



Newsletter 18

28th November 2019

We seem to be racing through the term, with only 16 school days left of the year. We are beginning to finalise class placements and end of year reports. These will be going home with children in the last week of school. Please keep an eye on the calendar during the last few weeks as we have a number of activities the children are involved in – always a nice way to initiate a conversation about the school day. Some examples recently have been the Nature and Nurture Y3 / 4 programme, Sumner Beach for the NE – Y2s, Tough Kid, Korf Ball and Top Team for the Y5 - 8s. We hope the children involved in the William Pike bike ride on Tuesday enjoyed the opportunity. We had children competing in the Canterbury Triathlon yesterday, next week we have more children representing the school in Zone debating and the Canterbury Athletics – good luck to all our SMS representatives.

Thank you to the S'Mart Community for putting on the 'Thank You' evening last night. As a school we would like to thank all of our families for the involvement and important part you play in the teaching and learning of the children. From supporting home learning, to supporting class programmes or going on trips, the children really do enjoy the interaction you have with them at school.

This year we will be adapting our end of year assembly format slightly. We will be having two final assemblies so that we have more space for our parent community to join us. The assemblies will continue to be in the school hall. The Explorers and Discoverers (NE – Y4) will be having their final assembly from 9.15 – 10.00am and the Navigators and High Fliers (Y5 – 8) will have their final assembly from 10.30 – 11.30am. Both assemblies will have a few items from the Kapahaka group, class awards and farewell speeches. We hope you will be able to pop along on Friday 20th Dec at some point.

As we move towards the end of the year we start thinking about the following year. If your child is going to be in Y7 / 8 next year the High Fliers camp is scheduled to be during term one. If you would like to attend the camp we ask that you are police vetted as per our overnight policy. As a school we can arrange to do this for you, simply pick up a form from Michele in the office or email micheles@stmartins.school.nz for a copy and send it back to us. The process does take a bit of time so we ask if this could be started this year.

Staffing and Property

We have been informed that we are more than likely to move into the next phase of building as soon as Easter 2020. This means we will be removing six further classrooms (currently rooms 14,15, 20, 21, the resource room and music room) and building four new learning spaces. This work is anticipated to take 12 – 18 months to complete. So that we can lessen the movement of students and teachers through the year we have made the decision to move some year levels and their learning spaces from the beginning of 2020. Below is a map of the spaces we will be using in 2020. Teachers allocated to each space are outlined on the map below. We hope that this provides some clarity for spaces going into next year.





Learning Space	Year	Teacher
1	Y5 / 6	Hamish Lancaster-Whillis
2	Y5 / 6	Alice Perry & Tamara Saxon
3	Y5 / 6	Catherine Dalley / Sheryl Burgess & Jane Williams
4	Y7 / 8	Amy Kennel & New Appointment
5	Y7 / 8	Jarad Pateman & Nicky Pateman
6	Y7 / 8	Alice Barakat & Katelyn Hill

Learning Space	Year	Teacher
7	Y1 / 2	Caitlin Ross / Lana Sweeney & Suzy O'Hara
8	NE / Y1	Charlotte Bates & New Appointment
9	Y3 / 4	Kate Keenan & Susie Keenan
10	Y2	Helen Norcliffe & Michelle Parsons
11	Y3 / 4	Chris Sumer & New Appointment
12	Y3 / 4	Jenny Oldridge / Jenny Woods

You will notice that due to promotion within the school we have moved some teaching combinations we outlined in an earlier newsletter.

At the end of this year we will farewell three more staff, Bridget Hayes, Janine Aertse and Peta Berry. We are currently in the process of making three appointments at various levels across the school. We hope to be able to inform you of these appointments in the next newsletter if not before.

We look forward to the top court areas being finished by the start of school in 2020.

I'm looking forward to being in Room 18 today. Will be fun to be teaching in the Y7 / 8 class for the day. Have a great weekend everyone.

Andrew

School Notices

St Martins School Percussion Group will be performing on Sunday 8th December at 7pm at Cashmere High School Performing Arts Centre.

We are honoured to be part of this annual gig as we are the only primary school to perform amongst high school, university students and professional percussion groups.

This will be a very entertaining evening.

Student Achievement

Naomi who is a Year 3, Room 1 student, travelled to North Shore Event Centre in Auckland last weekend to compete in the New Zealand Nationals Cheerleading Competition. She sheers for All Star Pride and her team is called 'Onyx'. They placed first out of many teams – well done!!

The poem below was done for the Entomology Science Badge by Karin Prince, a Year 7 student. Year 7 and 8 students have had the opportunity to study and complete a set of tasks to gain an award badge in a specific science topic. Jack Vetcher has completed Forensics and Fergus West has completed Electronics.

Insect Poem

Beneath soggy brown leaves they live,
Hiding from predators, small and big

Fine music they make, wide and tall
But some they don't sing at all

When night comes, some hide, some stay
Some to mate, some searching prey

They play an important role in the system
Without them we die and I'm sure we would miss them

Do you know what I'm on about?
It's insects of course! Without a doubt.

Surfing Champs - Two Year 6 students, Lochie and Max competed in the Canterbury Primary School Surfing Championships at Sumner on Saturday 9th November. Both achieved great success making it through to the qualifying rounds, competing in heats against top Canterbury surfers.

Canterbury Triathlon results

Congratulations on the wonderful efforts of the students who represented St Martins at the Canterbury Triathlon held at Pegasus on Wednesday. All placed highly and competed well.

Felicity Newsom	1 st place	Year 5 girls
Hannah Hughes	3 rd place	Year 8 girls
Payo O'Sullivan	8 th place	Year 8 boys
Josh Bligh	9 th place	Year 8 boys
Stella Shields	11 th place	Year 8 girls

A Laps for Lachie information evening will be held **Thursday 28th November** in the staffroom, starting at 7:15 pm (this will hopefully give our SMART Touch parents enough time).

On this night, I hope to recruit parent volunteers to help with the BBQ, marquee set up and a few other bits and pieces. I will also answer any questions or concerns that you may have about how the event is going to run.

Hope to see you there!

Nicky Pateman





Year 0-4 event 6pm-8pm
Year 5-8 event 6pm-6am

LAPS FOR LACHIE

7th December 2019 at Hillview School

**Bands from
Cashmere High
and Shirley Boys
playing from
6:15pm-9pm**

**Sausage
sizzle, food
and coffee
vendors**

**10min massages
for \$5 provided
by the NZ College
of Massage**

\$5 registration gets you entry to the event and a limited edition Lachie Challenge silicone wristband

Laps for Lachie

SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Kia ora Parents and Caregivers

We invite you and your family to participate in our upcoming Laps for Lachie event on Saturday 7th December at Hillview Christian School. We will hold a junior event for our Year 0-4 students 6pm-8pm, and an overnight event for Year 5-8, 6pm-6am. **Registration is \$5 per person** (cash payable to the school office). Registration includes: entry to the event and a Lachie Challenge silicone wristband. We ask that participants direct sponsors to <https://givealittle.co.nz/cause/the-lachie-challenge> to make donations. This event is not a race, nor are you asked to collect sponsorship based on the number of laps you complete. **Please seek donations on the basis of taking up the challenge.**

In a relay style, there must always be one participant moving around the 400m track. Teams of four may consist of family and friends — age is no limit and dress up is encouraged! There will be a sausage sizzle, other food vendors and a coffee van. NZ College of Massage will be providing 10-minute massages for \$5, which all proceeds going to Lachie. We have confirmed two bands from Cashmere High School and two from Shirley Boys High that will play from 6:15-9pm. We'll also have some other entertainment/games for the evening.

We understand that not everyone will be able to stay for the duration of the event, so we are offering early pick ups at our Check In and Check Out tent. Please don't shy away because of the length of the challenge — we still want you involved! Please complete details below, including intended pick up time and emergency contact information.

If you do not wish to participate in the event itself, please still come along for a sausage, to listen to some local musicians and to be a part of our special St Martins community.

Thank you,

The Lachie Challenge Team and The Student Council



REGISTRATION FORM

Team Member 1: _____
Team Member 2: _____
Team Member 3: _____
Team Member 4: _____

Junior Year 0-4 event
OR
Senior Year 5-8 event
(please circle)

PARENT CONSENT

Name of student: _____

Emergency contact name and number: _____

Will an adult be staying with this child? : _____

Intended pick up time: _____

Medical conditions: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Are you able to help? (please circle)

- BBQ volunteer
- marquee/gazebo/shelter
- truck with stage
- flood lights
- spot prizes

Participants need to bring:

- money for sausages and drinks (optional)
- enough snacks and drinks
- warm/waterproof attire and suitable footwear
- required medication (e.g. asthma inhaler)
- camping chairs, blankets, tarpaulins, torches etc.

Community Notices

Sunscreen at school

Children with fair skin that burns easily may wish to apply sunscreen during school hours. We recommend at least SPF 30+ or higher broad spectrum sunscreen.



Having a read of the Consumer information based on sunscreens might be quite handy.

<https://www.consume.r.org.nz/articles/sunscreens/know-the-issue>

Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere Edible and Sustainable Garden Awards 2020

Entries close 20 January 2020



The Waihoru/Spreydon-Cashmere Community Board is holding Edible and Sustainable Garden Awards for 2020 in partnership with the Canterbury Horticultural Society.

Entry is free, and open to individuals, groups, organisations, schools, early learning centres, communities and businesses in the Community Board area. Go to <https://ccc.govt.nz/culture-and-community/community-awards/edible-garden-awards/> to find out more.



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living their best lives**
Public Health Nursing Service

Public Health Nurse

Hello, my name is Anna Marshall and I am the allocated Public Health Nurse for your school. I work within a team of Public Health Nurses. We are all Registered Nurses with knowledge and experience in child and family health.

We work with children and families where health and wellbeing concerns impact on their home and school lives.

Please contact me if you have any health concerns for your child.

Phone: Public Health Nursing Service (03) 3836878

Email: phnburwood@cdhbhealth.nz

Kelly Sports Summer Holiday Programmes

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

The focus of our programme 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 register and for more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz and search for your venue of choice or contact Steve on steve@kellysports.co.nz for information.



CASPA

After School & Holiday Programme



CASPA Pre Xmas and January Holiday Programmes are now open for bookings.
Please book online via caspa.aimyplus.com

We provide a safe, creative environment for 5-13 year olds
Our leaders are trained

A range of fun activities
Kids just LOVE it!

8am-3pm short session
8am-6pm long session

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p: 03 349 9260 or 027 352 1638 e: info@caspa.org.nz w: www.caspa.org.nz

Subsidies
Apply



Creative
After
School
Programmed
Activities

Child Minding - Cashmere High year 11 student Lily Shields (ex St Martins) available for casual child minding from Thursday 27 Nov during the day and evenings. Contact Lily on 0274 655-321.

Lawn mowing needed?? – Hello neighbours. Tawera Hema and his sister Te Ao Mārama are looking to earn some money over the Xmas break. They can do your mowing for you if you're away. We can provide the lawn mower, you just need to leave your green bin handy please. Prices are negotiated on viewing. Just let me know what you would like to pay and I can have a look to confirm. They are hardworking aged 13 and 15. Email stace@cautio.co.nz if you are interested.

ON THE CALENDAR

7	Mon 25 Nov	Tue 26 Nov	Wed 27 Nov	Thu 28 Nov	Fri 29 Nov
	Y5 / 6 Cycle Safety Y8 Dance Lesson			Newsletter	Junior Assembly
8	Mon 2 Dec	Tue 3 Dec	Wed 4 Dec	Thu 5 Dec	Fri 6 Dec
	Y7 / 8 Korfbal Tournament S'Mart Community meeting 7.30pm	Mana Ake – Parent Drop In Y7 / 8 Zone Debating Parent Workshop – Healthy Eating (7 – 8.30pm)		NE – Y2 Conferences 3.30pm to 6pm	Senior Assembly
9	Mon 9 Dec	Tue 10 Dec	Wed 11 Dec	Thu 12 Dec	Fri 13 Dec
	Y8 Dance Lessons	Y5 / 6 Sailing NE – Y2 Conferences 3.30pm to 6pm	Y5 / 6 Sailing	Y5 / 6 Sailing Y8 Dance Lessons Final Newsletter for 2019	Junior Assembly Y8 Graduation – 6.30pm at Hillview Christian School
10	Mon 16 Dec	Tue 17 Dec	Wed 18 Dec	Thu 19 Dec	Fri 20 Dec
	Y3 / 4 Celebration Assembly Y5 – 6 Pool Day Y8 Amazing Race Reports and Classes Go Home	Mana Ake – Parent Drop In NE – Y4 Waltham Pool Y7-8 Pool Day BOT Meeting – 6pm	Y7 / 8 Groyne Day	Children visit 2020 teachers	Final Assembly Y0-4 9.15am. Y5-8 10.30am School finishes for the year at 12.30pm. Enjoy the summer holiday break!