



**St Martins School**

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

**Te Kura o Hato Mātene**



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10<sup>th</sup> December 2020

## BOARD UPDATE

### St Martins School Mid Term Election 2020 for 2 Parent Representatives

Declaration of parent election results for 2 parent representatives

Broughton, Mark 96

Hodgins, Kate 134

Inder, Jacqui 70

Taylor, Tracy 72

Wiles, Matthew 53

I therefore declare the following duly elected: Mr Mark Broughton, Ms Kate Hodgins

Wayne Jamieson, Returning Officer, St Martins School

## SCHOOL UPDATE

And here we are at the end of a rather unusual year. I'm sure going into the year no one could have foreseen seven weeks of learning at home. Where parents became teachers and teachers visited homes on a virtual basis. Thank you to all our community (staff members, children, parents, extended family) for your support, kind words and consideration as we navigated through a year that continually changed. It has been an interesting time to work through the constraints of social distancing at school as well as having out of school providers cancelling events, however, we have all pitched in to make it a successful year for all.

Thank you to the families who were able to give up their time throughout the year, your support in our class programmes or at events was greatly appreciated. These experiences are all the richer for you being involved in with your children.

Thank you to the Y8 children transitioning away to High School next year. We know that you will take away fond memories of the learning, experiences and time you have had at St Martins School. Remember to keep in touch, we really do enjoy hearing about your successes. I have really enjoyed our interactions throughout the year. You have taken an interest in each other and the school. Reaching out a helping hand where needed, whether it was with your friends, classmates or younger children. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed. You are an exceptional group of students who have made us very proud of what you have achieved, of what you have done, and how you have gone about doing it. As a school we thank you for being the role

models that our school could look up to. Continue to care and show respect for people, at the end of the day, it's the relationships we have that will really matter, they get us through both the moments of celebration and the tight spots. Take care with your words, use them for good and to uplift others.

Next week, reports, 2021 classes and stationery lists will go home. We will send this information home on Monday afternoon and follow this with a session on Thursday before lunch where the children will meet the children in their pod and home class.



I'm looking forward to the Y8 Graduation event to finish this week. Looks like a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the achievements of our young leaders and role models of St Martins. See you at Hillview School for a 6.30pm start. If you have the time you are more than welcome to join us for our final assemblies next week. We have a certificate assembly on the Thursday starting at 9.15am for the Y5 – 8 children. On Friday next week we have a Junior Assembly (Y0 – 4) 9.15 – 10.30am followed by a Senior Assembly (Y5 – 8) 10.45 – 11.45am. We have a split assemblies to be able to make space for the community to join us. A reminder that school finishes at 12.30pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

At the Senior School final assembly we will be announcing the Student Leaders for the 2021 school year. As usual our process for selecting these children has been;

- Children completed a form to indicate their interest in a leadership role
- All Y7 children were asked to nominate four leaders in their year group
- All High Fliers teachers nominated ten leaders from the Y7 cohort
- We compared the two groups of nominations (there was quite a lot of similarity)
- We have taken into consideration the way the children have interacted with their peers, teachers and across the school, we also looked at the contributions and involvement these children are already making in our school

Next year we will have 18 Student Leaders. Jarad Pateman will be the teacher in charge of leading the student council in 2021. It is our expectation that the children on the student council will uphold the school values both in and out of the school setting.

Congratulations to Jack, Elsie, Emily and Connor on their inclusion in the Antarctic Heritage Trust weekend programme. Emily attended the Inspiring Explorers Summit, 20 children from across NZ were able to attend. Emily went to the Antarctic Centre, saw Huskies and Penguins and learnt about Antarctica. Emily completed a presentation to the St Martins Scout Group based on the information she had learnt.

Jack, Elsie and Connor attended the Worsley Weekend, 20 from Canterbury were selected to participate. They travelled to Worsley's home town of Akaroa, where they were challenged to step out of their comfort zones as they learned some of the skills needed to be a legendary explorer like Worsley. This weekend culminated in a presentation at the library to friends and family, they were joined by two inspiring explorers who shared their current experiences.

Have a lovely summer break with your friends and families. For those moving on from St Martins, good luck with your future endeavours and to those returning we look forward to another exciting year of learning and experiences at St Martins School.

Andrew

## STUDENT WRITING

### A Wintry Day – by Seth-Aaron Purdue, Year 4, Room10

I make my way through the snowy crunchy path with my brother, my dog Hazel, and my mum. I hear owls hooting above me. The frosty wind crosses my face. I feel the snow dripping quietly on me. As I touch the frosty trees the frost falls off onto my hand. Hazel is loving the snow. She keeps on rolling in it and eats it. I





wonder if she is cold. We go home and have hot chocolate with white and pink marshmallows. We put on the fire and Hazel curls up next to it.

## SCHOOL NOTICES

**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>

**The Homework Club** are taking bookings for our December and January holiday programmes. Please check out our website for more information:

[info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz](mailto:info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz)

**Parking** - We have now added **two parking spaces** available for the community in the school carpark. One is a five minute drop off and pick up in the main carpark, the other is a mobility park for those that have the mobility badge on their car. We understand that these two parks will not alleviate the parking issues that we have around Albert Tce. Please ensure you are using these parks when needed and by the appropriate guidelines.

**School Lunch orders** - The final day for the year to order school lunches for Sushi (Lunch Online) and Subway is this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Lunches cannot be ordered for the final week of term. School lunches will start up again from 10<sup>th</sup> February 2021 for Pita Pit (Wednesday's through Lunch Online) and Sushi and Subway on Fridays.



## 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 (closed between 25<sup>th</sup> December to 5<sup>th</sup> January).

The following Dental Clinics will be open during these school holidays:

- Woolston Clinic, 11 Hopkins Street, Woolston,
- Hornby Clinic, 2 Hei Hei Road, Hornby,
- Northcote Clinic, 24 Tuckers Road, Casebrook,

The clinics will offer appointments between 8.15am and 4.45pm for school-age and preschool children. If your child has dental pain because of an accident, please contact your dentist in the first instance.

To book an appointment at one of our clinics please: call 0800 846 983 Or email [comm dental@cdhb.health.nz](mailto:comm dental@cdhb.health.nz)

**Tangled – a fun, witty family musical performance** – Perfect for all ages. Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> January. Merivale Lane Theatre, Rangi Ruru Girls High School, 10 Merivale Lane. Ticket bookings at [https://bit.ly/3Act2\\_Tangled](https://bit.ly/3Act2_Tangled) \$10pp or family concession \$40 for 2A, 3C or 1A 4C. Under 3 free on knee. [www.act2drama.co.nz](http://www.act2drama.co.nz)

**Christmas songs on the lawn at the Old Stone House**, Cracroft Community Centre – Friday 18 December 5.30 to 7.30pm. Bring the family and enjoy an evening of fun at this FREE community event. Live music and bar facilities available.

**Friday Whānau Fun Nights at South Library** – an evening of stories, family and fun. Bring the kids, grandparents, cousins – the whole whānau is invited! Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month for a short story time followed by fun, hands on activities to do as a family. Next one is **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 5 to 6pm**. Free, no bookings required.

**Christchurch Netball Programmes 2021** – A variety of programmes for Years 3 to 8 covering development, landing skills and netball fitness. For more information on dates and prices contact Sara Norton by email at [jnnetball@cnc.org.nz](mailto:jnnetball@cnc.org.nz) or phone 027 919 4474

**The Marrzipan Drama Holiday Workshop** is back by popular demand and is running from Monday 18 January 2021 to Friday 22 January 2021 at the Fendalton Community Centre. Students will devise their own play from scratch, create characters, direct each other, design the set, bring in costumes and get to perform to family and friends at the end of the final day! Spaces are limited to 14 per group so get in quick! Book now or give us a call if you have any questions. See you there! [https://marrzipandrama.co.nz/holiday-workshops/?utm\\_source=dec-2020&utm\\_medium=school-newsletter&utm\\_campaign=christchurch](https://marrzipandrama.co.nz/holiday-workshops/?utm_source=dec-2020&utm_medium=school-newsletter&utm_campaign=christchurch)

**The Fencing Institute – January Holiday Fencing.** Jan 6 to 8 and 18 to 22. Primary age 9am to noon, High School and adults 1pm to 4pm. \$25 per session (or \$20 for 3 or more). For more details and registration go to [www.thefencinginstitute.co.nz/events](http://www.thefencinginstitute.co.nz/events) phone 027 249 2939 or email [hello@fencinginstitute.co.nz](mailto:hello@fencinginstitute.co.nz)

## ON THE CALENDAR

9	Mon 7 Dec	Tue 8 Dec	Wed 9 Dec	Thu 10 Dec	Fri 11 Dec
		BoT Meeting	GTT Rm 13	Newsletter Explorers Christmas Concert	Year 3/4 Fix It Club Year 8 Graduation at Hillview
10	Mon 14 Dec	Tue 15 Dec	Wed 16 Dec	Thu 17 Dec	Fri 18 Dec
	Yr 7/8 Pool Day Discoverers Christmas Songs	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	Year 5-8 Certificate assembly	Last day of school – 12.30pm Finish Final Assemblies – Y0-4 9.15am Year 5-8 10.45am