



**St Martins School**

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

**Te Kura o Hato Mātene**



Newsletter 14

29<sup>th</sup> October 2020

## BOARD UPDATE

A reminder that the mid-term Board elections are coming up and nominations for the 2 parent representative positions close this Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 12 noon.

If you are interested in finding out more about what's involved in being on the board, contact Kate Hodgins, Board Chairperson on [bot@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:bot@stmartins.school.nz)

Nominations are open at: <https://stmartins.boardelections.nz/>

Kia ora tatou,

Already the term is flying by and the end of the year seems much closer than it should be.

There are a couple of updates that I'd like to share on behalf of the board.

Many of you will be aware that the government have given all schools some funding for "Special projects" which needs to be spent by the end of next year (2021). We have been fortunate that our hall redevelopment has been accepted as eligible for the funding. We are focussing the redevelopment on essential safety requirements, expanding the capacity as well as some general improvements. We are very fortunate that our Smart Community (PTA) have been driving this redevelopment for some years already and as a result we already have plans underway, thanks to Tom Norman of Three Sixty Architecture. We are hopeful that the plans will be with council before the end of the year and that the work can be completed before the end of next year.

The landscaping is also coming along well, and we are hoping to secure some of the Special projects funding to complete the "Lachie Memorial Garden" in the space behind Whare Kūkūwai. Again, we have some fabulous plans drawn up by another parent, Katie Chilton of Boffa Miskell, which we hope to have in place by mid-2021. A number of families have expressed a wish to be involved with this project and we will be contacting you over the course of the project as required.

On behalf of the board, a huge thanks to all of those who have contributed to getting both of these very worthwhile projects off the ground.

Ka kite ano,

Kate Hodgins

Chair of the Board of Trustees

## SCHOOL UPDATE

We have definitely had a number of children on the move with their learning this term. Congratulations to the children who participated in the following events representing St Martins School;

- Christchurch Cultural Festival – KapaHaka
  - A wonderful performance in the last Christchurch Festival
- Duathlon
- William Pike Sailing
- National Young Leaders Day



On Friday this week we are holding a certificate assembly for Y4 – 8 children. This assembly will acknowledge the children that have achieved highly in sports, academics, cultural and arts.

Thank you for the information you shared through the class placement survey. The teaching staff are using the information parents have shared and the feedback from students around the children that they think they would be able to learn with in 2021 during the placement process. We combine this information while also using our professional judgement from conversations and observations of children's academic progress, social progress and relationship dynamics throughout the year.

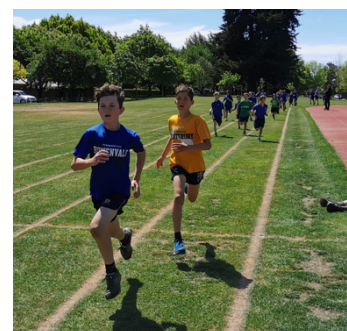


Below are our teaching teams for 2021. As you can see there is some movement between teams as well as the physical spaces.

NE - Y2	Y3 / 4	Y5 / 6	Y7 / 8
Charlotte Bates (Rm 4)	Kate Keenan (Rm 9) Jenny Oldridge / Catherine Dalley (Rm 10)	Tamara Saxon (Rm 14) Katelyn Hill (Rm 15)	Jarad Pateman (Rm 19) Nicky Pateman (Rm 20)
Suzy O'Hara (Rm 5) Paige Hampton (Rm 6)	Chantal Ward Chris Sumer Susie Keenan Rms 21, 22, 23 - Rms TBD	Hamish Lancaster-Whillis (Rm 16)	Lavinia Buckenham-Baines (E1) Alice Perry (E2)
Helen Norcliffe (Rm 7) Michelle Parsons (Rm 8)		Jane Williams (Rm 17) Amy Kenel (Rm 18)	Alice Barakat (Rm 24)

A reminder that **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Nov is a Teacher only day**. The school will be closed. This means that show weekend will be four days instead of three. Yesterday the children from Rm 12 presented me with some persuasive letters to be able to use wheels during break times on the top court. Some of the arguments focussed on an increased opportunity to provide a variety of play for children, provide space for those that might not have enough space at home or teaching each other new skills. There was also a focus on safety through the compulsory use of helmets while having wrist guards, elbow and knee protection as optional. There was consideration put into the number of children that would be able to participate as well, after all 550 children on wheels would make for an interesting lunch hour. After some careful consideration we will trial a wheels area in the school for a few weeks (possibly the remainder of the term). The following guidelines will need to be followed;

- Scooters and skateboards only
- Helmets are compulsory
  - We recommend wrist guards, elbow and knee pads
- Lunchtime only
  - Tuesday = Y3 / 4
  - Wednesday = Y5 / 6
  - Thursday = Y7 / 8
  - Friday = Y0 – Y2
- The wheel area is on the top court
- Scooters and skateboards must be either walked or carried through the school
- The values of caring and respect to other children and duty teachers supporting the area will be displayed by all users





Failure to follow the guidelines may mean your child will be unable to participate during their time slot

All classes are gearing up for the Fiesta on Saturday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 2pm, we hope to see you there.

Thank you to the families who have been able to support our EOTC events through joining children at Tūranga, athletics day, offsite sports events and trips. Your help is immensely appreciated.

Enjoy the weekend everyone.



## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Greer competed in a cheerleading competition in Auckland a few weeks ago with all Australia and NZ teams, this was virtual for Australian teams as they could not fly, but all NZ teams from around country came, Greer's team came first! The name of her team are LYNX . Well done to Greer and the team.



## SCHOOL NOTICES

**Calendar Art:** Hopefully you will have received your child's calendar art form. If not, please check with the teacher. Orders will be open until the end of this week. 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.



**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

### Greater Christchurch - Tell us what you want for 2050

We want to hear from everyone that has an interest in Greater Christchurch as we develop this exciting plan for our sub-region's future. Greater Christchurch 2050 will describe the kind of place we want for our future generations, and the actions we need to take over the next 30 years to make it happen.

[Tell us what you want to see by answering a few quick questions](#)

It should take around 5 minutes to give us your feedback. You can give feedback until 8 November 2020. To find out more about the greater Christchurch Partnership and the plan

visit [greaterchristchurch.org.nz/greater-christchurch-2050](https://greaterchristchurch.org.nz/greater-christchurch-2050)

**Bacon, bacon, bacon** - Year 7's AJ, Arthur, Elliot and Harvey are raising money for an 8 day Scout camp in January. If you'd like to support them they are selling 400gm packs of Hellers middle bacon - \$8 for one or \$20 for 3 and 20 packs of frozen croissants for \$25. They will be at the school gates on Friday 30th October taking orders, please bring cash. Or you can email [tom@nrmn.co.nz](mailto:tom@nrmn.co.nz) to order before 1st November. Orders will be ready by early December, just in time for a delicious Christmas.



# ON THE CALENDAR

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	