



St Martins School

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Newsletter 2

20th February 2020



We have had a number of events to connect with each other during the last few days.

Thank you to the S'MART Community members who organised the Family BBQ on Friday night. It was lovely to see so many families brave the cooler afternoon to come together. We have had our first large group event with all of the Y5 - Y8 children participating in the Duathlon at Hansen Park on Monday. The children had the choice of competing / participating as an individual or team. Nice to see some of the teachers competing in the event as well. Although one of the hottest days for this event, we appreciated Jarad Pateman's organisation and movement of the children into the shade by the river while spectating. As always it is greatly appreciated by the teachers and children for your positive support to cheer on your child and their friends during these events.



Thank you to the parents / caregivers able to attend the 'Meet the Teacher' session we held at school this week. We had approximately 250 parents across the sessions. We have had positive feedback about these sessions so far. We hope you found them informative and an insight to the classroom. Some of the aspects we hoped to cover were; school hours, daily routines, school values and class expectations, home learning and vitally important communication between home and school.



This year each class will be sharing with families on a regular basis a 'window into everyday learning'. This could be images, a written update or video about something that has been happening in the classroom. We are trialling a number of approaches; blogs, dojo, seesaw. Some of these options come straight to your phone, so far there has been a great uptake of this new initiative by parents (please note classes will start using these at different times throughout the term). We hope that these shared experiences may be useful as a conversation started at home about the learning taking place at school. As a teaching staff we discussed the importance of reinforcing the school's values at the start of the year and to continually go back to these throughout the year. Each class has been acknowledging children that have been positively displaying these values in the classroom setting. Each week one of these children will be selected to have a hot chocolate with the Principal. I really enjoyed wandering down to Fava this morning with the Y5 - Y8 children (next week will be the NE - Y4 children).



In the playground we have introduced Playground Good Sort tokens to acknowledge children once again showing the school values during break times. Children place their token in their house coloured container with the house with the most tokens at the end of the term receiving a house prize. In case you want to chat about our school values at home they are; Respect, Caring, Responsibility, Personal Best and Learning. Next week we have our Y7 / 8 children participating in a three day camp at Waipara Adventure Centre. Sounds like a very exciting event. Thanks to the



teachers and parents supporting our children in this EOTC (education outside the classroom) experience. Looking forward to getting out for a couple of visits.



Next Friday we will have our first assembly for the year with one of our pods sharing their learning. We have decided to split the assemblies into two to allow more space for parents to attend to see their child's learning or celebrate the award their child will be receiving. The session we are inviting parents to begins at 2.15pm. We look forward to Rm's 9 and 10 starting us off this year. We hope you can join us if you have the time.



A reminder that we have a SMART Community meeting on Monday 24th at 7.30pm and a Whanau Group meeting on Friday 28th at 6.00pm. Please feel free to come along and join us.



Staffing Update

We wish Alice Perry the very best with her travels to Thailand for terms two to four this year and look forward to her return to St Martins in 2021. Alice will be teaching in Thailand as well as travelling. We have advertised this position and are looking to have it filled in the next few weeks.

Property Updates

You may have noticed our top court now has lines on it. We are very fortunate to have been able to fit in three courts and two half courts into the play space. They next stage is to purchase and install new hoops for these. We hope that the hand rails for the main ramp entrance will be finished this week.

The builders have now left the site and will come back as the need arises for addressing any identified issues. We are now waiting for the Ministry of Education to sign off the next phase of building. While we have some class spaces we are looking at putting in place a temporary library for children to access.

Have a fabulous weekend with your family.
Andrew

School Notices

School Photos

By now, order forms should have gone home with your child for the class and individual photos. Orders can be paid online but all order envelopes still must be returned to the school office and the identifying photo MUST be attached to the envelope. **Last day for order forms to the office is Friday 13th March.**

Payments to school account

When making a payment for your child's activity costs please ensure you note your child's name so we can identify the payment and apply it to your child's account. A surname may not always be enough. **We have a payment of \$120.65 made on 17th February that we are unable to identify.** If you made a payment for this amount on this date it might be yours. Email me your name, your child's name and the reference you added if any so I can see if it matches with the information on our school account. micheles@stmartins.school.nz

Lachie Challenge – City 2 Surf

City2Surf HQ is offering all entrants who buy through the school a discounted rate of \$15 (instead of the standard \$25). In addition, \$5 per entry will be given back to the school — we will be giving this money directly to Lachie Sutherland. Lachie needs \$80,000 to go to Sydney to receive MIGB therapy which is not

funded. Visit his new [Givealittle](#) page for more information. So, get all your friends and family together and let's make this a special event! You can choose to complete the 14km from Pioneer Pool or the 6km from Hansen Park. Entries need to be in by Thursday 5th March. Complete the online entry form below and then send **\$15 CASH** per entrant directly to the office (no bank deposits please). Remember, **\$5 goes to Lachie**. Entry packs will be delivered to your child's classroom during the week of 9th March.

Entry Form — <https://forms.gle/mHPH4TLMGEYig8mY9>

Community Dental Service coming to St Martins School

One of our Community Dental Service preventative mobiles will be visiting your school soon.

- We will be aiming to see that all school age children enrolled with the Community Dental Service have their dental check-up in the dental mobile while it is there.
- **Year 8 students:** All Year 8 students enrolled with the Community Dental Service are transferred from the Community Dental Service to a FREE private dentist from Year 9 until their 18th birthday. To help with this transition please ensure you have informed your child of their family dentist (not orthodontist). This will enable us to transfer your child onto the correct dentist for Year 9 onwards. More information will be sent home after their Year 8 check-up.
- The dental therapist will not only be checking the children's teeth but will also Xray, clean and apply protective treatments (including fluoride) if required.
- If your child requires further dental care such as fillings they will bring home a 'Care Plan' which will explain what dental care and appointment times are required.
- When you receive the 'Care Plan' please contact our Call Centre as soon as possible as you will need to arrange a time to bring your child to one of our Community Clinics for this dental care.
- **Please let us know ASAP if you do not wish your child to have any of this care, you can talk to the staff in the mobile or phone/email our Call Centre.**
- If you wish to be present at your child's check up this will need to take place at our community clinic so please phone/email our Call Centre to make an appointment.
- Please contact our Call Centre if you want further information on the Community Dental Service, to enrol your child or if you have any specific questions about your child's dental care (a dental therapist will call you back)

To contact our Call Centre: phone 0800 846 983 / email commdental@cdhb.health.nz

Community Notices

Strengthen Families/Whānau

Let's do it together. We'll be at Fava Café 9am to 10am on 24th February.

- Power struggles to co-operation
- Kids don't come with a manual
- Cultivating happiness in your child
- Debunking the myths of a 'good parent'
- Hear and be heard
- Beyond sticks and stones
- Building bounce – helping anxious children

Contacts: Anneg@mmsi.org.nz or Karinaoncentaurus@gmail.com

Homework Club

The Homework Club Before and After School Care are currently taking bookings. The Club offers a high standard of quality care and operates from 7.30am for Before School care and from 3pm to 6pm for After School care.

You are most welcome to visit our website www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or email Sara info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz for further information.

Play Football throughout 2020 at Halswell United AFC

The registrations for the Winter Season 2020 are OPEN Club Trials are underway. Make sure you don't miss out being selected for a team! Just head to our website for more information and to register: <http://www.hawkfootball.org.nz/Register> SUMMER FOOTBALL Skills Centre+ Registrations (for kids aged 8-12) & First Kicks/Fun Football Registrations (for kids aged 4-8) are open for Summer Term 1 <http://www.hawkfootball.org.nz/Programmes/Summer-Programmes>

Documentary Screening – Help is on the way

Sunday February 23rd, 8.30pm on Prime. This one-hour documentary tells the story of the dramatic escape from the Hotel Grand Chancellor after the 2011 earthquake. Produced by Clare Mackey and also featuring Andy Cleverley – both are parents at St Martins School.

Sydenham Rugby Club Online registrations open

www.sydenhamrugby.co.nz or you can go to the Sydenham Lounge at The Cashmere Club on Wednesday 26th Feb from 5pm to 6pm or Sunday 1st March from 10am to 12 noon. Registrations must be done before 20th March.

Cashmere Technical FC Girls' Football Fiesta

February 27th from 4pm to 5pm at Whittington Park, Woolston. Age 5 to 10 years. This is a free event but please register via email lisay@ctfc.co.nz

The Run 2 Remember- run by Sport Canterbury

Sunday 8th of March funds for our trust while offering businesses, schools the opportunity to take part in the event with some team building. Sport Canterbury and Life Education have teamed up to host a new 2.5km Stride for ages 5 and up, great for schools

Walk, run whatever takes your fancy, it's an opportunity to share our vision of enabling children to reach their full potential and embrace positive choices for a healthy mind and body. Harold the Giraffe has dusted off his running shoes and will be taking part in the stride so come along and take part in what will be a fantastic day.

www.sportscanterbury.org.nz

ON THE CALENDAR

3	Mon 17 Feb	Tue 18 Feb	Wed 19 Feb	Thu 20 Feb	Fri 21 Feb
	Y5 – 8 Duathlon	Y7 / 8 St Johns Meet the Teacher 5.30 - 6.00pm 6.00 - 6.30pm	Garden To Table Y7 / 8 Camp Meeting 4pm	Newsletter Y7 / 8 St Johns	Y7/8 Tech
4	Mon 24 Feb	Tue 25 Feb	Wed 26 Feb	Thu 27 Feb	Fri 28 Feb
	S'Mart Community Meeting	BoT Meeting	Garden To Table Y5 / 6 Korfball	NE – Y2 Kelly Sports	Y7/8 Tech Assembly Raupo / Rms 9 & 10 Whānau Group Meeting
	Y7 - 8 Camps				
5	Mon 2 Mar	Tue 3 Mar	Wed 4 Mar	Thu 5 Mar	Fri 6 Mar
		Y7 / 8 Korfball	Garden To Table Y5 / 6 Korfball Huxter Mt Bike Race	Newsletter NE – Y2 Kelly Sports	Y7/8 Tech
6	Mon 9 Mar	Tue 10 Mar	Wed 11 Mar	Thu 12 Mar	Fri 13 Mar
	Y3 / 4 Korfball	Y7 / 8 Korfball	Garden To Table Y5 / 6 Korfball Y5 – 8 Zone Swimming	NE – Y2 Kelly Sports	Y7/8 Tech Paige and Charlotte Assembly
7	Mon 16 Mar	Tue 17 Mar	Wed 18 Mar	Thu 19 Mar	Fri 20 Mar
	Y3 / 4 Korfball	Y7 / 8 Korfball Y0 – 2 St John NE – Y8 Goal Setting Conferences 1.30 - 8.00pm	Garden To Table Y5 / 6 Korfball NE – Y8 Goal Setting Conferences 3.30 - 6.00pm	Newsletter NE – Y2 Kelly Sports	Y7/8 Tech Y3 / 4 Museum Trip
8	Mon 23 Mar	Tue 24 Mar	Wed 25 Mar	Thu 26 Mar	Fri 27 Mar
	Y3 / 4 Korfball	Y7 / 8 Korfball BoT Meeting	Garden To Table Y5 / 6 Korfball Y3 / 4 St John	NE – Y2 Kelly Sports	Y7/8 Tech Assembly - Nav 2 Whānau Group Meeting
9	Mon 30 Mar	Tues 31 Mar	Wed 1 Apr	Thu 2 Apr	Fri 3 Apr
	Y3 / 4 Korfball	Student Council – GRIP Leadership	Garden To Table Y5 / 6 Korfball	Newsletter Y5 – 8 Canterbury Swimming	Y7/8 Tech
10	Mon 6 Apr	Tue 7 Apr	Wed 8 Apr	Thu 9 Apr	Fri 10 Apr
	Korfball Competition	Staff Meeting	Garden To Table Y5 / 6 Korfball	Assembly	Good Friday
	NE – Y2 Art Gallery Trip				