



St Martins School

*Kia Maiangi awe ake te mātauranga* Inspiring a passion for learning



## Newsletter 10

20<sup>th</sup> August 2020

We continue to focus on being 'Covid clean' at school with plenty of hand washing, sanitizing after using equipment, changing learning areas, before eating as well as when we re-enter the classroom. You can help us by using the NZ Covid Tracing App with the QR code we have displayed at the Waharoa and on the doors of the classroom. We have been asked that parents use this app when picking up and dropping off their children. If you are entering the classroom we will be going back to sign in sheets from Friday morning.

You will have noticed that some of our events are trying to be rescheduled or have been cancelled. This is due to the restriction at Alert L2. Another announcement is to be made on Fri Aug 21 where we will know whether we go up, down or remain at the same level beyond Wed Aug 26. In the meantime, we can update on the following:

- We will be unable to offer the water safety programme at Pioneer Pool to our Y5 – 8 next week. Pioneer have offered us a couple of weeks at Waltham Pool next term that we are considering.
- Interschool sports is able to continue.
- The Disco will be able to go ahead if we move down to Alert L1, it will not go ahead at Alert L2
- The Y5 / 6 camp at Living Springs can still go ahead, the camp has assured us that they can meet the Health and Safety guidelines at Alert L1 and 2.
- Team assemblies can continue; however, we will put our 'full' school assemblies on hold for now.

Our 'mid year' reports will be going home with children next week. This report is based on the learning the children have completed on their return to school last term and the first few weeks of term three. The report is based on the core curriculum of reading, writing and maths. Last term's learning conference was the 'general comment' of the report.

A reminder that school will be closed on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September for a Teacher Only Day.

Congratulations to the Year 5/6 and Year 7/8 Epro 8 teams who entered into the Christchurch South competition recently. Due to Covid, teams had to enter their design via a video. Good luck to the following Year 5/6 teams who will be attending the Semi Finals in 2 weeks time:

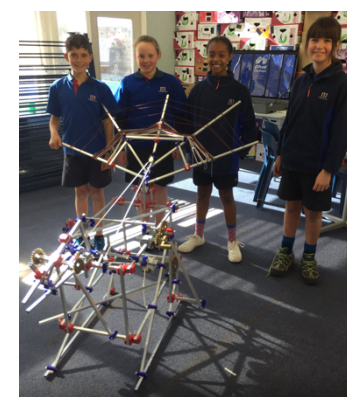
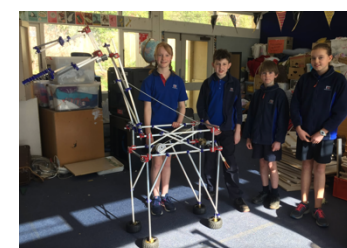
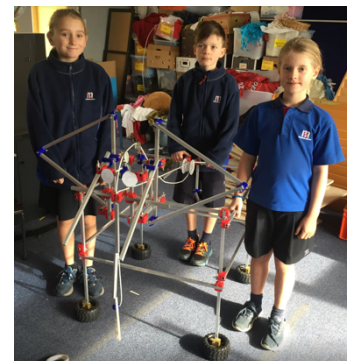
- Clever Devices - Greta, Tom, Kaja, Louis
- Attack of the Labs - Jai, Simone, Katie, Leroy
- The Multi Minds - Lara, Xavier, Joseph, Samantha

Thanks to all the families who helped to spread the bark at the weekend. We spread an enormous 24m<sup>3</sup> (two 5 tonne truck loads) of bark in just one hour which was an amazing effort and it looks great. Thanks to Dave Smith for prepping the area the weekend prior with his digger.

The next working-bee is planned for 13<sup>th</sup> September and this time we are planting! (and mulching) As in the past, it'll be a Sunday morning from 9-12 and morning tea will be provided. Keep an eye on the next newsletter and the Facebook page for more details.

Enjoy the weekend everyone.

Andrew



## SCHOOL NOTICES

**There is a HUGE amount of lost property**, including a large amount of unnamed polar fleeces. Lost Property is in the hall toilet area. Please have a look if your child is missing any items of uniform or other clothing. Has your preschool child lost a navy jacket (lined with polar fleece) with pink daisies on it? Have you or your child lost a CCC black wind breaker jacket size S – adult? These are among the many items currently adding to our lost property mountain.

**Did you order a House t-shirt** from the office last term? If so please come and collect yours from the office. Payment is required at the time of collection, unless payment was made when you put in your order. \$15 per t-shirt. Any questions please contact the office.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Nerhys Gordon competed in the Hyeon Mu New Zealand Open 2020 held in Christchurch recently.

She represented the Cardinals Taekwondo club. This was a huge tournament held over two days at Cowles Stadium. It attracted hundreds of competitors from clubs all around New Zealand.

Nerhys had a successful weekend coming away with four medals, Two bronze for Poomsae and a Gold and a Silver for Kyorugi (sparring).

During the weekend of July 31-August 2, Year eight students Aaron Byfield and Nerhys Gordon attended a New Zealand Ice Hockey Youth Development camp in Dunedin. Aaron and Nerhys have both been selected for the Canterbury under 15 rep team and are training hard for the national tournament to be held in Dunedin this October.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### **Spring Soiree Concert at Cashmere High School – CHANGE OF DATE**

Now October 27th, 7pm – McCombs Performing Arts Centre. Featuring a wide variety of groups – Orchestra, Concert Band, Choirs and Ensembles. Door sales only, EFTPOS available. Adults \$10, Students \$5, Families \$20. Refreshments available.

### **Kelly Sports September/October Holiday Programmes**

Bookings for our upcoming Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes at Hillview Christian School and Hillmorton High School are now available online. With strict Covid-19 restrictions in place Kelly Sports have re-implemented approved Safety Measures to protect everyone attending the programmes.

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

**World Rivers Day** – 10am to 3pm Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September outside the South Library, Colombo Street.

Displays, workshops, activities, music, planting, photo competition, prize giving, free BBQ, win prizes and more. <https://www.ohrn.nz/events-river-news/world-rivers-day>

**Bush Farm School holiday programmes** – a mixture of courses in a variety of locations. (Purau, Little River, Charteris Bay and Christchurch Central) ‘Back to Roots’ learning with nature programmes are one and two day sessions. [www.bushfarmschool.com](http://www.bushfarmschool.com) for more details.

## ON THE CALENDAR

5	Mon 17 Aug	Tue 18 Aug	Wed 19 Aug	Thu 20 Aug	Fri 21 Aug
	Kapahaka ICAS Science	BOT meeting	Garden To Table	Newsletter Yr 5/8 Winter Sports	Y7/8 Tech
6	Mon 24 Aug	Tue 25 Aug	Wed 26 Aug	Thu 27 Aug	Fri 28 Aug
	Kapahaka	ICAS – Digital Tech	Garden To Table	Yr 5/8 Winter Sports ICAS – English	Y7/8 Tech 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	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