



Newsletter 19

12th December 2019

Goodbye from the Board of Trustees Chairperson

Kia ora Koutou

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you that I am resigning as the Chairperson of the St Martins School Board of Trustees, I've been on the Board for 10 years this year and the time is right for me to step down and let others take up the baton and carry it on! I have loved being on the Board and being able to contribute to the school and have a hand in making sure the school is the best it can be for our tamariki and community.

My children George, Harry and Jimmy Sutton have all had a wonderful time at St Martins. George is now 19 and has just completed his first year at Otago University but I can still remember meeting Jenny Wood on his first day at school back in 2005. My boys have had wonderful teachers, the best there is, in my opinion, who have inspired, challenged and cared for them. We are so fortunate to have such a high quality of staff at our school. St Martins has seen many changes this year and I am really excited about the future. It's a time of real growth and energy and our new Principal, Andrew, is the perfect person to lead St Martins into this new era. I've been involved in lots of things over the years, within the school and one of my real passions has been sport so I am tremendously excited about the new court space up the back of the school where the junior classes were. I have loved getting to know my fellow Board members, many of whom are good friends. We have a really passionate and skilled Board who give up their time to make our school a great place to grow and learn. I wish everyone a lovely Christmas and relaxing holiday.

Nga mihi,
Jo Malcolm

What a wonderful event the Laps for Lachie Challenge was during the weekend. Thank you for the amazing community spirit and commitment that was shown to get behind this 12 hour challenge. The family feel was fantastic. Thank you to Nicky Pateman for leading the organisation of the event with the support of the High Fliers team who also made it through the 12 hours. Our school values were certainly on display in the lead up to and the actual event. Lots of caring, respect, responsibly and personal best.

And that's almost a wrap for the year. Thank you for the wonderfully warm and inclusive welcome this term. I have really enjoyed the opportunity to visit classes, school events and trips and chatting with families. Thanks for all of the community involvement throughout the term, coming in to school to look at the new buildings, garden to table, events, trips, touch rugby, or groups such as the S'Mart Community or Whānau Group. Time is one of the most precious commodities you can give us to support all of our children and one that they will always remember.

My apologies, I advertised that the reports and classes would go home on Monday next week, however at St Martins these have historically gone home later. They will be sent home on Wednesday next week as they have in past years. The information being sent home will include an end of year report, class placement letter (and updated map of the school) and stationery information.



A very special thank you to Jo Malcolm who will be resigning from the Board of Trustees at the end of the year. Jo has been the Board Chair for the past 10 years seeing the school through the initial planning stages and majority of the rebuild. The focus and drive that Jo has brought to the table has ensured that the children of St Martins School learn with high quality teachers in spaces that are conducive to learning. Jo has made sure that the needs of the children and the teachers have always been at the fore of every conversation. She has been an inspiration and her expertise on the Board will be missed. We know that Jo will continue to have a watchful eye on the progress of St Martins and we do hope that you will continue to visit us.

We have new staff members to welcome to our school in 2020.

- Paige Hampton will be joining the Explorers Team, teaching with Charlotte Bates in the NE / Y1 area. Paige is a fully registered teacher and is currently at Dorie School.
- Chantal Ward will be joining the Discoverers Team, teaching with Chris Sumer, Jenny O and Jenny W in the Y3 / 4 area. Chantal will finish her first year at the end of term one and will then be a second year teacher, she is currently teaching at St Joseph's Papanui.
- Lavinia Buckenham Baines will be joining the High Fliers Team, teaching with Amy Kenel in the Y7 / 8 area. Lavinia will be in her second year of teaching after completing a year at Kirkwood Intermediate this year.

We are very excited to have Paige, Chantal and Lavinia join the wonderful staff of St Martins School. We look forward to their positive contribution both in and out of the classroom next year.

We have completed the class placements for 2020. Thank you for sharing any learning needs you wanted us to consider in the placement of your child. If we have been unable to accommodate your request we will contact you. Please be aware that some pods of children have needed to change slightly. This may have been due to teachers combining (eg Jenny O and Jenny W taking up a shared teaching position in 2020), number of classes reducing (eg the Y5 / 6 team going from six classes to five) or new leadership (eg new team leader in the Y5 / 6 area). We have spent the past nine weeks discussing the placement of children, whether this is in team meetings, staff meetings, leadership meetings or with parents. We look forward to sharing these with you next week. On Thursday 19th Dec all children will visit their 2020 learning spaces to meet each other and their teachers.

I'm looking forward to the Y8 Graduation event to finish the week off on Friday night. Looks like a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our young leaders and role models of St Martins. See you at Hillview School.

If you have the time you are more than welcome to join us for our final assemblies next week. We have a certificate assembly on the Thursday afternoon starting at 1.30pm for the Y5 – 8 children. On Friday next week we have a Junior Assembly 9.15 – 10.15am followed by a Senior Assembly 10.30 – 11.30am. We are trialling a split assembly to be able to make space for the community to join us. A reminder that school finishes at 12.30pm on Friday 20th December.

At the Senior School final assembly we will be announcing the Student Council for the 2020 school year. This year there has been a slight change to the process that has been in place previously. This year the:

- Children completed a form to indicate their interest in a leadership role
- All Y7 children were asked to nominate four leaders in their year group
- All High Fliers teachers nominated ten leaders from the Y7 cohort
- We compared the two groups of nominations (there was quite a lot of similarity)
- We have taken into consideration the way the children have interacted with their peers, teachers and across the school, we also looked at the contributions and involvement these children are already making in our school

Next year the number of children in the student council will be ten. Jarad Pateman will be the teacher in charge of leading the student council in 2020. It is our expectation that the children on the student council will uphold the school values both in and out of the school setting.

PROPERTY UPDATE

We will be starting a bit of a shift around next week. We have six classes moving spaces for 2020. The Whare Kūkūwai will predominantly be an Explorer Hub, three Y5 / 6 classes will be moving up the top to be beside the very new court areas. Next year we will be using the Library space as a Y1 / 2 learning space. This means we

will be thinking as a school about how we will provide access to books for children. This may include a temporary library space.

The driveway has been closed off for access for the remainder of the year due to the movement of the trucks in preparation to level and lay the asphalt to our court areas.

The upper areas have been grassed to provide further green play space.

All of this work has been earmarked to be completed by the start of school, Wednesday 5th Feb 2020.

Have a lovely summer break with your friends and families. For those moving on from St Martins, good luck with your future endeavours and to those returning we look forward to another exciting year of learning and experiences at St Martins School.

Andrew Mouat

School Notices



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Some syndicates have more than one list – eg: different lists per pod or home room. Once you have received your child's class placement information next week, you will be able to order their stationery by selecting the list associated with their home room, pod or syndicate.

Overdue sports uniform

Our records show there are still a lot of outstanding sports uniforms to be returned. These items are the property of the school and issued on a loan only basis.

Please could you check with your child and at home and return any items before Wednesday 18th December. Any outstanding items may incur a charge.

If you are not sure what your child has on loan or you believe that you have returned all items, please contact Kate in the office or email her on katet@stmartins.school.nz

Uniform Shop

On **Tuesday 4th February 2020** the office will be open from 10am to 2pm for any last-minute uniform items you may need before school starts on Wednesday 5th February 2020. Payment is required before goods can be taken. You can pay by Eftpos (excluding credit cards), cash or cheque at the office, or you can pay online to the school account and collect the uniform items once the payment is showing in the school account.

Lost Property

The amount of lost property is becoming a bit startling – fleeces galore! It seems some of the fleeces may have been purchased from the second-hand sale and the name on the fleece has not been updated to the new owner. Something to think about if you do purchase any second-hand items in the future. If your child is missing any uniform or other items we are going to have the lost property bins in a central area for the last week of school. Each day before school and after school they will be outside near the main doors of the Whare Kūkūwai. Please feel free to come and have a fossick – happy hunting!

Lunch on Line and Subway

This week is the last week to order Lunch on Line and Subway for the year. They will be back next year with yummy lunch options of Pita Pit, Sushi and Subway.

Student Achievement

Canterbury Triathlon update

Oops! We missed one of our amazing competitors at the recent Canterbury Triathlon held at Pegasus a couple of weeks ago. **Thomas Newsom** came 4th in the Year 7 Boys event. Well done Thomas and apologies for missing you off the list!

Other Achievements

Hannah, a Year 8 student in Room 19 was recently awarded the Most Consistent Player for the Canterbury B Girls Hockey team. Congratulations Hannah on your efforts.

Lucy, a Year 6 student in Room 21 won the South Island Primary and Intermediate tennis finals in the Year 6 and under division. Lucy is also off to the 12 and under New Zealand Junior Championships which is being held in Auckland. Go Lucy!





The celebrations continue for the Year 3/4 Miniball Team. They have just won the Term 4 B Grade competition at Pioneer. This follows the same team's win in the C Grade competition in Term 1.

Congratulations to the team on a great season – we hope this inspires you to continue playing basketball through the years to come.

Community Notices

Slip, slop, slap and wrap!
Remember to be SunSmart

<p>SLIP on a shirt with long sleeves and a collar</p>	<p>SLIP into the shade of an umbrella or leafy tree</p>	<p>SLOP on broad-spectrum, water resistant sunscreen of at least SPF 30</p>	<p>SLAP on a hat with a wide brim</p>	<p>WRAP on close fitting sunglasses that protect against UV radiation</p>
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Having a read of the Consumer information based on sunscreens might be quite handy.

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

Tots to Teens online magazine December/January issue available now at: <http://issue1912c.totstoteens.co.nz/>

Huntsbury 100 – In January 1920 the first sections were sold on Huntsbury Hill. Now 100 years later we are celebrating our unique Huntsbury Hill community with a weekend of events for young and old, past and present residents. Friday 14th February to Sunday 16th February 2020.

If you can help with donations, sponsorships, volunteering time, historical knowledge or want to register for a market stall please email Anna at huntsburyevents@gmail.com

Event details: www.facebook.com/groups/HuntsburyNeighbourhood

Homework Club Holiday Programmes

13th January to 4th February 2020.

5 – 9 years age group based at Cashmere Primary, 135 Hackthorne Road.

9 – 13 years age group based at Landsdowne Community Centre, 8 Landsdowne Terrace

The Club offers a high standard of quality care and operate from 8am to 6pm during the holidays. We also have before and after school care programmes that operate during term time from 7.30am for before school (Somerfield and St Martins only) and from 3pm to 6pm for after school.

Visit our website www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or email Sara info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz

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.

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Dental Care during the School Holidays

The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday throughout the year (closed from 25th December to 6th January).

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- Woolston Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street, Woolston
- Hillmorton Clinic, Hillmorton Hospital, Sylvan Street,

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.45am and 3.00pm for school-age and preschool children requiring treatment. If your child has dental pain as a result of an accident please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: call **0800 846 983** or email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

One on One Maths Tutoring

I am Noah Janssen, a former St Martins and Cashmere High School student. Next year I will be studying Mathematics and Computer Science at Canterbury University. From February 2020 I will be offering 45 minute one-on-one mathematics lessons. Lessons are \$25 each, once per week for each week of the school term (10 weeks) Contact Noah on 0273513013 or noahjanssen@windowlive.com

ON THE CALENDAR

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	Mana Ake – Parent Drop In NE – Y4 Waltham Pool Y7-8 Pool Day BOT Meeting – 6pm	Y7 / 8 Groynes Day Reports and Classes Go Home	Children visit 2020 teachers Certificate Assembly for Road Patrol, Peer Mediators, PAL's	Final Assembly Y0-4 9.15am. Y5-8 10.30am School finishes for the year at 12.30pm.