



## Newsletter 4

19<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Thank you for your understanding while we navigate our way through these very interesting times. Hopefully you and your families feel healthy and well. Can we please reiterate that if your child is unwell please keep them at home to recover. This is not only for the health of your child but also across our school community.

Covid-19 has been classified as a pandemic and as a school we are reacting accordingly. This is a rapidly evolving situation which requires us all to be vigilant about the information that is shared.

The Health and Safety team met yesterday and have made the decision to postpone all Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) trips for the remainder of the term, this includes the PALs leadership course, the Y3 / 4 Museum Trip and NE – Y2 Art Gallery trip. We will look to include these trips later in the year if possible. If you have paid for these events we would ask that we hold your payment for now, however, if you would like a refund please contact Michele ([micheles@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:micheles@stmartins.school.nz)). At this time we see the benefit of being a contained community at school.

Other events that have also been postponed or cancelled include the Canterbury Sports events (eg swimming, duathlon, korfbal tournament). With the shared information around large gatherings we have made the decision to postpone our school assemblies for the remainder of the term. Although we had already decided to have split assemblies to share learning with our community we believe that for the safety of the children, the community and the practicality of sitting 1.5m apart we will revisit this in term two or when we are informed that it is safe to meet again. The classes who were scheduled to share their learning this term will be able to book into a later date in the year.

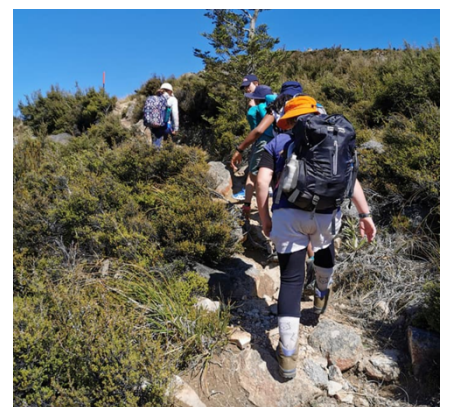
Nice to see some of the classes have gone with the shaka approach to replace high fives, fist bumps and hand shakes.

Please be aware that on return to New Zealand from overseas travellers are asked to self-isolate for 14 days. The Ministry of Health has advised that there can be people [self-isolating](#) in the same home as those going to school or work.

We are continuing to monitor the Ministry of Health initiatives to make changes and put in place the latest information as soon as possible. The Ministry of Education (MoE) continues to update us as well. The MoE has a great [reference page](#) for families and schools.

Next week we will make our staff meeting focus around online learning and how this might look if schools are asked to close. Please be aware that this is in case we are asked to close. At this time Chris Hipkins (Minister of Education) has announced that schools will remain open and as has been done in Dunedin may close on a case by case basis. We have shared the Ministers video on our school Facebook page.

If you feel your child needs some further support please let us know.



We currently work with the Methodist City Mission and Mana Ake and will look to access further support through them if required.

If you have any questions please feel free to pop in for a chat or send me an email. If we don't know the answer to your questions we will work towards finding out what the best solution is through the MoH or MoE. Thank you for taking the time to join us at the goal setting conferences through the week. We enjoyed the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled in this year, aspects we have noticed and for the children to share a goal based on the school values or a learning based goal. We appreciate the time both families and teachers have given to be able to talk together about children's learning.

Some classes have visited our temporary library and may have even brought a book or two home. We look forward to having access to our reading material once again. At this stage we do not have a date for further building work and are currently waiting for the next phase to be signed off. For now the temporary library is up and running, we hope to open this up to children during break times with the support of senior librarians in the next few weeks.

Stay safe everyone.

Andrew



## Community Notices

(Please note the events listed below were still current at the time of printing – you may need to check with the organisers of each event to see if they will be going ahead)

### EASTERN EAGLES RUGBY LEAGUE 2020

Now recruiting under 11s (year 5 and 6), Training every Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm-6:30pm at Wainoni Park. Please contact Tarah Email: [tarah\\_lynn07@hotmail.com](mailto:tarah_lynn07@hotmail.com) Phone: 022 5022 440

### M.A.S.H – My After School Headquarters

Holiday programme run by Christchurch City Council at Pioneer Sport and Rec Centre, Lyttleton St. Runs each weekday of the school holidays excluding public holidays. For more information call 02102662985 or email [pioneer@mashkids.co.nz](mailto:pioneer@mashkids.co.nz)

### Beckenham Te Kura o Pūroto Twilight Fair

20<sup>th</sup> March from 4.30pm to 7.30pm in the Beckenham school grounds. Something for everyone including games, ground attractions, live entertainment, auctions and more. Check out the Beckenham Te Kura o Pūroto PTA Facebook page for more details.

### Autumn school holiday fun at The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora

Get amongst the school holiday action at The Arts Centre Te Matatiki Toi Ora these school holidays, with an exciting array of creative activities for children and families, many of which are FREE! Events include arts, crafts, dance, fudge-making, scavenger hunts and trampolining in the famous Arts Centre Māketē, and new and classic children's films at Lumière Cinemas.

Visit [www.artscentre.org.nz](http://www.artscentre.org.nz) to check out the jam-packed programme



## Book Sale

The Parish of Opawa-St Martins' is holding a Book Sale from 9am – 1pm, Sat 21 March 2020, St Mark's Church, 101 Opawa Road, Christchurch. Cash only. For more information, please contact the Office (03) 980-9983.

## Win One Years' Worth of Pita Pit Kids Meals + A Pita Pit Class Party with lunchonline kids lunch purchases

[Lunchonline](#) has teamed up with Pita Pit to celebrate the launch of their new kids' meals nationwide. **Every Pita Pit Lunchonline order delivered between Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April will go in the draw to WIN a Class Party for you and your classmates!** Pita Pit will provide the catering and some awesome kids packs for your whole class to enjoy.

Plus, EVERY Pita Pit lunchonline purchase delivered between Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April will **receive a Pita Pit colouring in design to complete to go in the draw to WIN free Pita Pit every week for one year.** Along with your colouring, you'll also receive four special offers to go and try the new Pita Pit Kids menu in-store.

Pita Pit is available at St Martins School each Wednesday. You must order online before 8am on the day of delivery and you can order up to 4 weeks ahead.

## ON THE CALENDAR

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 1.15 – 7.30pm	Garden To Table Y5 / 6 Korfball NE – Y8 Goal Setting Conferences 3.30 - 6.00pm	Newsletter NE – Y2 Kelly Sports Y7/8 Turbo Touch	Y7/8 Tech
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 Turbo Touch	Y7/8 Tech Whānau Group Meeting
9	Mon 30 Mar	Tues 31 Mar	Wed 1 Apr	Thu 2 Apr	Fri 3 Apr
	Y3 / 4 Korfball		Garden To Table Y5 / 6 Korfball	Newsletter Y5 – 8 Canterbury Swimming Y7/8 Turbo Touch	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	Last day of Term 1	Good Friday