



Newsletter 11

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BoT UPDATE

Kia ora koutou,

I am finally able to update you on the new zone for St Martins School. The Ministry have decided to retain the zone they originally proposed back in February. To this effect, they have directed the Board to adopt the new zone from January 1st 2021. Please see the link on the school website for details.

<https://www.stmartins.school.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/Zone-map-and-details-1.pdf>

The Board's submission following consultation with the community, to retain the area within the Prossers/Wades Road "loop", was rejected on the grounds that it would carry a high risk of overcrowding. Our roll was set at 450 by the Ministry in 2019, and we are currently expecting around 530 students by the end of 2021. This means that we will continue to carefully manage enrolments, including no out of zone students for the foreseeable future (we have not accepted out of zone students since 2015). Siblings of students who currently attend St Martins will still be able to attend.

To allow for the transition to 450 students, which will happen over a number of years, the Ministry are currently working with the Board and the school to retain a number of temporary classrooms.

The rezoning will affect St Martins as well as Beckenham and Thorington schools, who are also implementing their new zone boundaries on January 1st.

We hope to be in touch with a building update in the next week or so.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kate Hodgins

Chair, St Martins Board of Trustees

We celebrate with Ms Jenny Wood and Mrs Sheryl Burgess on their decision to retire at the end of the year. Sheryl has been a classroom teacher at St Martins School for the past 17 years. Jenny has been the Deputy Principal leading the learning support programme for the last 20 years. I have really enjoyed working with Sheryl and Jenny for the past year. I would like to acknowledge in particular the immense wealth of knowledge, commitment and calm Jenny brings to the Leadership Team. We will be organising farewell events next term.



A reminder that 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 close off for this information – Friday September 25th 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>



Last week we advertised a number of permanent positions and fixed term positions for 2021 and beyond. Currently these positions are all filled by fixed term teachers in our school. The application timeline will be completed by the beginning of the holidays so we will be able to share with the community our teaching staff for 2021.

A reminder that school will be closed on Friday 4th September for a Teacher Only Day. We will be using this day to look at our mid-year data and look at how we can meet the identified needs.

We continue to look forward to the Fiesta at the end of the year and want to thank all of the team involved in the planning of this. This year the focus of the Fiesta is on coming together as a community. As usual there will be a number of items for sale, stalls and games / activities for the children to be involved in. We hope that you will keep Saturday 21st November free to come and join us at school.

Congratulations to Maisy Cowie who has been awarded a Cashmere High School Leadership Scholarship for 2021. Maisy impressed the panel with her proven leadership ability and achievements. The high calibre of applicants made the selection difficult and is a testament to Maisy's ability to be awarded one of four Leadership Scholarships.

Although we have had a number of events cancelled due to Covid-19 we have been able to hold our house relay event, congratulations to Glenelg for taking the most points. The Y5 / 6 EPRO8 teams competed in the semi-finals yesterday with one team coming a credible 4th and two teams 9th equal. The High Fliers Team (Y7 / 8) are at Adrenalin Forest for the day today. Next week a group of 39 Y7 / 8 cyclists will tackle a 44km bike ride along the Little River Rail trail track.

SCHOOL NOTICES

School Disco will be held on Friday 11th September as long as we move to Level 1. We will know more after the government's announcement later this week. The Junior Disco will be from 5.30pm to 7pm with the Senior Disco running from 7.30pm to 9pm.

Mufti Day, Tuesday 22nd September. Fundraising for Nurse Maude. Theme: Your favourite sports player! Bring a gold coin donation.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

The Homework Club Holiday programmes are currently taking bookings for the upcoming school holidays. 5-9 year olds based at Cashmere Primary School and 9-13 year olds based at Landsdowne Community Centre.

The Club offers a high standard of quality care and operate from 8am to 6pm during the holidays. You are most welcome to visit our website: www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz or email Sara info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz

All Girls Cricket teams at St Albans Cricket Club from Year 2 to Year 8 students. St Albans is the only cricket club in the South Island with 2 NZ White Ferns and have top Canterbury and NZ level women coaches. For more information and registration go to www.stalbanscricket.co.nz or www.sporty.co.nz/girlscricket
Or you can contact Barry – 0275356245 barryvb@stalbanscricket.co.nz or Matthew 0276961010 matthewd@stalbanscricket.co.nz



Act 2 Drama Group Audition Call for Tangled – Sunday 13th Sept between 1pm – 4.30pm. Avon Loop Community Centre, 28 Hurley St. You will be required to sing the chorus or verse from a song from Tangled without music and to read a few lines of provided script. Please call or text Fay on 0210431108 to book your 10 minute audition time.

Pre-loved Baby and Children's Clothing sale – for the Opawa St Martins Toy Library. Saturday 26th September from 9am to 12pm in the Beckenham School hall, 71 Sandwich Road. Gold coin entry and all items \$1.00 each.



TIME FOR TENNIS! Junior registration is now open at **OPAWA TENNIS CLUB**. Tennis options for ages 4years and up. Coaching and team interclub competitions available. \$155-\$205 for full year membership and coaching/game options. Visit <https://www.sporty.co.nz/opawatennis> or contact our junior administrator ja.opawatennis@gmail.com/text 0212327141. A fun, family friendly club.

Pioneer Stadium October School Holiday programme – Various sessions between 7.30am and 6pm for both weeks of the holidays. Book online to secure your spot. Details and bookings at www.mashkids.co.nz

Crater Rim Ultra: 18th October 2020

Based from St Martin's Hansen Park, with a range of trail running distances from 10 km to 50 km, this exciting community led event also hosts the Athletics New Zealand Trail Running Championships.

We're thrilled to confirm the children's race will continue in 2020. It is a short blast around the Park for all ages. Entries and info from: <https://www.craterrimtrailrun.com/>

ON THE CALENDAR

7	Mon 31 Aug	Tue 1 Sept	Wed 2 Sept	Thu 3 Sept	Fri 4 Sept
	Kapahaka ICAS - Maths		Garden To Table 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 Y5 / 6 Camp meeting		Garden To Table Canterbury Winter Tournament	Yr 7/8 Storytelling competition	Y7/8 Tech School Disco Jnr 5.30pm to 7pm Snr 7.30pm to 9pm
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	Garden To Table	Newsletter	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 Mufti Day – gold coin donation for Nurse Maude	Garden To Table		Y7/8 Tech Last day of term