



St Martins School

Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga Inspiring a passion for learning



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Inspiring a passion for Learning

Kia ora tatou

On behalf of the board, I'd like to give you all an update on the build as we finally reach some important and exciting milestones.

The renovation of the two storey block is being completed before schedule and will now be available to us early in term 4, if not during the holidays. This will hopefully be the last of our "Big Shifts" for some time.

In practical terms, this means that the senior syndicate, currently in the new Whare Kūkūwai, will be moving into the newly renovated two storey block and the junior syndicate will be relocating from the junior school into Whare Kūkūwai. This will either happen in the second week of the holidays or in stages during the first two weeks of term 4. Obviously, our strong preference is to have the building handed over and furniture moved in before the start of the term and we are working hard towards that. Either way, we will let you know as soon as we have a firm date from the build team, which we have been told we will have by September 16th.

To accommodate the limited access to play areas which will be available for term 4, with the demolition of the junior classrooms, we will be running staggered play and break times. (see page 2 for the details)

The very good news about all this, is that the Hann Build Team will be starting earlier than expected with the demolition of the junior school buildings and the rebuild of the new multi-purpose courts in their place, which are now expected to be ready for us in week 1, term 1, 2020.

To allow as much time as possible for the build work to be completed before the start of the new school year, I can also confirm that the final school day for 2019 is Friday 20th December and the first day back is February 5th 2020. (See page 2 for full 2020 term dates)

In the meantime, work to address the acoustic issues in Whare Kūkūwai is underway, led by acoustic specialists Powell and Fenwick, contracted by the Ministry of Education. We anticipate that the first stage of this work will be completed by the time the juniors relocate and we are supporting this process by temporarily creating a "quiet reading/library zone" in the middle area until the sound issues are adequately, and permanently, resolved.

As your board, we are all too aware that staff and students are again having to accommodate a lot of change and are incredibly thankful for the ongoing support, hard work and patience of our whole community in making this work for everyone. Term 4 will again require a joint effort to make this transition as painless as possible. After such a busy year, I am sure that we all are very much looking forward to a fresh start in 2020, with the majority of the build behind us, our brand new, flat (!!) courts and a new and enthusiastic leadership team. If you have any queries about this, please feel free to contact me directly.

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Nga Mihi

Kate Hodgins, Acting Chair of the Board of Trustees

Term 4 breaks and 2020 Term dates

Term 4 Staggered Breaks/Lunches:

Mini Breaks

All students (in class) 10am - 10 minutes Mini break - snack and water

Year 0-4 syndicates 2pm - 10 minutes Mini break - snack and water

Morning Breaks

Year 0-4 syndicates

11am to 11.20am - PLAY, 11.20am to 11.30am - Eating and water

Year 5-8 Syndicates

11.20am to 11.30am - Eating and water, 11.30am to 11.50am - PLAY

Lunch Breaks

Year 0-4 syndicates

12.30pm to 1pm - PLAY, 1pm to 1.15pm - Eating and water

Year 5-8 syndicates

1pm to 1.15pm - Eating and water, 1.15pm to 1.55pm - PLAY

Confirmed Term Dates for 2020

Term 1:

February 3	Monday	Teacher Only Day
February 4	Tuesday	Teacher Only Day
February 5	Wednesday	School reopens for Term 1
February 6	Thursday	Waitangi Day - school closed
April 9	Thursday	Last day of Term 1

Term 2:

April 28	Tuesday	School reopens for Term 2
June 1	Monday	Queen's Birthday, school closed
July 3	Friday	Last day of Term 2

Term 3:

July 20	Monday	School reopens for Term 3
September 25	Friday	Last day of Term 3

Term 4:

October 12	Monday	School reopens for Term 4
October 26	Monday	Labour Day, school closed
November 13	Friday	Show Day, school closed
December 18	Friday	Last day of Term 4

School Notices

Planning for 2020

Term 4 is always a busy term as we aim to finish strongly and at the same time begin the preparations for 2020. We have a number of discussions around the class placement of each child throughout the term. We take into consideration a number of factors and involve a number of staff members in the conversations.

With new staff members taking on different roles in term four we would like to have a bit more time to commit to the placement of children. Jenny Wood will be taking the lead on class placements in 2019.

As with previous years we extend an invitation for you to make us aware of any information that might be relevant to the placement of your child / children. We have an online form open to parents for the next five weeks. Please fill in the [online form](https://forms.gle/whSEYotSs6N9hGZU7) by October 13th 2019.

Thank you for your ongoing support,
Andrew Mouat
Incoming Principal
<https://forms.gle/whSEYotSs6N9hGZU7>

Please watch where you park/drop off - We need to reiterate that there are drop off/no parking areas outside the school gates at certain times of the day. No parking zones and no stopping zones cannot be used as drop off zones. Parking and stopping in these areas can block the view of oncoming cars for our road patrols. Dropping off over driveways is also not permitted. At times the CCC send their enforcement wardens to schools and will ticket any illegal parking. If you have any questions regarding enforcement please contact the council directly.

Thanks for your donations - I would just like to thank the kids that came to school on Tuesday in mufti and gave gold coin donations which were appreciated. Thanks to you we raised over \$650 and all that money will go towards plants for the school's landscaping as in areas around the new building as it is looking a bit bare. All the plants are going to be planted by the Environment Committee in Term 4.

Many thanks - Environment Committee
Written by Harvey Sanderson

Hanmer Springs Camp - Year 5-6 Syndicate

Our camps to Hanmer Springs are fast approaching, with our first group heading away next week! The students have been busy preparing and we are looking forward to our 3 days away.

Dates

Navigators 1 - Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th September

Navigators 2 - Monday 16th to Wednesday 18th September

Navigators 3 - Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th September

Thanks for all your support with our recent sausage sizzle, We raised \$964.20 which was awesome!

School Notices

World Vision - Last Assembly Nadia from World Vision came to say thank you to all those people who took part in the Famine and helped to raise over \$5,600. Well done! These funds will go a long way to improve the lives of others in need.

Student Achievement



On Friday 30th August two Year 5-6 teams represented St Martins School at the **EPro8 Grand Finals** held at the University of Canterbury. The teams went neck to neck with the other semi final winners. 20 Volts of Power ended the day with a result of first equal. The two winning teams then had an eight minute, nail biting 'build off' to determine the overall champion for Canterbury. We are proud to say the title was won by our very own **20 Volts of Power - Harvey, Hashim, Elise and Jamie**. The **Wolf Pack - AJ, Kuhu, Grace and Thomas** worked so hard in the Grand Finals coming away with an impressive 7th in the division. A huge congratulations to both teams!



The Year 7-8 syndicate also had a team at the EPro8 Canterbury Finals. '**John the Builder**' team of **Jack, Hugh, Nerhys and Olivier** did an amazing job and came 2nd overall. Well done!

Josh competed at the Cycling NZ Southern Road Cycling Tour in Blenheim at the weekend. He won all 4 of his U13 boys races, becoming King of the Mountain, Sprint Ace and overall tour winner.



Josh was awarded with the jerseys and medals by Laurence Pithie who recently won at the Junior World Champs. Maybe we will see Josh at the Worlds one day!

Student Achievement

Year 7-8 Winter Sports Trophies:

Congratulations to the trophy recipients - **Sam** for **Most Consistent Player** and **Jake** for **Most Improved Player** for the winter sports season. Our syndicate assembly rounded off a successful winter sports season with the Football A team placing 2nd at the Primary Sports Canterbury tournament and our Netball A team placing 5th equal. **A BIG THANK YOU** to Darren Patterson, Steve Anngow, Damon Bunting, Leonie Thorpe, Libby Cook, Belinda Allnut, Grace Earle and the Year 7-8 teachers for helping to coach the teams throughout the season.



Scholarships - We have been told that two more students have gained scholarships. **Josh Bligh** has been awarded a Cashmere High School Leadership Scholarship for 2020. **Hannah Hughes** has been awarded a St Andrew's College Sports Scholarship. Well done to Josh and Hannah on their wonderful achievement and we know they will continue to shine at Cashmere High and St Andrew's College next year.



Loic and Rohan entered the **Primary and Intermediate School Skiing Champs** on Sunday 19th August. They both had a great time and competed in the Year 1 & 2 boys category where Loic came second. Fantastic result Loic and well done to you both. (Loic in green and Rohan in red)

Hannah Hughes (Year 8) and Mina van Dam (Year 7) have both been named in the primary **Canterbury Cross Country team** to compete in Hanmer Springs in September. Hannah has also recently been named in the **Canterbury Primary B Hockey team** to compete in Rotorua in October. Congratulations on your efforts so far and good luck for your upcoming events.

Student Performance

Strum, Strike and Blow Concert

1400 children from about 50 schools around Canterbury played in a concert together at Horncastle Arena. There were kids playing ukuleles, marimbas or recorders. From our school our recorder groups included Katie, Elsie, Theo, Louise, Mason, Trudie, Annabel, Rosemary and Lucy. We went to the daytime practice. We sat in our seats for a long time and practiced when it came to our turn. We went over the same piece of music until the conductor said it was perfect then we went to the next piece. The nighttime concert for our families was interesting and exciting. There was the bicycle band who played trumpets and drums as they biked around the audience. The concert only took just over one hour because we only did every song once. One song had to be restarted as people were playing it wrong. The recorders played Rakes of Mellow, C Side Rock, Got the EGBG's. We also played the combined massed items of Calypso Cruise, Dragonfly and the James Bond Theme. Thank you Susan for teaching us and taking us to the concert.

Written by Theo Young



Community Notices

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. 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>

What Now audiences - What Now is returning to Christchurch and would like to invite your families to be part of the live audience. All are invited (including adults) to come and experience live TV being made while being part of our awesome audience - and it's free! As space is limited we work on a 'first in, best dressed' approach. Register online www.whatnow.tv/bonus/audience - dates in Sept, Oct and November at various locations.

Port Hills Athletics Club registration days - 15th Sept 4 to 5pm and 17th Sept 5 to 6pm Hansen Park club rooms. For info email Amanda Landers juniortrack@porthillsathletic.org.nz or message us your phone number on Facebook (Port Hills Athletics Club) and we will get back to you!

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LESSONS**

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Heathcote Cricket Club - Junior Membership
Registration Day 21st Sept 9am to 12 noon
Saturday morning cricket for Year 4 to Year 8.
Friday night 'Have a Go' cricket from 5.30pm to
6.30pm.
Cnr Port Hills Rd and Bridle Path Rd.
www.heathcotecricket.co.nz

Kelly Sports October Holiday Programme
Bookings for programmes at Hillview Christian
School and Hillmorton High School are available
online. www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east
or contact Steve on steve@kellysports.co.nz

Down by the Liffey Gallery - Lincoln's Community Art Gallery, 1 James St, Lincoln.
Recycle - Reclaim - Rebuild, an exhibition by Juergen Esperschuetz and Isabelle Pattis.
Be inspired by this eclectic collection of art and photography that celebrates recycled
materials and the rebuild of Christchurch. Steel junk, wood art, black and white photography
with a twist. Sept 4 to 29 - Wed - Thurs 11.30am to 2.30pm, Fri - Sun 10am to 4pm.

M.A.S.H - My After School Headquarters Christchurch City Council holiday programmes
at Pioneer Sport and Rec Centre, Lyttelton St, Somerfield. For more information call
021-0266-2985 or email pioneer@mashkids.co.nz or go to the website mashkids.co.nz



House to rent very close to St Martins School. 3 bedrooms, 1
study, 2 bathrooms, double garage. Available to rent now.
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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.

18 September
Bernadette's staff
and parent farewell
in the new building
7pm to 9pm. RSVP to
Michele Stephens by
13th September.