



St Martins School

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Newsletter 10

It's been lovely to get out and about this week, nice to see so many of our children involved in local competitions and Canterbury events. The NE – Y4 children zone runners had a marvellous day for running on Tuesday down at Hillview Christian School, as always a talented competition to be in, as spectators we were very impressed with the commitment from our young runners. Yesterday the Y5 – 8 hip hop teams competed in the Canterbury competition. This was the first time I have been to the event and was very impressed with the way the children had worked together to choreograph, arrange outfits and practice their performances to such a high standard. Always a pleasure to see St Martins School personal best on display. Thank you to Mrs Charlotte Bates, Miss Chantal Ward and Mrs Nicky Pateman for your support and contributions to the children in these events. Thank you as well to all of the supportive parents on the sideline and in the audience. It means so much for your children to see you at their events.

Thanks to the families who could attend our Matariki assembly last week. It's great to have some colour in the hall, to have heard some stories and shared in a couple of songs. Next week we return to classes presenting their learning at assembly. We look forward to Discoverers 2 sharing with us. As usual Discoverers 2 will contribute to both assemblies. The Y5 – 8s will be 1.30 – 2.15pm and the NE – Y4s 2.15 – 3.00pm. Feel free to come along. Next week we continue the Education Outside the Classroom theme with the Discoverers Team going to the Art Gallery to be involved in their programme, while we also wish good luck to the Y5/6 girls basketball team in the Canterbury Competition on Monday.

This week we farewell Mrs Dani Boxall. Dani has been with the school for approximately one year. She has been taking classroom release for the teachers across the school, leading the wearable arts and a number of performing arts groups. We wish Dani all the best as she takes up her new teaching position at Linwood College with a Y7 / 8 class.

Next week we welcome Miss Emma Shine to our New Entrant / Y1 pod. Emma will be teaching 9 – 12.30pm each day initially and when the numbers allow will move to full days. Emma has been spending a few days in the space this week and has relieved in a number of classes throughout the year. We look forward to the positive impact Emma will have in our school.

As we come into term three we start discussing the make up of classes for the following year. Last year we offered the opportunity for parents to share any information with us quite late in the year due to staffing changes. This term we are starting the preparations for 2021 class organisation as it is a lengthy process. This involves a number of discussions to enable us to make the best decisions for each student. We take into consideration a number of factors along with staff conversations. At St Martins School we have mixed ability classes, we use the following definition for placing children: groups of children working at similar levels - with consideration of ages, social aspects and behavioural needs. As with previous years we extend an invitation for you, as parents, to make us aware of any information that might be relevant to the placement of your child / children. This is an opportunity to give us information that will help us with our process, it is not an invitation to select your child's 2021 teacher. Please be aware that there is a

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close off for this information – Friday September 25 2020. This will give us the time needed to engage in a number of conversations and complete the class placement process. Information must be completed on our survey form -

<https://forms.gle/jcVJrgYrou55eBp87>

The Student Council in partnership with the S'Mart Community are very pleased to offer all children at St Martins School a dance extravaganza on Friday 28th August. Please refer to the information below for the details. I'm sure it will be a great night.

Our water safety weeks start with the NE – Y4s on 17 August. We will be travelling to and from Pioneer Pool by bus each day. Some of the Junior Classes have requested parent support, if you are available could you please let your child's classroom teacher know.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Andrew

SCHOOL NOTICES

SPCA cupcake day

We are holding a cupcake day fundraiser for the SPCA - a rescue home for all animals who have had a bad start at life, then rehome them- on Friday the 7th of August.

It will take place at 3pm, outside the Waharoa. All cupcakes will range from \$2 to \$4.

Y5/6 Organisers

School Disco

The St Martins School Student Council, with support from S'Mart Community...presents DISCO 2020

THEME: "NEON / FLUORO"

DATE: **Friday August 28th**, in the School Hall.

Get ready to have some fun! Dress up if it's your thing.

For St Martins School Students only, pay \$5 Entry Fee at the door. (Please bring correct money, helps reduce queuing time).

If you have 3 or more children at St Martins, from August 10th, see Diane in the office to buy '3 or more for \$10 tickets.

For everyone's safety, each child needs to be signed into and out of the Disco by his/her parent/caregiver. There will be sign-up sheets at the doors for this. If you're sharing rides please bring and show the door people a parent-signed note endorsing that.

This process does mean queues, so come prepared. If wet, bring an umbrella! Hot Dogs (on a stick), Cookies, Chips/Crisps, drinks and ice blocks will be for sale. Polaroid photos too! Water is free! Free Face painting at Junior Disco. Bring coins. Prices 50c - \$3.

Doors open at 5.30pm (no earlier).

Junior Disco for Years 0-4, 5.30-7pm. There's a quick clean up and re-set then the doors open for Senior Disco for Years 5-8, 7.30-9pm.

9pm is final clean up, where all hands on deck are needed so it's left clean as a whistle. Just get stuck in and do a little part and we'll all get to go home earlier!

NB: Especially for the Junior Disco, Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay, get into it and have fun! No charge for parents. Prize for Best Dressed Parent!

And of course, the Disco won't happen without parent / caregiver help! Keep an eye out for the sign-up link.

The Disco Team (community@smartcommunity.org.nz)

Smart Touch 2020

Start talking in your classes and with your parents about touch teams for next term. Registrations will open in week 5 so get organised. Our competition filled up last year, so it would be great to get teams sorted earlier this year.



Term Three Activities

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 have been added to family accounts. Statements have not been sent this term as we have been in the process of changing to a new Student Finance package. More details to come. If you have any questions about the activity costs below please contact Michele in the office – Email: micheles@stmartins.school.nz Phone: (03) 3326121 ext 701

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
OR Kelly Sports for students going to Hansen Park	\$30.00
OR Local sports for students walking to local schools to compete	No cost

STUDENT WRITING

Our Maori Myth and Legend by Discoverers 1

At the beginning of time, long before you and I were born, there were two gods, Tama-nui-te-ra and Tāwhirimātea.

Tama-nui-te-rā was the sun god who warmed the skies with heat and light from the sun. Tāwhirimātea ruled the skies with bad weather by throwing hail down to Papatūānuku the Earth Mother, shooting lightning over the hills, and spreading clouds across Tama-nui-te-rā's sunshine.

Both Tama-nui-te-rā and Tāwhirimātea thought they deserved to be the sky god and this caused many great battles between them. Tama-nui-te-rā used the sun's strong rays to beat out the darkened skies that Tāwhirimātea had created with black storm clouds. And Tāwhirimātea used the thick clouds to block Tama-nui-te-rā's warm sunshine.

After many years of fighting over who was to be the sun god, Tama-nui-te-rā and Tāwhirimātea came to an agreement. They would have half the day each, 12 hours for sunlight and 12 hours for darkness, and they would share the seasons, two would be warm and sunny and two would be cool and dark.

The two gods now live amicably side by side in the sky kingdom. On a cloudy day you will still see the sun shining through the clouds, and on a sunny day you can still see clouds forming to block the sun.

So this is why we have day and night, 4 seasons, and very changeable weather!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Huntsbury Preschool is committed to providing quality care and education for preschool children aged 2-5 years. We provide a warm, caring and holistic environment that nurtures each individual child in a safe and stimulating space. Encompassed by the partnership of a small team of skilled teachers, parents and Whānau, and an active governance board, Huntsbury preschool successfully provides a unique environment in which the children are supported and empowered in their early experiences of schooling.

Our fully qualified and incredibly caring teachers consistently provide responsive, positive and encouraging interactions with children, and meet regularly to assess, plan and evaluate their teaching practises to ensure that learning objectives are effectively set for each child.

Spaces available now for 2-5 year olds. Visit <https://www.huntsbury-preschool.org.nz>

Spring Soiree Concert at Cashmere High School

27th August, 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.

Canterbury School Orienteering Championship 12 and 13 September.

Hagley Park and Halswell Quarry

The school will be entering children closer to the time, open for everyone, even beginners.

In the weeks leading up to the championship some trainings will be organised at local schools and parks after school. More details to come on the website www.papo.org

Friday Whānau Fun Nights at South Library

An evening of stories, family and fun at the library!

Bring the kids, bring the grandparents, or bring your uncle and cousins – the whole whānau is invited!

Join us on the second Friday of the month for a short storytime, followed by fun, hands-on activities to do as a family. We'll be building, making, and exploring right here in South library! Come along, create some great family memories, and get your weekend off to a fun start.

Friday 14 August 5-6pm (Colour)

Friday 11 September 5-6pm (Bees)

Friday 9 October 5-6pm (Life in the past)

Age: This is aimed at 5-12 year olds and their family members of any age.

Cost: Free, no bookings required

Essence of Spirit and Healing Expo

St Martins School Hall, Saturday 15th August, 10.30am to 4pm. \$5 entry fee, Children under 12 free.

ON THE CALENDAR

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 Basketball 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 – Discoverers 2
5	Mon 17 Aug	Tue 18 Aug	Wed 19 Aug	Thu 20 Aug	Fri 21 Aug
	Kapahaka Yr 0/4 Swimming Pioneer ICAS Science	BOT meeting Yr 7/8 Cantamath Yr 0/4 swimming Pioneer	Garden To Table Yr 7/8 Cantamath Yr 0/4 Swimming Pioneer	Newsletter Yr 5/8 Winter Sports Yr 0/4 Swimming Pioneer	Y7/8 Tech Yr 0/4 Swimming 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