



St Martins School

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Newsletter 9

23rd July 2020

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

Welcome back to school for another wonderful term of learning. We hope that you have had a chance to have a break with your family during the school holidays. Perhaps a time to reconnect with friends and family, even the opportunity to explore a little further afield.

It was with much sadness that we shared the loss of Lachie Sutherland at the end of last term. Lachie's family held a very moving memorial for Lachie during the holidays. We would like to thank all of the families able to show their support for a young person who will be greatly missed. We were very proud of the children who attended to farewell their friend.

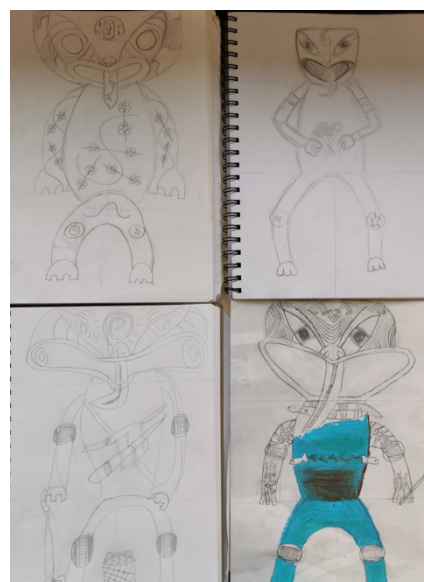
This term we go back to having a Y5 – 8 Kapahaka group. If your child is not in the group and you would like them to join please let your child's teacher know. We are trying to see if we can continue to also have the NE – Y4 children having a session on alternate weeks. As with previous years we may need to focus on the Y5 – 8s for the whole session to be able to be ready for the Chch Cultural Festival in term four.

There are a number of opportunities for parents and caregivers to get involved in our school programme. This may include getting involved: Garden to Table, Winter Sport, Camps, Reading programmes, or assisting with events or trips: Swim week, Art Gallery visits, Cross Country running (thanks to John Newsom for coaching and training the Y5 – 8 Canterbury Cross Country team). Everyone is more than welcome to join us for our fortnightly assemblies throughout the term. Our focus is on Matariki next week, further information below. Later in the term a number of teams will be holding Celebration of Learning events for parents to come in and see learning in action. We hope to see you in and around the school when you can.

We have moved to a new Student Management System called Hero. We use this to do a number of in house things like taking the roll, daily notices, collect assessment, pastoral care, behaviour information etc. We are also able to use this as our communication portal with parents. In the next few weeks we will be sending home information for parents to be able to set up their Hero accounts to receive notifications and emails.

At our Board meeting this week we discussed behaviours around non-compliance with learning, the impact of learning being interrupted and safety within our environment. The Board has agreed that it is important that we provide an environment for learning where we are all safe. If your child is disturbing the learning of others or physically threatening another person or is non-compliant for a period of 45 minutes with no change in behaviour then the expectation is that parents will be called to inform them that their child is not ready for learning for the day and will be asked to collect their child. If a child leaves the school grounds, parents will be called immediately to support the school in this safety issue.

Last term after lock down we changed our starting bell to 8.55am. This term we go back to having an 8.50am bell, this indicates to children that it is time to get ready for the school day, followed by an 8.55am bell indicating that



learning will be starting. A reminder that we would prefer children are not on site before 8.30am unless they are with the Homework Club.

STAFFING

Congratulations to Miss Alice Denley and Mr Hamish Lancaster-Whillis on their recent appointments to permanent positions in the leadership team at St Martins School. Alice is one of two Deputy Principals, leading the Y5 – 8 syndicate as well as assessment and reporting. Hamish is one of four Team Leaders, leading the Y5 / 6 team. Alice and Hamish have made a real difference in their leadership roles and we look forward to their continued positive contributions.

PROPERTY UPDATE

We are pleased to be using the hoops on the top courts this term. We believe we will reap the benefits of the investment of \$18, 000 in hoops for both the school and the community. We have eight basketball hoops and four netball hoops as well as six moveable netball hoops. Enough for lots of games to be going at one time. It's great to see all of these being in use in some way, during school hours and after school. Thanks once again to the Student Council and The Smart Community for buying the two basketball towers. Our new safety fence has been installed around the front entrance. The Whanau Group have finalised a gate which is in keeping with the waharoa. The design will allow us to continue to fully open the entrance way before and after school, while children are in class we will close the gates, leaving a single access gate to be opened. The gate will be completed and installed as soon as possible. The Board of Trustees is discussing the front entrance way, thinking about a design that will continue to enhance and soften the front of the school. The school and Ministry of Education (MoE) continue to negotiate the placement of any further gates.

This week we were informed that the school has been given the go ahead to start planning for two new classrooms to be built. We are able to build these rooms due to increased in zone roll growth. The Board of Trustees and the MoE will begin the process of identifying a suitable area for these rooms to be built (this will probably mean that we will need to demolish some rooms to make a space).

MATARIKI

All of our class programmes have had a focus on Matariki during the past two weeks of learning. If you are in the classroom perhaps ask your child to show you some of the art work, reading, writing or research. Next week we will be having an assembly that focusses on Matariki. The NE – Y4 children will be sharing their learning from Kapahaka to perform as well as having some written pieces from each class. As usual we will be having split assemblies for this. We will have;

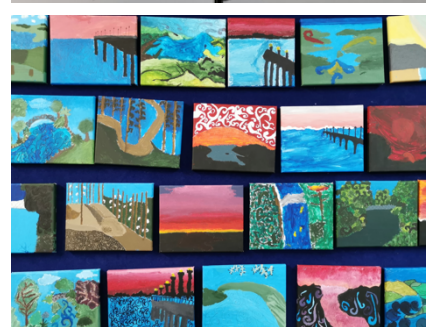
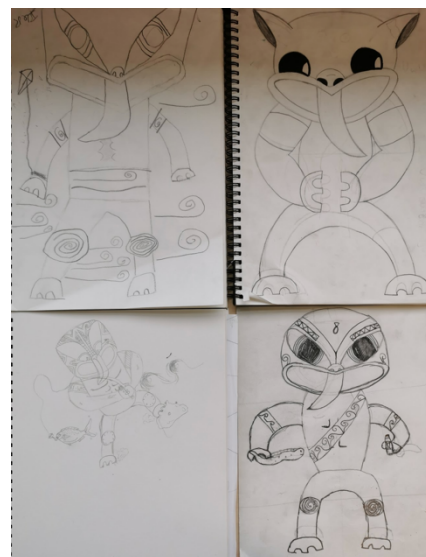
1.30 – 2.10pm NE – Y2s and Y5 / 6s

2.15 – 3.00pm Y3 / 4s and Y7 / 8s

We hope you can join us on Friday 31 July.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Andrew



TERM COSTS

We are very excited to be able to provide a term of learning where our children can once again be out and about with their learning. Activity costs will be added to family accounts.

School Activities by Team	
Explorers (NE – Y2)	
Water Safety – Pioneer Pool	\$27.00
Discoverers (Y3 / 4)	
Water Safety – Pioneer Pool	\$27.00
Art Gallery Trip	\$9.00
Navigators (Y5 / 6)	
Water Safety – Pioneer Pool	\$27.00
Mathletics	\$11.50
Korfball (Term 2 activity)	\$16.00
Living Springs camp	\$205.00
St John's First Aid Koha	\$2.00
Winter Sports for students doing non-competitive sports	\$32.00
High Fliers (Y7 / 8)	
Water Safety – Pioneer Pool	\$27.00
Koru Games	\$50.00
Maths Buddy Subscription (for home and school)	\$12.50
Ski trip	\$95.00
Hagley Sports bus for students travelling to Hagley Park to compete	\$39.50
Kelly Sports for students going to Hansen Park	\$30.00
Local sports for students walking to local schools to compete	No cost



SCHOOL NOTICES

Gardener wanted! The BOT are looking to contract a gardening service to help maintain the new plantings and coordinate termly working bees. Will also occasionally order deliveries of materials (bark, compost etc) Knowledge and experience of NZ native plantings strongly preferred.

Approx. 1 day a fortnight (or equivalent) for 12 months. For details, contact Kate: bot@stmartins.school.nz

The next S'Mart Community meeting is to be held in the school staffroom at 7.30pm on Monday 27th July. This is separate from the Fiesta meetings listed in the S'Mart Community newsletter.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Student Fundraiser – Hayley-Rose is a Year 3 student in Room 12. Hayley-Rose is a member of the Pioneers U12 Marching Team and they are fundraising for their team to travel to competitions. They are selling fresh family pies (savory and sweet) for \$8 and pizza slabs for \$7 each. All made by The Naked Baker and the flavours are great! If you would like to support Hayley-Rose and get some yummy pies or pizza then please email Hayley's mum, Tania on taniaruyterstinkerbelle@hotmail.com by 5th August.

Christchurch Squash Friday Fun Night – Starting 24th July from 6pm to 8pm at Christchurch Squash Club, 50 Colombo St, Cashmere. Family ticket \$20 for 2 adults and 3 children aged between 5-13 yrs. Children \$5. Please see www.christchurchsquash.co.nz for full details.

Cashmere's Choral Celebration - Following the success of our recent Jazz Concert, Cashmere High School invite you to another exciting Music event. Cashmere Choral Groups will perform along with guest groups from Villa Maria and the Christchurch Youth Choir. Thursday July 30th in the Cashmere High School McCombs Performing Arts Centre, 172 Rose Street at 7pm (Doors open 6.30pm). Adults \$10, Students \$5, Family \$20.

Is your child shy? Do they feel intimidated by the idea of public speaking and performance? Do they sometimes find it difficult to make eye contact? Do they just need 45 minutes a week to take part in organised craziness?! Come and join Marrzipan! We run awesome drama classes which focus on key life skills at morning tea and lunchtime on Wednesdays! We play fun engaging games and perform at the end of term once to parents and once to the school. All scripts are original, engaging, educational and HILARIOUS. All parents receive weekly class reports too to keep them up to date on their child's development. Give me a call to come along for a free trial, or just a chat to discuss how our classes can benefit your child's development. **Contact Sarah on 027 333 4323 or email sarah@marrzipandrama.co.nz**

ON THE CALENDAR

1	Mon 20 July	Tue 21 July	Wed 22 July	Thu 23 July	Fri 24 July
	Kapahaka	BOT meeting	Garden To Table Yr 5/6 Basketball zones	Newsletter Yr 5/8 Winter sports	Y7/8 Tech Newsletter
2	Mon 27 July	Tue 28 July	Wed 29 July	Thu 30 July	Fri 31 July
	Explorers SJCC Cricket sessions Kapahaka	Yr 5/6 Korfball tournament	Garden To Table	Yr 5/8 Winter Sports	Y7/8 Tech Assembly 1.30pm to 2.10pm Yr 0/4 Assembly 2.15pm to 3pm Yr 5/8
3	Mon 3 Aug	Tue 4 Aug	Wed 5 Aug	Thu 6 Aug	Fri 7 Aug
	Kapahaka	Yr 0/4 Zone Cross Country	Garden To Table Hip Hop comps	Newsletter Yr 5/8 Winter Sports	Y7/8 Tech
4	Mon 10 Aug	Tue 11 Aug	Wed 12 Aug	Thu 13 Aug	Fri 14 Aug
	Kapahaka Yr 5/6 Indoor Tournament Art Gallery Trip Rm 9 & 10	Art Gallery Trip Rm 11 & 13	Garden To Table Canterbury Cross Country	Yr 5/8 Winter Sports	Y7/8 Tech Assembly
5	Mon 17 Aug	Tue 18 Aug	Wed 19 Aug	Thu 20 Aug	Fri 21 Aug
	Kapahaka Yr 0/4 Swimming at Pioneer ICAS Science	BOT meeting Yr 7/8 Cantamath Yr 0/4 swimming at Pioneer	Garden To Table Yr 7/8 Cantamath Yr 0/4 Swimming at Pioneer	Newsletter Yr 5/8 Winter Sports Yr 0/4 Swimming at Pioneer	Y7/8 Tech Yr 0/4 Swimming at Pioneer
6	Mon 24 Aug	Tue 25 Aug	Wed 26 Aug	Thu 27 Aug	Fri 28 Aug
	Kapahaka Yr 5/8 Swimming at Pioneer	Yr 5/8 Swimming at Pioneer ICAS – Digital Tech	Garden To Table Yr 5/8 Swimming at Pioneer	Yr 5/8 Winter Sports Yr 7/8 Swimming at Pioneer ICAS – English Strum. Strike, Blow Concert	Y7/8 Tech Yr 5/6 Swimming at Pioneer Assembly School Disco Mid Year reports go home
7	Mon 31 Aug	Tue 1 Sept	Wed 2 Sept	Thu 3 Sept	Fri 4 Sept
	Kapahaka ICAS - Maths		Garden To Table Parent Yr 5/6 Camp meeting	Newsletter Yr 7/8 Ski trip ICAS - Spelling	Y7/8 Tech Teacher Only Day
8	Mon 7 Sept	Tue 8 Sept	Wed 9 Sept	Thu 10 Sept	Fri 11 Sept
	Kapahaka Nav 1 Camp meeting for parents		Garden To Table Canterbury Winter Tournament	Yr 7/8 Storytelling competition	Y7/8 Tech Assembly
9	Mon 14 Sept	Tues 15 Sept	Wed 16 Sept	Thu 17 Sept	Fri 18 Sept
	Nav 2 & 3 Camp				
			Nav 1 Camp		
	Kapahaka	BOT meeting Yr 7/8 Koru Games	Garden To Table Yr 7/8 Koru Games	Newsletter Yr 7/8 Koru Games	Y7/8 Tech
10	Mon 21 Sept	Tue 22 Sept	Wed 23 Sept	Thu 24 Sept	Fri 25 Sept
	Kapahaka Yr 7/8 Korfball Tournament Yr 7/8 Zone storytelling	Yr 5/6 Sports tournament	Garden To Table		Last day of term Assembly