



St Martins School

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Newsletter 16

31<sup>st</sup> October 2019

We have had an action-packed couple of weeks with more events coming up through the term. Although our Y5 – 8 athletics were rained off last week we were able to complete the event yesterday, with the sun making an appearance for most of the day. Thank you to Mr Jarad Pateman for organising the day, ensuring the smooth running of all of the events. Thank you to the staff, children and parents for your support and encouragement of all our competitors. Congratulations to **Huntsbury** on the relay win, not a bad effort by the staff to come in a respectable fifth.

Great to see lots of Lachie bands on display at the event, today we move into our second Lachie event with the Sutherland Smoothies. I'm sure there will be quite the mixed up concoctions for our taste testers to wrap their lips around. Maybe the staff team will fare better in this challenge.

Thanks to the parents and whanau able to attend the Y6 transition meeting last week. I hope that you found the session informative. You might be able to follow this session up with our learning space tour in week five.

We have another transition session for families starting their children at St Martins school. This session will be held on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 9.00am in the staffroom. Please let the office know if you are able to join us.

Next week we have our fourth Mana Ake parent workshop for the year. The next session will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> Nov, 7 – 8pm in Harakeke with the topic focussing on building resiliency.

I have been very fortunate in the past two weeks to take a few reading groups, hear some letters and postcards that have been written, very well put together and presented speeches in the Y5 / 6 area. I'm looking forward to catching some of the senior debating in the next few weeks as well.

We have started to use Facebook to share some of the activities we participate in as a school. We see this as a way of celebrating the learning that takes place on an everyday basis.

A couple of times a week you may find me farewelling families and students from the Waharoa at the end of the day. If you have any questions or want to come and have an informal chat about something do come and see me.

Just a reminder that the school will be closed for a teacher only day on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November. For further dates of the exciting events taking place this term please refer to the online calendar as well as the one below.

#### PROPERTY UPDATE

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our whanau and community to have a learning space tour through our 14 new learning areas. As you will be aware we had 14 groups of learners move during the holidays. Now that the teachers and children are settling into these new spaces we would like to open up these spaces in a guided tour format. We will be holding our tours on Monday 11 Nov, Tuesday 12 Nov and Wednesday 13 Nov. If you are interested in visiting the new spaces please meet us in the office area at 9.15am, this will give the classes time to take the roll and get into their learning programmes. The year levels we will be walking through are Y7 / 8, Y5 / 6, Y3 / 4 and Y1 / 2s. We think the tour will take approximately 30 - 45 minutes. We hope you can join us at some stage.

We continue to work on the bag storage areas outside Raupo. The next stage we have been asked to trial are doors on the cubbies, adding shade cloth and the placement of more hooks on the SW facing side of the Whare Kukuwai. This work is in progress and we hope to see some of these options started soon.

We have had confirmation that the Junior playground should be back up and running by the beginning of week five. Thank you for your understanding in this as it was quite an unexpected turn of events to find it out of action. The four junior classes in the upper levels have enjoyed coming down to use the lower play area in the past few weeks. This is probably something we may continue.

Please be aware that the contractors will be removing some asbestos lagged pipes from under the Junior Block to be demolished. They need to carry out this work while there are no children and staff onsite. This will be done on Saturday and Sunday this weekend.

Have a great weekend everyone.

*Andrew Mouat*



## School Notices



### Raising funds to support one of OUR OWN

— Lachie Sutherland — who has been diagnosed with neuroblastoma cancer for a second time.

There is now a Givealittle page set up for Lachie:

<https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/the-lachie-challenge>

Harold's Duck Race for Life Education is happening on Sunday 3rd November. We have entered a duck decorated by some senior students. The Victoria Square Event Village opens at 10.30am - \$5 raffle tickets for the 'Harold's Great Duck Race' will be available. At 11am the school duck race starts at the Bridge of Remembrance. There will then be a corporate duck race at 11.14am and General Public duck race at 12.15pm. If our duck wins the school race we get a MORE FM sausage sizzle for our next school event.

### Immortal

Through dreams alone can Immortality be found  
Not in my waning life.  
Through dreams alone can Immortality be found,  
Not in reality itself.

To be immortal would mean to cheat death,  
To dodge that final bullet,  
To block that final blade,  
But through life alone can thou find purpose,  
And become thy captain of thy soul.

Without inevitable death,  
There can be no sacrifice.  
And without a heartfelt sacrifice,  
There can be no victory.  
Thou should not become immortal,  
For to live without dying is to live without hope.

By Ben Coughlan, Year 6, Room 16

A promotional poster for the Super Smash Reading Challenge. The background is a sunset over a cricket stadium. At the top left is the 'DREAM11 SUPER SMASH' logo. To the right, it says 'Sign up for free at reading-challenge.org.nz'. The main text reads 'Join the Super Smash Reading Challenge this summer'. A red circular badge on the right says 'WIN! Book vouchers, signed cricket gear, tickets + books'. Below the main text, it says 'Help your cricket team top the leader board by reading, and win cool prizes!'. At the bottom, there are logos for 'READING CHALLENGE', 'paperplus' (with the tagline 'Locally owned. Friendly people. Great advice.'), and 'DREAM11 SUPER SMASH'.



## Community Notices

# LOVE *and dads*

We need dads of all ages (19 or 99 years old) for a gorgeous book project. We're offering portrait photography sessions for \$65 (usually \$99), and a place in a beautiful book that celebrates relationship between dads and their children.

All proceeds go to Breast Cancer Foundation NZ, the charity whose vision is zero deaths from breast cancer.

Breast cancer is the number one cancer for women in New Zealand, with 9 women on average being diagnosed daily. You can make a difference.

Dads  
+  
Support  
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## Student Achievement

Hannah Hughes, a Year 8 student in Room 19 travelled to Rotorua during the school holidays with the U13 Canterbury B hockey team where they won the McGrath tournament, beating Tauranga in the final. What a fantastic result for Hannah and the Canterbury team!



### Rudolf Steiner School Fair

Saturday November 9

10am – 3pm

Come and enjoy a great day of entertainment, wonderful food and 30+ stalls (crafts, food, plants etc.). Rudolf Steiner School 10 Ombersley Terrace, Opawa.

## ON THE CALENDAR

<b>3</b>	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)	Athletics Day Year 5-8 (Postponed last week)	Road Patrol Training Newsletter	Assembly
<b>4</b>	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
<b>5</b>	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 Itinerant Music Concert 6.30pm to 8pm	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 Korfbal 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 Groynes Day	Children visit 2020 teachers	Final Assembly 10.30am