



St Martins School

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Newsletter 15

17th October 2019

Thank you for the wonderful welcome I received on Monday at the Mihi Whakatau. It was a lovely way to be welcomed back into the school and for Templeton Primary School to share in a new experience. I have had a great first week of getting into classrooms chatting with the children and teachers. It has also been nice to chat to parents at the gate at dropping off and on pick ups. I'm really looking forward to getting to know all of the community and the things we are involved in. Please do come and introduce yourself, perhaps at the Y5 – 8 athletics next week on Wednesday, come and say hi.

This week has been about being visible in the classroom, I have listened to children read, heard wonderful writing, participated in a couple of sprint races and seen fabulous artwork during create, connect and collaborate in Explorers One.

From the sounds of it, the children have had a wonderful two week break and are ready for the last term of the year. I have been really impressed with the way the children have settled into the term, particularly for the children who have changed spaces.

During the holidays we had 16 classes moving learning spaces. No small feat, however this was completed in the last week of the holidays when the refurbished block, Te Maunga was handed back to us. Thank you to Mike and Jenny for overseeing the movement of all of the teachers' resources and class equipment and the teachers for putting their learning spaces together in such a small window of time. The blessing of Te Maunga to name all of the spaces on the last Friday morning was a marvelous way to end the week ready for the children to return. We hope you enjoy talking with your children about the new spaces and come in for a visit to have a wander through.

This term the old junior blocks will be demolished so the work on the new courts can take place, having them ready for the start of school in 2020. Please be aware that the driveway access to Rooms 6, 7, 24 and 25 will be unavailable for weeks 2, 3 and 4 due to the contractors having trucks on site. After this we are hoping to have limited access to the driveway for drop off and pick up times. We were surprised to find the Junior Playground out of action during the holidays. A path is needing to be put in next to the playground. This means either the playground needs to be moved approximately 2m forward or a different path option needs to be investigated. We are hoping to have a resolution and the playground up and running in the next three weeks.

Term four is our time to confirm staffing and start looking at class placements for the following year. Thank you to the parents who took the opportunity to let us know any details required about placement of their child. The form we used for this was open for five weeks and closed off on the last Sunday of the holidays. We will take into consideration the information that you have shared with us. This week we would like to share with you our teaching teams for 2020 (please note that there may be some variation if there are any changes to the leadership personnel in the school).

Explorers (NE – Y2)	Discoverers (Y3 / 4)
Charlotte Bates Helen Norcliffe Michelle Parsons (Team Leader) Suzy O'Hara	Chris Sumer (Team Leader) Jenny Oldridge & Lana Sweeney Jenny Wood Kate Keenan Susie Keenan

Navigators (Y5 / 6)	High Fliers (Y7 / 8)
Alice Denley (Team Leader) Alice Perry Catherine Dalley & Sheryl Burgess Jane Williams Tamara Saxon	Alice Barakat Amy Kenel Hamish Lancaster-Whillis Katelyn Hill Jarad Pateman Nicky Pateman (Team Leader)

We would like to thank the following staff members leaving our school at the end of the year for the wonderful service they have given the St Martins community, ranging from 1 – 33 years. We wish Ruth and Judy all the best in their retirement, Bethan and Heather on their move down to Dunedin and we wish James well in gaining a further position. I am sure we will have some opportunities to farewell these staff members as they finish at the end of term four.

You may be aware that part of the new Teachers Collective Agreement has been the allocation of eight Teacher only Days during the next 11 terms. The St Martins School Board of Trustees has agreed to have a **Teacher only Day on Thursday 14th November** this year. This is the Thursday before Show Day on Friday 15th November. We will be using this day in preparation of final end of year reports. Please note that the school will be closed for instruction on this day. Thank you for your understanding.

At the end of the newsletter today you will find a calendar of the term. Tomorrow we will send this home as a paper copy. Please remember the calendar is also on our school website, www.stmartins.school.nz

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Andrew Mouat

Principal

School Notices

Welcome – we would like to send a special welcome to our new students and their families. The following students have started with us this week. Tabitha Cameron, Hannah Cameron, Charlie Mackintosh, Betty Mackintosh, Henri Ward, Henry Williams, Holly Scott, Toren Pomeroy, Isla Thomson, Ollie Nelson, Wilbur Holten, Augustin Muffat and Zoe Prejza. We are so happy to have you as a part of our St Martins School community as you start your learning journey with us.

School hats must be worn this term while students are outside at break times and any other time they are outside with their class - sports, school trips etc. If your child does not have a school hat, you can purchase these from the school office for \$15.00. It is also a good idea for your child to use sunscreen before going outside. Please ensure they have their own supply in their bag to use. We do have an emergency supply at school but do not have the resources to have sunscreen available for all of our 590 plus students every day!

Gate closures – Could we please remember to close the gates each time we go through them to ensure the safety of all children as we have busy roads surrounding our school. This is particularly important for our junior school as we do have a child who may run onto the road. We would ask that the gates are not held open for long periods of time.

Calling all DIY / Builder / Sandpit Extraordinaire's!

A keen Y5/6 Eco Action group are looking for members of our community who may have some knowledge, relevant skills or experience building a sandpit. We would love some help turning the old long jump pit into a sandpit for the Y0-4 students to use during play times.

We can be flexible with the time and day(s) we run the Eco Action group. If you are keen to give us a hand please email Susie Keenan (Navigators 3) susie.k@stmartins.school.nz
Thanks
The Year 5/6 Team



St Martins School Bake Off

Support Rm 13's Mathematics Research Project!

Take your baked goodies to RM 13 any day of the week with your one off \$5 entry fee and contact details.

All members of our school community welcome to enter.

Be in to win a voucher!

Three rounds of home baking
Week 2- Your **Best Score**- Top 10 go through to next round
Week 3- Your **Crunchiest** Anzac Cookie- top 5 go through to next round
Week 4- Your **Prettiest and Tastiest** Cupcake

Rapaki Team Rumble

Support Rm 13's Mathematics Research Project
Friday 8th of November at 5:30pm

Course: Up Rapaki to the top, then return down Mt Vernon Track. Mt Vernon track only to have runner/walker. Cyclists must ride on the Rapaki track.

Must have:
Teams of 2 - 4 people
At least 1 cyclist
At least 1 walker or runner - must do Mt Vernon Track

Funds towards St Martins School Hall refurbishment

Meet at the school car park opposite the office for race briefing at 5:30pm. The race starts at 6:15 at Rapaki track entrance.
Register by Tuesday 5th November.
Entry forms at the school office.
\$5 entry fee/team member

Win a Secret Prize!

Student Achievements

Hip Hop Competition - This year we entered three teams in the Primary Sports Canterbury Hip Hop competition. The Year 5/6 team placed an impressive 1st place in the Year 5/6 Novice category. Our Year 7 team placed 6th and our Year 8 team placed 8th from 14 teams in the Year 7/8 Novice category. Impressively our Year 7/8 teams mixed their own music and choreographed the dance sequence themselves - an amazing effort!

A big thank you to Emily Jones for choreographing and leading our Year 5/6's - your time, expertise and enthusiasm was much appreciated by the crew and parents involved! Special mention also to Sandy Jones for all your hard work behind the scenes.



NZ Secondary Schools Mountain Biking Championships

Year 8 students, Meg Baker and Payo O'Sullivan competed in the Mountain Biking Champs in Dunedin over the school holidays. Both did exceptionally well in their races. Meg placed 2nd in NZ in the U14 Girls Cross Country and Payo also placed 2nd in NZ in the U13 boys Cross Country and 7th in the Enduro. Even more exceptional was the ranking for St Martins School. Of the 108 schools entered, Meg and Payo's efforts saw St Martins ranked 43rd overall.



South Island Football Tournament - In the first week of the school holidays, the Cashmere Technical Football Club 12th Grade girls played in the South Island Tournament in Blenheim. They were 12 minutes away from winning the tournament, but lost 2-1 in the final to a very strong Southland team. The players included Maisy Cowie (captain), Thelma Jolly, Savannah Olsen. Minah van Dam and Lucy Young.

Further to the team's achievements, Minah was voted the team Most Valuable Player and Savannah was golden boot for the tournament with 14 goals! Well done to you all!



Inter-Regional Cross Country Results - At the end of last term **Felicity Newsom, Minah van Dam and Hannah Hughes** competed in the Inter-Regional Cross Country event in Hanmer Springs. They all put in a lot of hard work at the training sessions over 10 weeks in Term 3. It was a hard course where they had to run through a stream, climb up stairs, navigate a bridge, corners and muddy hills - and it was also a lot of fun!

Felicity ran in the Year 5 girls 2km race and placed 26th. **Minah** ran in the Year 7 girls 3km race and placed 7th. Minah placed in the top 4 for Canterbury and earned a silver team medal. **Hannah** ran in the Year 8 girls 3km race and placed 25th.

The Canterbury Regional Team won the entire meet by earning the most points overall and won back the Phil Costley Shield. They also won the Team Relay race. Well done to Felicity, Minah and Hannah and to all of the Canterbury competitors.

Community Notices

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/café** 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.
- **Support 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 that 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, Public Health Nurse. Ph: 0274336529 Email: phnburwood@cdhb.health.nz

Guinea pigs for sale from a lovely St Martins School family - \$15 for one of \$20 for two. Contact Janine on 0226241507



After School Supervisor Vacancy - the Homework Club is looking for a positive and enthusiastic staff member to join our friendly team for after school care 2.30pm to 6pm during the school term. Holiday work can be offered and is optional. Experience with managing large groups of children is a requirement.

Please visit our website www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz for more info about us. To apply email a covering letter and CV to info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz

St Anne's Church Spring Fair - corner Wilsons and Centaurus Roads. Saturday 19th October 8.30am. Come to our Spring Fair - fun, food and bargains galore. All the fun of the fair with white elephant, books, cakes and delicious goods to eat, toys, jams and preserves, china, crafts, linen, plants, clothing and more!



Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre - Open week 9am to 12noon.

Monday 21st - lots of sensory games and activities Wednesday 23rd - Water play Thursday 24th - Create and hunt for treasure - why not dress as a pirate? Friday 25th - A visit from a real firefighter and fire engine! All sessions require children to have spare clothes, morning tea and a water bottle. Email:

landsdowneterrace@playcentre.org.nz

Thorrington Kids Market and Community Bootmarket

Sunday 24th November from 10am to 2pm at Thorrington School, 22A Colombo St

Do you have an arts or crafts idea? Can you bake? Do you have a room full of toys you no longer play with? Start planning with a friend or family member now for your chance to have some fun and earn some pocket money!

Children pay just \$10 for a stall – bring your own blanket/table. Adults can also have stall for \$40 per site.

Register your stall by Friday 22nd November email bootmarket@thorrington.ac.nz

ON THE CALENDAR

1	Mon 14 Oct	Tue 15 Oct	Wed 16 Oct	Thu 17 Oct	Fri 18 Oct
	Mihi Whakatau			Athletics Training Newsletter	Assembly
2	Mon 21 Oct	Tue 22 Oct	Wed 23 Oct	Thu 24 Oct	Fri 25 Oct
	Athletics Training Y5 – 8 Middle Distance Run (10.30am) Y7 / 8 Open Evening S'Mart Community Meeting 7.30 – 8.30	Mana Ake – Parent Drop In Parent Workshop 3 – Self Esteem (7 – 8.30pm)	Y5 – 8 Athletics Day	Rm13 Pilot Pizza Fundraiser S'Mart Touch	Assembly
3	Mon 28 Oct	Tue 29 Oct	Wed 30 Oct	Thu 31 Oct	Fri 1 Nov
	Labour Day	Mana Ake – Parent Drop In BoT Meeting (6.30 – 8.30pm)		Road Patrol Training Newsletter	Assembly
4	Mon 4 Nov	Tue 5 Nov	Wed 6 Nov	Thu 7 Nov	Fri 8 Nov
	Y3 / 4 Softball	Mana Ake – Parent Drop In Parent Workshop 4 – Resilience (7 – 8pm)	Y5 – 8 Summer Tournament		Assembly Rapaki Twilight Team Rumble
5	Mon 11 Nov	Tue 12 Nov	Wed 13 Nov	Thu 14 Nov	Fri 15 Nov
	Y3 / 4 Softball Rm 22 / 23 Search the Shoreline	Mana Ake – Parent Drop In Rm 8 / 9 Search the Shoreline Y7 / 8 Zone Debating Parent Workshop – Managing Devices	Discoverers Athletics Day Rm 6 / 7 Search the Shoreline Y5 / 6 Speech Finals Newsletter	Teacher Only Day – School closed.	Show Day
6	Mon 18 Nov	Tue 19 Nov	Wed 20 Nov	Thu 21 Nov	Fri 22 Nov
	Y3 / 4 Softball Y5 – 8 Zone Athletics	Mana Ake – Parent Drop In Rm 1 / 2 Nature and Nurturing Explorers Athletics Day BoT Meeting	PP Explorers Athletics Day Y8 Dance Lessons	R 4 / 5 Nature and Nurturing Y7 / 8 Tough Kids	Assembly
7	Mon 25 Nov	Tue 26 Nov	Wed 27 Nov	Thu 28 Nov	Fri 29 Nov
	Y5 / 6 Cycle Safety Y8 Dance Lesson	Mana Ake – Parent Drop In		Newsletter	Assembly
8	Mon 2 Dec	Tue 3 Dec	Wed 4 Dec	Thu 5 Dec	Fri 6 Dec
	Y7 / 8 Korfball Tournament	Mana Ake – Parent Drop In Y7 / 8 Zone Debating Parent Workshop – Healthy Eating (7 – 8.30pm)		NE – Y2 Conferences	Assembly
9	Mon 9 Dec	Tue 10 Dec	Wed 11 Dec	Thu 12 Dec	Fri 13 Dec
	Y8 Dance Lessons	Mana Ake – Parent Drop In Y5 / 6 Sailing NE – Y2 Conferences	Y5 / 6 Sailing	Y5 / 6 Sailing Y8 Dance Lessons Newsletter	Assembly Y8 Graduation
10	Mon 16 Dec	Tue 17 Dec	Wed 18 Dec	Thu 19 Dec	Fri 20 Dec
	Y3 / 4 Celebration Assembly Y5 – 8 Pool Day Reports and Classes Go Home	Mana Ake – Parent Drop In NE – Y4 Waltham Pool Y8 Amazing Race BOT Meeting	Y7 / 8 Groyne Day	Children visit 2020 teachers	Final Assembly 10.30am