



St Martins School

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

Te Kura o Hato Mātene



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## BOARD UPDATE

As you will be aware our school is currently undertaking mid-term elections for our Board of Trustees. Voting papers have been mailed to you and you are able to vote online or with a manual vote with those papers returned to the school. Voting closes at 4pm Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December and we encourage your participation.

## SCHOOL UPDATE

The Fiesta was a great event on Saturday. It was wonderful to see so many from the community at the event. The Fiesta Team set out to create an event we could all enjoy and come along to participate in. The focus being around coming together rather than the amount of fundraising that was achieved. Having said that, the approximately \$17, 000 raised will be greatly appreciated. Thank you to Jo Bethell for her organisation of the Fiesta team of helpers both on the day and all the behind the scenes meetings. Thanks to everyone involved in supporting the event throughout the year, your time and efforts have been greatly appreciated. And of course, always quite nice to finish off with a good refreshing dunking when the sun comes out.



As you will know Jenny Wood is retiring at the end of the year. In 2021 we welcome Leanne Parnham to St Martins School as the new Deputy Principal with a key role of leading learning support. Born in Australia, Leanne Parnham has lived most of her life in Chch. She has 2 daughters and 1 granddaughter in Chch. Leanne is currently the DP at a newly built school in Flatbush Auckland - Te Uho o te Nikau Primary. She is one of the founding DPs of the school. Prior to this she was a team leader at Waimairi School for 8 years as well as a few years teaching in Bangkok. Leanne is delighted to be joining the team at SMS as well as returning home to her family in Chch. We believe the skills, knowledge and attributes

Leanne will bring are a very positive fit for our school.

We congratulate Katelyn Hill on her successful appointment to Selwyn House in 2021. Katelyn will be teaching a Y5 class, we know that she will have a lot of wonderful St Martins experiences to draw from in her new role. We also farewell Helen Murray at the end of the 2020 school year. We thank Helen for the wonderful music experiences she has provided for the children and in particular the work she has done with the percussion group. For the past seven weeks we have been carefully discussing and placing children for the 2021 school year. We think we are getting closer and closer to finalising these. There were a number of parent requests this year, we are looking to contact parents next week around these. Children and parents who have nominated other children to be placed with will find that these requests have been accommodated either within the home class or in the pod of two – three classes. In week ten all of the children will have the opportunity to meet with their home class, pod and teachers.

We are moving 6 classrooms for the 2021 school year. You may have notice some classrooms have already moved so we have the right furniture in the right classrooms. We hope your children enjoy their last few weeks in their new spaces.



Our final day this year is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. School will finish at 12.30pm for the day. We have two assemblies on the Friday morning to allow space for families to join us. The assemblies are scheduled for;

- 9.15am – Y0 – 4
- 10.45am – Y5 – 8

As with any year the final week of the term is full of events to round out the year. Although they are on the calendar below a reminder of the week is:

Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec

- Year 7/8 pool day
- Reports and 2021 Classes go home

Tues 15<sup>th</sup> Dec

- Year 8 Amazing Race
- Y7 Surf Day
- Y0 - 4 Pool Day
- Y5 - 6 Water Day

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Dec

- Y8 Surf Day
- Y3 - 4 Water Fight

Thu 17<sup>th</sup> Dec

- Certificate Assembly Y5 - 8 9.15am

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec

- Final Assemblies
  - 9.15 Y0 – 4
  - 10.45 Y5 – 8

In our last newsletter we shared some of the aspects we discuss and look to be incorporated into the learning and environment at St Martins School. This week we are sharing the aspects for Personal Best and Responsibility.

A reminder that we will be reporting against the five areas of Caring / Aroha, Respect / Manaaki, Responsibility / Haepapa, Learning / Ako, Personal Best / E Ranga! Reporting is based on a continuum of consistently, usually or sometimes.



Personal Best	Responsibility
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Set high standards</li> <li>• Set goals and identify next steps</li> <li>• Self-manage</li> <li>• Have a go</li> <li>• Take risks</li> <li>• Be persistent</li> <li>• Think outside the square</li> <li>• Be role models for others</li> <li>• Use their talents</li> <li>• Recognise others successes</li> <li>• Manage their time effectively</li> <li>• Reflect on learning and behaviour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively participate and make positive contributions within our community</li> <li>• Be helpful and caring</li> <li>• Give everyone a fair go</li> <li>• Be inclusive</li> <li>• Take care of the environment</li> <li>• Care for theirs and others belongings</li> <li>• Follow school expectations</li> <li>• Value individual differences</li> <li>• Be excellent role models</li> <li>• To strive for personal best</li> <li>• Take responsibility for their own behaviour</li> </ul>

We seem to be racing to the end of the year. We hope you can join us where and when you can. Enjoy the weekend everyone.

Andrew





You will be aware that school communication is now shared via our new student management system, Linc Ed Hero. We are aware that some parents and caregivers are having issues logging into the App. You might be experiencing a 'white screen' while trying to login. The technical team at Linc Ed Hero are currently trying to fix this. We recommend that anyone having trouble using the app, instead log in using the Chrome Browser on their phone. Please get in touch with Alice Denley [aliced@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:aliced@stmartins.school.nz) if you have any questions.

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

**Itinerant Music Concert** – another successful Itinerant Music concert was held on Monday evening in the school hall. Thanks to the students and their tutors for all the hard work over the year, thank you to Rueben Chin, an ex St Martins student who wowed everyone with his amazing musical talents, Hamish Lancaster-Whilliss and Cate van Leuven for their musical accompaniments and to Diane Magon who each year puts this concert together. We appreciate all of your efforts.

## SCHOOL NOTICES

**St Martins Skate Skool!** – Starting Term 1 of next year, join the Cheapskates Skate Skool and get on-board EVERY MONDAY after school from 3.30 - 4.30 on the top courts.

Learn to Skateboard and Longboard, master the basics as well as trick tips and games with weekly prizes.

Beginners and experienced skaters welcome! Board and safety gear supplied. \$15 per session.

Registration forms will be handed out in term 1 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb after a free lunchtime session with boards, helmets and pads available for children to use, the programme will start Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February.

**Come and learn to play Ki-o-Rahi** – The St Martins School Whānau Group would like to invite you to come along this Friday at 6pm on the school field to learn Ki-o-Rahi. (In the hall if wet). Bring your family and have a picnic with us. Ara tutors are coming along to teach us how to play this fast moving multi-dimensional traditional Māori game.

**Pop up Penguin** – As part of the Pop Up Penguin trail, our penguin will be displayed at South Library from 28<sup>th</sup> November 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021. A final farewell event will be held at the Air Force Museum on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 where all the penguins will be on display before heading back to the schools. On 28<sup>th</sup> November the trail map will be available in The Press, at libraries and a free Pop Up app will be available. Search Pop Up Penguins at the App Store and Google Play.

**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

**The Great Cholmondeley Penguin Expedition.** Journey into to the colourful world of the Pop Up Penguins. On Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December, get the kids together and have some fun finding Christchurch's newest residents. This family friendly scavenger hunt beginning at the Christchurch Botanical Gardens will take you on a quest to discover a waddle of Pop Up Penguins located across the Christchurch CBD. All proceeds go directly to Cholmondeley Children's Centre. Register at <https://bit.ly/PenguinExpedition>



**Do you need some extra help around the house?** My name is Merlinda Neels. I am a domestic house cleaner (and St Martins School mum) in your local community. It has been a pleasure to help families over the last 12 years. From weekly or fortnightly cleans to one-off cleans. If you would like to find out more please contact me anytime on 022 350 5765

**Babysitting** – Year 9 Cashmere High School student, Stella Shields (ex St Martins) available for casual babysitting. Contact Stella on 0204 100 6061

**Arawa Kayak Club** is looking for Youth Paddlers (aged 10 and over). Tyro beginners sessions on Saturdays at Kerrs Reach. For more information email: [admin@arawa.org.nz](mailto:admin@arawa.org.nz) FB: <https://www.facebook.com/arawacc>

**Kelly Sports January Holiday Programmes** - Bookings for our upcoming Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes at Hillview Christian School are now available online.

The focus of our Programmes is to ensure kids are active throughout with a great mixture of games and activities to suit everyone. WINZ Subsidies are available for families that qualify and we have options of Half Day sessions, School Day sessions and Full Day sessions available.

To register and for more information please

visit [www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east](http://www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east) or contact Steve on [steve@kellysports.co.nz](mailto:steve@kellysports.co.nz) for more information



## ON THE CALENDAR

7	Mon 23 Nov	Tue 24 Nov	Wed 25 Nov	Thu 26 Nov	Fri 27 Nov
	Itinerant Music Concert in the school hall 6.30pm to 8pm	Year 3/4 Athletics Day	GTT Rm 9 & 10 Canterbury Triathlon Year 7/8 Boys Writing Club	EPAC Performance Newsletter	Year 3/4 Fix It Club Whanau Group Meeting
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
		BoT Meeting	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 5/6 Water Day	Yr 8 Surf Day Yr 3/4 Music Extravaganza EPAC Showcase Yr 3/4 Water Fight		Last day of school – 12.30pm Finish