



St Martins School

Te Kura o Hato Mātene

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Newsletter 13

## BoT UPDATE

Kia ora tatou,

I hope everyone is settling in to the first week of term 4. Got your disco outfits sorted?

In an election week, it's timely to remind everyone that we have another important election coming up shortly too, no, not that one ... it's the mid-term Board elections.

If you are interested in finding out more about what's involved in being on the board, come along to one of our regular monthly meetings. The next one is on Tuesday 20th October at 6.30pm in the staff room. Or you can contact me directly on [bot@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:bot@stmartins.school.nz)

Nominations are open now at: <https://stmartins.boardelections.nz/> - nominations close on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 12 noon.

Ngā mihi,

Kate Hodgins

Chair, Board of Trustees

## SCHOOL UPDATE

We hope that everyone enjoyed the break period with their children. Going through the classrooms on Monday morning it certainly seemed as though the children had a great time at home. Lots of local events and adventures.

Last term finished with a flurry of events in the last week. We would like to congratulate all of the children involved in the Canterbury Winter Tournament with a special mention of the Y7 / 8 Netball and Football teams placing first in their respective competitions.

This term we welcome Josh Barnes, Kate Bayliss, Emma Fitzgerald and Caitlin Worsfold to our staff as Teacher Aides supporting learning across the school. Josh, Kate, Emma and Caitlin are recent teaching graduates.

We hope our Y8s make the most of and enjoy their last term with us before transitioning away to High School.

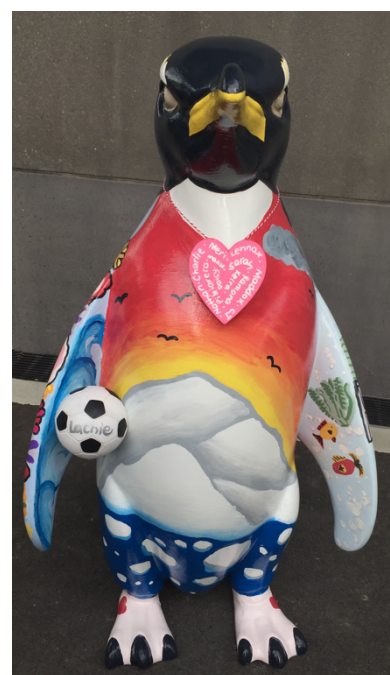
We look forward to whānau joining us throughout the term. There are lots of opportunities for you and your children to be involved in and out of the school. Feel free to come along to the Y5 – 8 athletics event held at Hansen Park next week. You might have a spare hour or even want to bring a picnic to spend the day. As always we are more than grateful if you offer to lend a hand with the events.

Thanks to Mrs Lana Sweeney, Nathan Pearson, Lennox Purdue, CJ Gurden, Maddox Pettigrew, Sarah Tindall, Meri Dalrymple, Pikiarero Harris, Keira Ward, Charlie Macintosh, Ramona Summers, Daisy Crane and Manu De Oliveira Wander for their wonderful creative work in developing Smarty Marty. The theme of our penguin is all about climate change and what is happening to the penguins' habitat. Smarty Marty will be on display in the Chch South Library for you to have a closer look.

I look forward to catching up throughout the term. More than happy to have a chat at the Waharoa when I am out there.

Andrew.

15<sup>th</sup> October 2020



## HATS

A reminder that term four is a term where the children need to be bringing and wearing a hat when they are outside. The school brimmed hat becomes a compulsory part of the uniform.

## 2021 START and END DATES

The 2021 school year will start on Thursday 4th Feb, our final day in 2021 will be Fri 17 Dec.

## STAFFING / CLASS PLACEMENTS

During the holiday break we appointed eight teachers to either fixed term or permanent teaching positions. We look forward to Alice, Amy and Charlotte taking up permanent positions and Chantal, Lavinia, Paige, Susie and Suzy continuing in fixed term positions for 2021. We now have our teaching staff for 2021. The next phase will be to start placing teachers in teams and children in classes for 2021. Next year there will be movement in the school due to;

- Retiring teachers
- Changes of pod partners
- Two teams reducing from six teachers to five
- Movement of teachers between teams
- Physical space changes
  - at this stage we will not be using Rms11, 12, 13 as everyday learning spaces
  - we have been asked by the MoE to use two rooms we thought were being demolished as learning spaces in 2021

We have considered all of the above aspects carefully and have come to the decision that we will be regrouping the majority of children in 2021 due to these changes. This will predominantly affect the Y3, Y5, Y7 children who in previous years have been taught by the same teacher for two years.

Our process for placing children will continue to be the same;

- Seeking information that is important from parents
  - We will keep our survey open until Monday 19 October - <https://forms.gle/m4G7izLTuf9QbYQQ9>
  - **We ask that you let us know aspects that will be relevant for your child's placement**, rather than selecting a teacher
- Asking children to identify three / four children that they think they can learn well with in the classroom
- Teacher recommendations of groups of children

At St Martins School we strive to create mixed ability classes, using the following definition for placing children: groups of children working at similar levels - with consideration of ages, social aspects and behavioural needs. We work hard at getting combinations right for each year, the process for class placements is completed over a number of weeks for the majority of term four. If you would like to have a chat about any aspects above please come and have a chat with myself, Alice D or Jenny W.

## 2021 Y8 LEADERS

We have discussed with the Y7 group of children the leadership opportunities for 2021. These include head boy / girl, deputy head boy / girl, student council and house captain roles. The process we follow for selecting students for these roles is;

- Gathering initial student interest in the roles
- Gathering information from all Y7s based on who they believe would be good leaders in their year group to represent them
- Completion of specific application forms
- High Flier Teacher nominations of students





- High Flier and Senior Leadership Team consultation

We have completed the first two aspects and will move into the more formal application process this term. We gather all of this information together to form a leadership team that is representative of the year group.

### SCHOOL DISCO – this Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October

In the school hall. Theme: Neon/Fluoro

Junior Disco: Year 0-4, 5.30pm to 7pm Senior Disco: Year 5-8, 7.30pm to 9pm

\$5 cash at the door or for families with 3 or more children you can buy a \$10 ticket at the school office by Friday 3.30pm. Drinks/snacks available from 50 cents to \$3.



### LINC ED HERO - CREATING PARENT ACCOUNTS



At the beginning of the holidays we shared some information about our new Student Management System (SMS) called **Linc-Ed Hero**. Hopefully you've had a chance to create an account and / or download the app on your phone. If not,

information has been shared with you via School Links on Tuesday.

We use this SMS to do a number of in house things like taking the roll, daily notices, collecting assessment, pastoral care and recording learning and behaviour information. It is also a communication portal for parents.

At the moment communication is shared via School Links. **However, we will stop using School Links at the end of this month.** All emails, newsletters or

notifications will be shared via Linc-Ed Hero using Community Notices. Parents and caregivers will be required to set up their own accounts.

If you need any assistance setting up your account or downloading the app, we will be holding some drop in sessions. These will take place in the school hall starting this week:

- Friday 16 October - 2.45pm
- Monday 19 October - 8.30am, 9.00am, 2.45pm
- Thursday 22 October - 8.30am

Please get in touch if you have any questions [aliced@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:aliced@stmartins.school.nz)



**Calendar Art:** This week your child will be bringing home a Calendar Art order form. **You can start to order these from Monday the 19th.** Orders will be open for 2 weeks. These make great Christmas presents. You can also purchase sketch pads, cards, mouse pads and diaries. Prices are listed on the order form. Happy buying.

### YEAR 5 TO 8 ATHLETICS DAY TIMETABLE/PROGRAM

HANSEN PARK, 22nd OCTOBER - 2020

	Year 5 56 students	Year 6 64 students	Year 7 74 students	Year 8 Girls 38 students	Year 8 Boys 38 students
Round 1 9:10-9:50	Long Track (80m)	Short Track (60m)	Shot Put	Long Jump	Discus
Round 2 9:50-10:35	Long Jump	Discus	Short Track (60m)	Shot Put	High Jump
Morning Tea 10:35-10:45	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea
Round 3 10:45-11:30	Shot Put	High Jump	Discus	Short Track (60m)	Long Jump

Lunch 12-12:15	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Round 4 12:20-1:05	Short Track (60m)	Long Track (80m)	High Jump	Discus	Shot Put
Round 5 1:05-1:50	Discus	Long Jump	Long Track (100m)	High Jump	Short Track (60m)
Round 6 1:50-2:30	High Jump	Shot Put	Long Jump	Long Track (100)	Long Track (100)

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Elsie Brown and Minah van Dam represented St Martins School in the South Zone Story Telling competition. They both performed extremely well, with Elsie taking second place in the Year 7 section.

During the school holidays Cashmere Technical U14 girls blue team won the 2020 Canterbury United Pride Regional Tournament at Kendall Park, Kaiapoi. The team included 3 St Martins year 8 pupils: Savvy Olsen, Maisy Cowie and Minah Van Dam.



Congratulations to the following Year 8 girls for their selection into the following Canterbury Touch Teams.

Canterbury Red: Shannon Frusher

Canterbury Black: Hannah Pateman and Molly Bloy

Canterbury White: Jasmine McCoy, Anahere Moffat-Whare, Savvy Olsen

## SCHOOL NOTICES

**Still lost from the last school Working Bee** - one Spear and Jackson spade with BK written on the shaft. Please return to school office if you have found it so it can be returned to its owner – Thanks.

**The Sanitarium Weetbix TRYathlon** will be back in 2021. To be held on **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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

**Opāwa St Martins Kidsfirst Kindergarten** – Free for 20 hours each week for children 2 and over (conditions apply). Enrol [opawa@kidsfirst.org.nz](mailto:opawa@kidsfirst.org.nz), pop in to 8 Butler Street or phone (03)332 2866.

**October Music finals – 7pm tonight!** (15<sup>th</sup> October) McCombs Performing Arts Centre, Cashmere High School. Biggest event of the year where school's best of the best compete to win trophies in different categories. Door sales only: Eftpos or cash. \$5 students, \$10 adults, \$20 family of 4. Refreshments available.

**Vegan Expo Sunday November 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm** – Enjoy great vegan food, watch top chefs display their cooking secrets, special kids' zone, bouncy castle and activities. Whether you are vegan or not you will love the variety of foods and entertainment on offer. More info including ticket info at [www.veganexpo.org.nz](http://www.veganexpo.org.nz)

# ON THE CALENDAR

Might be worth putting the calendar somewhere handy to refer to...

1	Mon 12 Oct	Tue 13 Oct	Wed 14 Oct	Thu 15 Oct	Fri 16 Oct
	Year 5/8 Athletic Training	Year 5/8 Athletic Training Art Gallery Trip Rm 7 & 8	Year 5/8 Athletic Training Art Gallery Trip Rm 5 & 6 GTT Rm 9 & 10 Year 7/8 Boys Writing Club	Year 5/8 Athletic Training Canterbury Swimming Newsletter	Art Gallery Trip Rm 2, 3 & 4
2	Mon 19 Oct	Tue 20 Oct	Wed 21 Oct	Thu 22 Oct	Fri 23 Oct
	Year 5/8 Athletic Training Canterbury Duathlon		William Pike Sailing GTT Rm 11 & 12 Year 7/8 Boys Writing Club	Year 5/8 Athletics Day	National Young Leaders Day Year 3/4 Fix It Club
3	Mon 26 Oct	Tue 27 Oct	Wed 28 Oct	Thu 29 Oct	Fri 30 Oct
	Labour Day	Cultural Festival Art Gallery Trip Year 5/6 Year 7/8 Softball	GTT Rm 13 Athletics Day Postponement day Year 7/8 Boys Writing Club	Newsletter Year 7/8 Softball	Year 3/4 Fix It Club
4	Mon 2 Nov	Tue 3 Nov	Wed 4 Nov	Thu 5 Nov	Fri 6 Nov
			GTT Rm 9 & 10 Summer Tournament Year 7/8 Boys Writing Club		Year 3/4 Fix It Club
5	Mon 9 Nov	Tue 10 Nov	Wed 11 Nov	Thu 12 Nov	Fri 13 Nov
	Zone Athletics Day		GTT Rm 11 & 12 Year 7/8 Sports tournament Newsletter	Teacher Only Day	Show Day
6	Mon 16 Nov	Tue 17 Nov	Wed 18 Nov	Thu 19 Nov	Fri 20 Nov
	Zone Athletics Postponement day		GTT Rm 13 Year 7/8 Boys Writing Club		Year 3/4 Fix It Club Fiesta on tomorrow!
7	Mon 23 Nov	Tue 24 Nov	Wed 25 Nov	Thu 26 Nov	Fri 27 Nov
		Year 3/4 Athletics Day	GTT Rm 9 & 10 Canterbury Triathlon Year 7/8 Boys Writing Club	Newsletter	Year 3/4 Fix It Club
8	Mon 30 Nov	Tue 1 Dec	Wed 2 Dec	Thu 3 Dec	Fri 4 Dec
	Korfball Tournament Year 0/4 Water Safety	Year 0/4 Water Safety Science Road show	Year 0/4 Water Safety Canterbury Athletics GTT Rm 11 & 12	Year 0/4 Water Safety	Year 3/4 Fix It Club
9	Mon 7 Dec	Tue 8 Dec	Wed 9 Dec	Thu 10 Dec	Fri 11 Dec
			GTT Rm 13	Newsletter	Year 3/4 Fix It Club
10	Mon 14 Dec	Tue 15 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Thu 17 Dec	Fri 18 Dec
	Yr 7/8 Pool Day	Yr 7 Surf Day Yr 8 Amazing Race Yr 0/4 Pool Day	Yr 8 Surf Day Yr 3/4 Music Extravaganza EPAC Showcase		Last day of school – 12.30pm Finish