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17th September 2020

SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora e te whānau, welcome to Te Wiki o Te Reo. This week our onsite classes have had a focus on aspects of Te Reo in the classroom. It has been fabulous to have members of the Whānau Group join the classes to support te reo learning throughout the week. While on camp all classes have been discussing native trees and their traditional uses. Due to five classes being on camp this week we moved our annual Manu Kōrero Hato Mātene to next Thursday.

The new planting looks fantastic, thank you to all of the parents and children who volunteered their time last Sunday to put in almost 300 plants. Now our job is to look after them and help them get established.

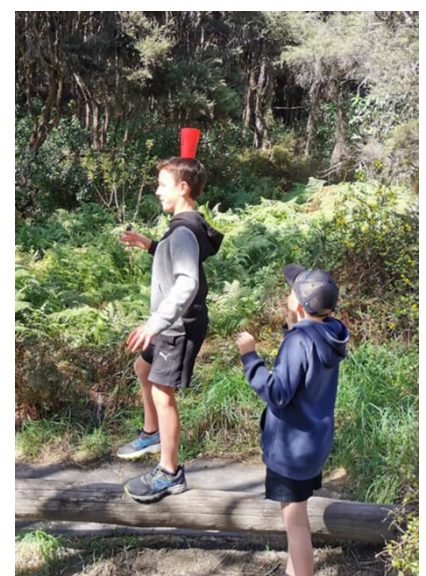
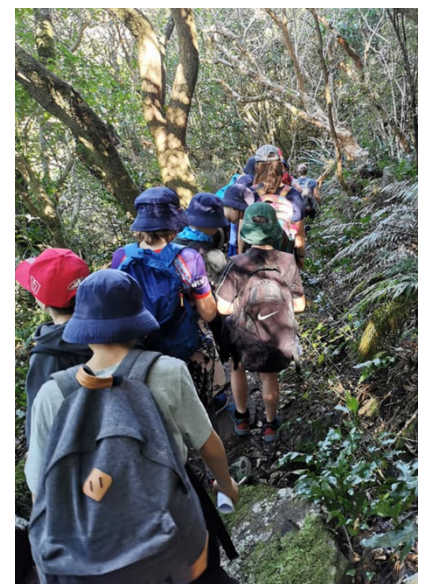
Next term we will begin placing children in classes for 2021. If there is any information you would like us to consider for the placement of your child please remember to fill in our parent survey - <https://forms.gle/jcVJrgYrou55eBp87> . The survey closes off at the end of the term next week so we can start looking at the information. So we can plan appropriately for class sizes, if you have a child that will be starting next year or if your child is transferring away from St Martins could you please let Michele (micheles@stmartins.school.nz) know.

In a term of change we would like to thank the staff, children and whānau for your support as we worked through adapting programmes, rescheduling events, finding or providing alternative opportunities for our children to be involved in. It has been nice for the Y5 / 6 children to have their camp and the Y7 / 8s involved in some interschool sports events. To round off the term we look forward to the Army Band showcasing on Monday, dress up as your favourite sports person on Tuesday, some sports events Wednesday / Thursday and lastly a teachers vs students football game on Friday. A fun way to finish off the term.

Next week we finish at the normal time of 3pm on Friday. If I don't see you in the next few days have a lovely break, I hope you get to have some quality family time. We look forward to seeing you back again in term four for the final ten weeks of learning.

Nga mihi, enjoy the weekend everyone.

Andrew



BoT UPDATE

School Board of Trustee Mid Term Elections 2020 - Nomination round

Our school will be undertaking Mid Term Elections for our Board of Trustees this year. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by **Friday 9th October 2020**.

We have again employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination forms and full instruction on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you by **Friday 9th October**.

For those that do not have access to the internet, nomination papers will be available at the school office from Monday 21st September and those nomination papers should be returned to the school office. We will send them on to CES for processing.

Nominations close on Sunday 1st November 2020 at 12 noon. We look forward to your participation in this process.

St Martins School Policy Review - Learning Support

Should you wish to review this policy please follow the details below.

- Visit the website <https://stmartins.schooldocs.co.nz>
- Enter the user name (stmartins) and password (huntsbury)
- Click on 'Current Review' in the banner
- Follow the link to the relevant policy as listed (Learning Support)
- Read the policy
- Click the Policy Review button at the right-hand top corner of the page
- Select the reviewer type 'Parent'
- Enter your name (optional)
- Submit your ratings and comments.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

St Martins kids had some great results at the Canterbury Schools Orienteering Championship over the weekend. We had more than 50 different children participating! Well done to everyone. Notable results at **Saturdays Sprint event at Hagley Park:**

Y6 and under Girls

1st Greta Prince

4th Simone Strange

Y6 and under Boys

3rd Tor Prince

7th Joshua Head

8th Charlie O'Sullivan

Y7 & 8 Girls

1st Karin Prince

9th Leah Jones

Sunday's Long Distance event at Halswell Quarry:

Y6 and under Girls

3rd Greta Prince

4th Samantha Foote

7th Georgia Chilton

Y6 and under Boys

8th Harry Foote

10th Joshua Head

Year 7 & 8 Girls

1st Karin Prince



SCHOOL NOTICES

The Sanitarium Weetbix TRYathlon will be back in 2021. To be held on **Sunday 28th February, 2021** at Jellie Park. St Martins School has registered a school group so click on the link to register for this event.

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=40596&G=118507>

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Dental Care during the School Holidays - The Community Dental Service will be providing dental care for children enrolled with our service during the upcoming school holidays. The clinics will offer treatment and relief of pain sessions by appointment only. To make an appointment please call/email our Contact Centre which operates between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday throughout the holidays. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance. To book an appointment call 0800 846 983 or email commndental@cdhb.health.nz

Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre are having a Monster Garage Sale on Saturday 19th September from 9am to 12pm. There will be something for the whole family; clothing, toys, books, white elephant, bake sale, bouncy castle, sausage sizzle and coffee cart. Please come along and support your local Playcentre.

Would you like to take your school child's younger sibling(s) to an affordable ECE centre with high adult:child ratios, and meet local families? Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre is a parent run Early Childhood Education Centre with a friendly and diverse group of local parents. We believe that child led play is central to development, and recognise the value of parents as first educators. Come and visit us in our spacious grounds at 8 Landsdowne Terrace on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday mornings 9-12, or our explorer outings on Thursdays. Email landsdowneterrace@playcentre.org.nz or message our Facebook page.

Heathcote Cricket Club Junior Membership Registration day, 19th September 1pm to 4pm. Saturday morning cricket for Year 3 to Year 8. Friday night 'Have-A-Go' cricket from 5.30pm to 6.30pm. Cnr Port Hills Road and Bridle Path Road. www.heathcotecricket.co.nz

CASPA Holiday Programmes – our programmes are designed to be fun and educational. We will provide a safe and creative environment for your child to explore hobbies and activities such as baking, sport, craft, art. Book online to secure your spot. www.caspa.org.nz or email info@caspa.org.nz

Beginner Squash Sessions at Christchurch Squash Club in Cashmere -School Holidays Beginner sessions, bring a friend for FREE. Tuesday 29th September 10am – 12noon Wednesday 30th September 12.30 – 2.30pm \$20 per session, note friends name in the comments when you register online

<https://www.squashcanterbury.co.nz/registration/index.cfm> All equipment will be provided, please wear clean non marking court shoes.

School Holidays - Tuesday & Thursday 10.30am -

Free Children's Movies, at Opawa Community Church Hall, cnr Aynsley Tce and Opawa Rd. **29 September – Open Season**, 1 October – The Princess and the Pea, **6 October – Tintin (PG)**, 8 October – UP, **Friday 16th October at 7pm – Shrek the Third**. Seats will be available but kids may want to bring their own rug or bean-bag and sit on the floor. Drinks, popcorn and nibbles available for sale.

Gypsy Spirit Expo in St Martins School hall on Saturday 19th at 11am until 4pm. \$5 entry. Mediums, Crystals, Clothing, Reiki Healing & so much more.



Enrol and vote here
Rēhita, pōti hoki ki konei

Date	Time
Sat 10 Oct	9am – 4pm
Election Day:	
Sat 17 Oct	9am – 7pm

Go to vote.nz for more voting locations

ON THE CALENDAR


9	Mon 14 Sept	Tues 15 Sept	Wed 16 Sept	Thu 17 Sept	Fri 18 Sept
			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 William Pike Challenge Rm 19/20 Celebration of Learning	Canterbury Winter Tournament Mihi competitions - Manu Kōrero Hato Mātene	Y7/8 Tech Student vs Teachers Football match Last day of term



Come join the fun!

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TWILIGHT TOUCH RUGBY



Price includes referees and bibs so teams don't have to buy a team top.

Enter your team now.

Payment by first playing night.

\$30 PER PLAYER

WHAT: Mixed grade touch rugby

WHO: Year 0-8 students

WHERE: Waltham Park

WHEN: Thursday, 22 Oct to 10 Dec

GRADES/TIMES: YEAR 0-2 & 3-4
4.00-5.30pm
YEAR 5-6 & 7-8
5.30-7.00pm

EMAIL: smart.touch@stmartins.school.nz

Online registrations open 31 August at www.sporty.co.nz/smarttouch

For coaching help contact Touch Canterbury office: admin@touchcanterbury.co.nz

Closing date for entries: 25 September 2020

The S'Mart Community is the St Martins School parent community (replacing the PTA and fundraising committees) that helps the school by fundraising, giving practical support and by helping develop a stronger parent community. Check out our website for more details: <https://www.smartcommunity.org.nz/>
<https://www.facebook.com/StMartinsSmartCommunity/>

THANK YOU!!!

A big thank you to all those who came to plant and mulch the remaining entry gardens. It was another great turn out and a huge amount was achieved in just a few hours, including all the new plants put in and existing areas beautifully weeded and gaps filled. It looks wonderful and is going to be very rewarding to watch it grow and establish.

Please note: A pair of gardening gloves, a single gardening glove, and a black polar fleece were all left behind at the last working bee and can be collected from Michele in the Office. Also Brian brought his spade from home and marked it BK in black on the shaft - someone has taken this home. Could people please check and return it to school - thanks - Jenny





IT'S ON!!!! School Fiesta

Save the Date: 21 November 2020

Fiesta planning ...We're all a-go!

Despite the fact we're still in Level 2 and can't predict what alert level we'll be at on 21st November – our Fiesta date – our planning is continuing – and now we have some specific Level 2 plans we are just confirming – so there will still be something fun happening in November for the community to look forward to!

White Elephant

So, with the September school holidays coming up – why not plan to have a spring-clean of items that would be great to have for the White Elephant stall? Good-quality clothing, books, household items would all be great! (no electrical goods or large items).

We will be collecting these items closer to the time of the Fiesta (about 2 weeks out).



Plants

Calling All Green Fingers....

The Fiesta Plants team would like to encourage kids, parents, grandparents and all whānau to get growing seedlings or pot up any spare plants over the holidays.

We are particularly keen to receive herb and vegetable seedlings and cherry tomatoes.

Any questions regarding plants for the Fiesta please email jacqinder@yahoo.com

Baking Support Coordinator Needed



St Martins PTA needs someone to help coordinate our meals and baking support system. Baking support is provided to families with critical and ongoing illnesses. This service opportunity involves maintaining the databases with our volunteers' details, and organising the meals/baking schedules when the need arises.

This is a rewarding and important job that strengthens our school community and echoes our school values. This is not a job that is needed very often so it will be low commitment.

If this sounds like something you could do, or for additional details, please contact Angela Tiller on: to_ange@hotmail.com

FIESTA - Help Needed!

We are still seeking additional sponsorship for entertainment activities- in particular – or if your workplace has any products you think might be useful for the Fiesta e.g. pots for plants, food items or anything reallywe'd be keen to have a chat with you! Contact Jo at fiesta@smartcommunity.org.nz if you can assist.

Companies can sponsor the whole activity or make a contribution towards the activity – we'd be happy either way, and happy to let everyone know about your support! Costs range from \$150 to \$540. Contact Jo at fiesta@smartcommunity.org.nz if you are keen to sponsor.

THANKS for your support!!

We are very pleased to acknowledge support from the following companies for prizes, entertainment sponsorship, or products. Please consider using these companies if you have need of their services or products!

