder, plumber, electrician or painter and are interested in volunteering some planning time and advice, please get in touch by emailing hallupgrade@smartcommunity.org.nz by Friday 6th September.

Save the Date!!

Saturday September 21st 4:30-6:30pm

We're having a **BIG WINTER SKATE** at Alpine Ice. \$15 for a two hour session. Spread the word and come join the fun! All invited. Details to come.



Photo Fundraiser

Need a special gift for Christmas?
Time to update the mantel now that the kids are getting older?

Well . . . **our popular photo fundraiser is back!**
Save the Date for 14th and 15th September.

Only \$20 gets you a professional 10" x 13" family portrait from Green Melon Photography.

The full \$20 goes to St. Martins School for a fundraiser. Awesome!

Watch the school links for a signup genius soon.



Coffee Morning and Uniform Sale

This Friday morning, 23rd August come along for a coffee or tea and a catch up with others in the Hall. Second hand uniform sale will also be running. See you there from 8:45-9:30am.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE!!

Spring's just around the corner, folks, and what better way to greet it than with one of our world famous S'Mart Community PTA sausage sizzles. Come on down to the adventure playground next Friday 30th August after school and grab yourself a tasty snack. Stay for a chat while the kids play and enjoy whatever weather spring throws at us on the day!

See you there!

When: Friday 30th August
Where: Adventure Playground
Time: After school
Cost: \$2 per sausage

See the next two pages for important S'Mart Touch and Entertainment Book information!

*****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? *****

Come join the fun!
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Smart Touch

TWILIGHT TOUCH RUGBY



Price includes referees and bibs so teams don't have to buy a team top.

Enter your team now.

Payment by first playing night.

\$30 PER PLAYER

WHAT: Mixed grade touch rugby

WHO: Year 0-8 students

WHERE: Waltham Park

WHEN: Thursday, 24th Oct to 6th Dec

GRADES/TIMES: YEAR 0-2 & 3-4

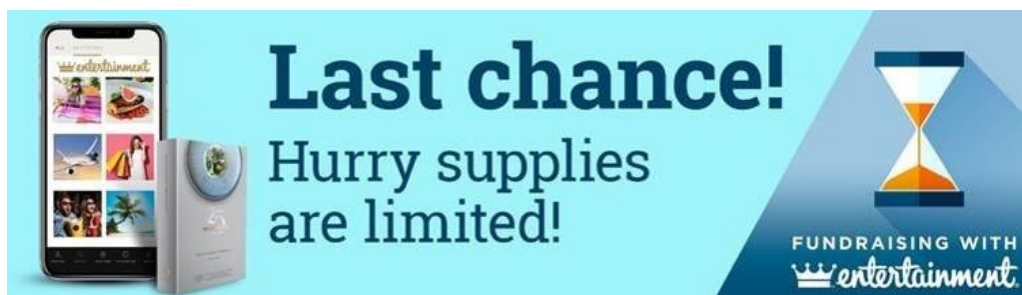
4.00-5.30pm

YEAR 5-6 & 7-8

5.30-7.00pm

EMAIL: smart.touch@stmartins.school.nz

Online registrations open 19th August at www.sporty.co.nz/smarttouch
For coaching help contact Touch Canterbury office: admin@touchcanterbury.co.nz
Closing date for entries: 23rd September 2019



St Martin's School is raising funds. Here's how you can help...

Dear Supporter,

We can't say it enough. Thanks for your attention, interest and support for St Martin's School. You might like to know that our Entertainment fundraiser is drawing to a close and we're nearing our goal. Purchase the 2019|2020 Entertainment Membership now to help us across the line.

Pay here: www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/134177w

Highlights of the new Christchurch Membership!

 KING of SNAKE Up to 25% off the total bill	 two fat indians <i>- celebration of indian street food -</i> Up to 25% off the total bill	 pad thai pan Up to 25% off the total bill
 MAD MÉX <small>FRESH MEXICAN GRILL</small> 2-for-1	 alpineice 2-for-1	 Chillin'worthy road 2-for-1

