



Newsletter 3

5<sup>th</sup> March 2020

## From the Board of Trustees

Kia ora koutou,

My name is Kate Hodgins and I am your new board chair, taking over from the very capable Jo Malcolm who moved on at the end of last year, after 10 years on the St Martins Board of Trustees.

Our first board meeting of the year was last Tuesday, where we welcomed two new members - Helen Norcliffe, joining as our teacher rep, and Ranui Calman as our Whānau group rep, both of whom bring a wealth of expertise. All upcoming meetings are posted on the school website calendar. <https://www.stmartins.school.nz/calendar-2/> Members of the community are very welcome to sit in on our meetings and see what it is we do for you.

We started off the year with the community consultation on the rezoning proposal - make sure you have your say by the deadline on Friday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. You may be aware that a number of local primary schools have been asked by the MOE to look at their zoning, not just St Martins, and we are working as a group to get the best possible outcome for all. For information please see: <https://www.stmartins.school.nz/enrolment/enrolment-zone/>.

On a final note, I would like to commend the swift actions of staff and parents on last week's senior camp, who dealt with an emergency situation calmly and effectively, avoiding a potentially very serious outcome. We are very fortunate and incredibly grateful to have such responsive and committed people in our community.

If you have any questions for the board or would like to make a submission to the board on any matter, please feel free to contact me directly on: [bot@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:bot@stmartins.school.nz)

Ngā mihi,

Kate Hodgins

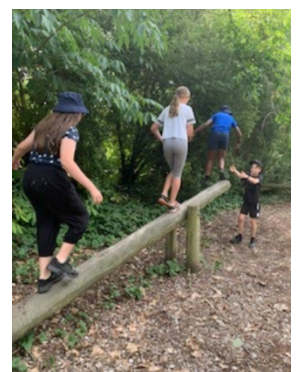
We've had a few busy weeks with lots of coming and going within the school, with some PAT testing for the Y4 – 8 children thrown in for good measure. Thank you to the parents that have joined our programmes throughout the weeks, in particular those that were able to give up their time to join us on camp for three days.

We look forward to you joining us in week seven for our goal setting conferences. This is an opportunity for parents (and children) to have a discussion with their child's home teacher about the aspects parents have shared, teacher's noticing's so far and for the children to share a goal based on the school values. Note that the school will close on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm so we can start our interviews at 1.15pm. Please read further on for details on how to book in your session.

As you may be aware there is a lot of discussion and media coverage about the coronavirus situation both in New Zealand and overseas. The Ministry of Education has advised the following on preventing the risk of infection;

*Everybody should follow the following basic principles to reduce the risk of getting an acute respiratory infection or passing it on to others:*

- *regularly washing hands (for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap and dry thoroughly)*



- covering your mouth and nose when you sneeze
- staying home if you are sick
- avoiding close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms
- if you feel unwell you should avoid public gatherings and events
- cleaning surfaces regularly (when infection is suspected)

We also recommend visiting the [Ministry of Health](#) website for updated details. Our local Public Health Nurse also recommends referring to the poster outlining how to wash and dry your hands as well as an online [child friendly](#) outline of the coronavirus to help explain the situation at home.

As a school we will be discussing the need to be vigilant with cleanliness and hygiene. Thank you to Mike Hutchinson for installing extra hand sanitisers through the school to make these accessible in each learning pod / area.

Last year as part of the new Teachers Collective it was negotiated with the Government that Teachers would receive nine Teacher Only Days in the next three years. We used one in term four last year and will be using three this year. The school will be closed for Teacher Only Days in 2020 on the following dates;

- **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April** – the eight schools in our cluster will be meeting for a shared professional learning day
- **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May** – reporting and assessment
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov** – reporting and assessment

These dates are connected to other public holidays to extend the weekend for families to also take advantage of.

Thank you to Kate Keenan and Susie Keenan for kicking off our assemblies last week. We are looking forward to the New Entrant children in Harakeke / Rms 3 and 4 sharing their learning with us next Friday. We hope you can join us at 2.15pm.

As you may know all classes have had a focus on the school values and what these look like in the classroom. As a reward one child from each class is selected to have a hot chocolate from Fava on a Friday morning. This week I'm off for hot chocolates with the Y5 – 8 children. Thanks to all of the children who have been displaying the school values in and out of the classroom.

Have a lovely weekend everyone,

*Andrew Mouat*

## School Notices

### GOAL SETTING CONFERENCES

We will be having our term one goal setting conferences on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March. This is an opportunity for all families to meet with their child's/ children's classroom teachers. We use the student profile sheets you have returned with information about your child to form part of the conversation, any questions you may have about the programme, how your child has settled in to learning for the year and information that we have collected or noticed so far. The children will also be sharing a goal based on the school values. The goal setting conferences are 15 minutes in length. The goal setting conference timeframes are:

- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March, 1.15 – 7.30pm
  - **School will close at 1.00pm on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March**
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30 – 6.00pm.

To book a time please complete the following:

- [www.schoolinterviews.co.nz](http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz)
- Enter code 8ephn





○ or click on the link <https://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code?code=8ephn>

- Enter your name, child's name, room
- Select your child's teacher
- Select the time you would like to meet

Online bookings open today and will close on Friday 13th March. If you do not have access to a computer to book online please contact Michele in the office (ph 332-6121 ext 701) to make an appointment for you.

#### Crèche

- A Crèche will run in ToeToe / Rms 1 and 2. The Crèche is for young siblings you do not wish to take to the conferences.

### Colour Your Day

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March St Martins School will be having a Colour You Day mufti day to commemorate the anniversary of the March 15<sup>th</sup> Christchurch tragedy. Wear something colourful to school and bring a donation to be given to St John. We will also have 1 minute silence at 1.40pm.

Families may also want to attend the National Remembrance Service on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March at North Hagley Park starting at 3pm. See more information on the Christchurch City Council website <http://ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/show/3674>

### Mana Ake programme

Mana Ake is an exciting initiative to support all the schools in Aupaki Kahui Ako. Please check out the link for pamphlet details: [https://drive.google.com/open?id=1a\\_RluzbAy--Gvu35d1zYFLtDqXsztM0a](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1a_RluzbAy--Gvu35d1zYFLtDqXsztM0a) If you would like to speak with Mana Ake please click on the following [link](#):

Mana Ake – Stronger for tomorrow is a Government response to enhance wellbeing and promote positive mental health for children in Years 1 to 8.

### School Lunches

[Lunch on Line](#) and [Subway](#) are continuing to provide school lunches on Wednesdays and Fridays. Pita Pit is available each Wednesday by ordering through Lunch On Line and each Friday you can order sushi from Lunch on Line or Subway by ordering on line or by filling in a form in the office and having the correct money (or credit card details) to pop in the envelope. More information can be found on our school website <https://www.stmartins.school.nz/information/lunch-orders-2/>

### Lost property

The pile of polar fleeces in the lost property bins is becoming of Himalayan proportions! If your child has lost a polar fleece then please, please, please have a look in the bins which are situated in the girls' toilet area in the school hall. If you have bought a second-hand fleece, remember to re-name it as we have been coming across a lot of fleeces for children who are no longer at St Martins and these fleeces have possibly been purchased at one of our second-hand uniform sales.

## Student Achievements

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March a group of students competed in the Huxster MTB races. There were many successes and a lot of fun had by all.

Karin and Thelma won the Girls Year 7/8 race with Karin getting the trophy for the fastest lap

Elsie and Connor won the Mixed Year 7/8 race

Sam and Louis won the Mixed Year 5/6 race

Leroy and Finn got third in the Boys Year 5/6 race



## Community Notices

### Fundraiser for Lachie Sutherland

Comedy Auction, Raffles, Live Music and Dancing!

Join us at Cassels Blue Smoke on March 14th for an evening of comedy, auctions, raffles and music as we raise funds for Lachie's MIBG treatment in Sydney.

Lachie was first diagnosed with neuroblastoma in 2012 as a 4 year old and underwent chemotherapy, radiation, surgery, stem cell transplant, immunotherapy and self-funded MIBG therapy. Six years post treatment, Lachie's family were devastated to learn he had relapsed in August last year and needs to travel to Sydney for MIBG treatment once again. Help us raise money towards the \$80k required!

Your host for the evening - Shay Horay

Plus music by our mystery guest and more music to get you dancing from band Black and Gold.

Doors open at Cassels Blue smoke from 6pm

Tickets can be purchased from The Brewery or online <http://www.trybooking.co.nz/DUE>

### Do you have a home to sell?

Ms Saxon is wanting to move closer to school! Wanted: Family home near St Martins. 3-4 bedrooms, preferably with a view. Please contact via email with any suggestions, [tamaras@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:tamaras@stmartins.school.nz)  
Thank you in advance!

### Tots to Teen Digital magazine

This issue we are all about helping parents with back to school life: We have 5 brilliant homework hacks (#5 is very clever), tick off our social skills checklist for your children to master, we answer FAQs about independent schools and how they may suit your child. Our experts advise that you can help young children with reading using "logos" (yep, this is a pre-reading skill in action), and how seeing well is just one factor in a vision test that could be affecting your child's learning. Try out Simon Gault's kid-friendly meatball pizza recipe (it's mouth-watering!), we have 5 healthy sleep habits worth trying out and learn why dance therapy is working so well for kids. As always, there are great prizes to win, a Kids' Fun page to enjoy, and we have the best selection of fun things to do for families. <https://issue2002c.totstoteens.co.nz/>

### St Martins Valley Tennis Club

We are situated on the corner of Hillsborough Tce and Roscoe Street and are a small, friendly club. We play at 1pm Saturdays and 6pm Thursdays during daylight saving months.

We don't have junior coaching at present but welcome all families to join us. Come along for a free trial and to meet us. We are prepared to start a group for young parents if there is sufficient demand and could arrange for lessons.

For any queries please email [jmhenry@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jmhenry@xtra.co.nz) or phone Barbara Henry 3323010 or 027 272 0397.

### Kelly Sports April 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 Programmes 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](http://www.kellysports.co.nz) and search for your venue of choice or contact Steve on [steve@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:steve@kellysports.co.nz) for more information

### Cashmere Netball Club

Year 3, 4 and 5 – do you want to play netball and have fun with friends? No need to trial for a team, just register on our website or via our email.

Year 6 and U12-18 netball trials on now – check our website for details.

[www.sporty.co.nz/cashmerenc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/cashmerenc) or email [cashmerenetball@hotmail.com](mailto:cashmerenetball@hotmail.com) for details.

## Private Piano teacher

Hi my name is Lauren Ford and I'm in the Hoon Hay area which is about an easy 10min away from St Martins. I am available for after school lessons for piano/keyboard and charge \$25 for 30min lessons. You can contact me on 022 161 8941 via text or call or email me on [outoftheboxstudios1@gmail.com](mailto:outoftheboxstudios1@gmail.com).

## St Andrew's College Open Day

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 9am to 12noon. Go to [www.stac.school.nz](http://www.stac.school.nz) for further details and to register online.

## St Margaret's College Open Day

St Margaret's College, Christchurch, Open Day - Monday 23 March 2020

Time: 10:30am to 1:00pm - Principal's Address: 11:45am

Pre-registration can be made by going to <https://www.stmargarets.school.nz/open-day/>

## ON THE CALENDAR

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 Road Patrol refresher	Y7 / 8 Korfball	Garden To Table Y5 / 6 Korfball Y5 – 8 Zone Swimming	NE – Y2 Kelly Sports William Pike Tramp Y7/8 Turbo Touch	Y7/8 Tech Harakeke / Rms 3 / 4 Assembly Mufti Day
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 Y3 / 4 Museum Trip – Rms 9,10 and 13
8	Mon 23 Mar	Tue 24 Mar	Wed 25 Mar	Thu 26 Mar	Fri 27 Mar
	Y3 / 4 Korfball Canterbury Duathlon Y3/4 Museum Trip – Rms 11 and 12	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 Assembly - Navigators 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 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	Assembly Last day of Term 1	Good Friday
	NE – Y2 Art Gallery Trip				