



**St Martins School**

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

**Te Kura o Hato Mātene**



Newsletter 3

11<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## SCHOOL UPDATE

We are very excited to be able to have our first assembly with children sharing their learning. The children and teachers from Discoverers Two (Rooms 21, 22, 23) will be sharing a number of aspects tomorrow. As usual we will be having two assembly times 1.30 and 2.15pm. If your child is in Y5 – 8 and they are getting an assembly certificate please come to the 1.30pm assembly. If your child is in Y0 – Y4 we will be having certificates at the 2.15pm assembly. Parents and caregivers from Discoverers Two, we especially invite you to the 2.15pm assembly.

We have our Learning Conversations at the end of term one. These will be held in the last week of term one. These meetings are a time for you to discuss with the classroom teacher how the start of the year has gone, any questions you may have as well as the children talking about the school values. Bookings are 3.15 – 5.30 Wed 14<sup>th</sup> and 1.00 – 7.30pm Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> April. Please note that we will close early on the Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April to be able to accommodate a space for all parents.

Thank you to the parents who have been helping in the classrooms and with our class trips. It is wonderful to have your support.

Just a reminder that we use HERO as a main communication system for the school. Newsletters, notices, updates will come via HERO from the school and classroom teachers. We use this as our formal communication system. Alice Denley has been supporting parents to get into their HERO accounts, at times we have found that we are sending our communication to an old or incorrect email address. If you believe we need to update your account please send an email to [aliced@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:aliced@stmartins.school.nz). Most classes also use either Dojo or Seesaw to share informal everyday learning.

These are optional extras for parents to be involved in if they wish.

We will be closing the school for two Teacher Only Days this year. These are Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June (Queen's Birthday weekend – term two) and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November (Show Weekend – term four). These days will be used for assessment and reporting.

Have a nice weekend.

Andrew



## PROPERTY UPDATE

We'd like to share some images for the proposed "Lachie friendship garden" behind the Whare Kūkūwai, courtesy of parent Katie Chilton and Boffa Miskell, who has generously been supporting the project. The colour yellow and bee-themed designs will be woven into the project as these were favourites of Lachie. As you can see in the images there will be planting as well as 'nests' for children to sit in, relax and chat. We see this space as being a special place that will be used in a variety of ways.



## SCHOOL NOTICES

### Year 7-8 Camp

Please complete the camp form before Monday 15th March so we can finalise activities and groups. The camp form has been sent through our school communication system, Hero. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact your child's teacher.

Remember, if you would like to be considered for parent help, please indicate this on the camp form and initiate the police vetting process with Michele in the office asap. ([micheles@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:micheles@stmartins.school.nz))

### Helpers for Year 7-8 syndicate

In the Year 7-8 syndicate, we value and encourage **extra-curricular** involvement outside of the classroom. In order to provide a range of enrichment opportunities for our students we rely heavily on our extended school community. We are seeking parents or family members who can support the following academic and sports programmes. **Maths Club, Science Club, Robotics, Hip Hop** and Term 2 and 3 **sports coaching** (Netball, Football, Rugby, Hockey)

In the past clubs have run before school, during lunchtime or after school. Times and days can be negotiated. We very much appreciate any support and expertise you can offer. We are keen to get these extra-curricular activities up and running for 2021.

Please email [nickyp@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:nickyp@stmartins.school.nz) if you are able to help in any way.

**School Photos** – we have extended the final date for orders until **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March**. We cannot accept late orders so please ensure orders are handed into the office by this date.

**Does your child want to learn the flute?** We have one space available in our Itinerant Music Programme. This is preferably for students Year 4 and above. Lessons are free and the hire of the flute is \$25 per term. If you are interested in finding out more please see Diane in the office or email [dianem@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:dianem@stmartins.school.nz)

**Baskets and plastic containers** – we have quite a few left over from the Fiesta last year. If you are missing a container come to the office to see if it is in the pile. Any left over by the end of next week will be recycled/donated.

**The S'Mart Community will be running the annual fundraiser – Entertainment** (Previously the Entertainment Book). 20% of every membership sold goes directly to our fundraising. From dining to shopping to travel with up to 50% off and 2 for 1 deals in Christchurch and across New Zealand and Australia. Order your membership online today. [www.entbook.co.nz/134177w](http://www.entbook.co.nz/134177w)

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Hayley Rose is a Year 4 student who is a member of the Pioneers of Canterbury Under 12's Marching Team. They recently won the Most Improved team at the Canterbury Championships. Hayley and the team will be travelling to Dunedin for more competitions soon. Well done to Hayley and her team mates and all the best for your future competitions.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Cashmere Netball Club** are looking for future fern players (Year 3 -6) to join their friendly club. Email [cashmerenetball@hotmail.com](mailto:cashmerenetball@hotmail.com) or visit the website [www.sporty.co.nz/cashmerenc](http://www.sporty.co.nz/cashmerenc)

**Coding NZ Lessons** – Ages 9 to 18 years - Learn coding languages to create technology. Try a free trial at [www.codingnz.com](http://www.codingnz.com)

**Cashmere Technical FC** – Have a Go Girls' Football Fiesta. No experience needed. March 12, 4.15pm to 5.15pm. Somerfield Park. All ages – free. Email [lisay@ctfc.co.nz](mailto:lisay@ctfc.co.nz) to register.

**Why not learn Spanish?** Beginner Spanish for students in Years 5 & 6. Tuesdays and Thursdays 4pm to 5pm. South Library, 66 Colombo Street. \$25 per hour – starting soon! Are you interested in learning a new language? We will have fun learning to speak Spanish. Bring your own device if you have one. Questions? Contact Ms Costeira. Ph: 021-211-0044 Email: [ecosteira@gmail.com](mailto:ecosteira@gmail.com)

## Elements Nature Programmes – April School Holidays.

Provides an authentic outdoor experience. Each day is a mix of team challenges and experiences. For more info and bookings go to <https://www.elementsnature.co.nz>

**Landsdowne Terrace Playcentre** is a parent run Early Childhood Education Centre with a friendly and diverse group of local parents. We run sessions on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday mornings 9-12, and explorer outings on Thursdays. Come and check out our **Community Mural Fun Day** on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9am-3pm: bouncy castle, cake stall, sausage sizzle and more. Updates on our Facebook page.

**The Homework Club Holiday Programmes** are currently taking bookings for the following dates:  
19<sup>th</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> April. 5-9 year olds based at Cashmere Primary, 135 Hackthorne Road, 9 – 13 year olds based at Landsdowne Community Centre, 8 Landsdowne Terrace. A high quality of care from 8am to 6pm during the holidays.

[www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz](http://www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz) or email Sara  
[info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz](mailto:info@thehomeworkclub.co.nz) for further information.



**Tiny Forest Birthday**

**King George V Reserve**  
**12.30 – 3PM 27TH MARCH**  
**ALL WELCOME**

**Celebrate the 30th anniversary at St Martins Scout Den**  
**Guided Walks, Talks, Demonstrations, BBQ and Displays.**  
**Rain day Sunday 28th**

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## ON THE CALENDAR

6	Mon 8 Mar Y7 / 8 Korfball	Tue 9 Mar Y 0 / 2 Kelly Sports	Wed 10 Mar Y 3 / 4 GTT PALS Workshop	Thu 11 Mar Newsletter Y 5 / 6 Traditional Māori Games	Fri 12 Mar Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball Assembly Discoverers 2
7	Mon 15 Mar	Tue 16 Mar Road Patrol Refresher Y 0 / 2 Kelly Sports Year 8 HPV Vaccinations	Wed 17 Mar Y 3 / 4 GTT Mufti Day	Thu 18 Mar Zone Swimming Y 5 / 6 Traditional Māori Games	Fri 19 Mar Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball Y7 / 8 PCT
8	Mon 22 Mar Y 7 / 8 Sailing Rm 11 and 12	Tue 23 Mar Canterbury Triathlon Y 0 / 2 Kelly Sports BoT Meeting	Wed 24 Mar Y 3 / 4 GTT Y 7 / 8 Sailing Rm 19 and 20	Thu 25 Mar Newsletter Y 7 / 8 Sailing Rm 24 Y 5 / 6 Traditional Māori Games	Fri 26 Mar Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball Assembly - Lip Sync Whanau Group Meeting
9	Mon 29 Mar	Tues 30 Mar Dodgeball Staff v Students	Wed 31 Mar Y 3 / 4 GTT William Pike Trip	Thu 1 Apr Y5 / 6 Korfball	Fri 2 Apr Good Friday School Closed
10	Mon 5 Apr Easter Monday School closed	Tue 6 Apr Easter Tuesday School closed	Wed 7 Apr Y 3 / 4 GTT Y 3 / 4 Marae trip Rm 9 and 10 Year 7 / 8 Camp Parent meeting	Thu 8 Apr Newsletter Canterbury Swimming Sports Y 3 / 4 Marae trip Rm 21 and 22	Fri 9 Apr Y7 / 8 Tech Assembly High Fliers 2 Y 3 / 4 Korfball
11	Mon 12 Apr Y 7 / 8 Korfball Tournament	Tues 13 Apr Y5 – 8 Cross Country Literacy Quiz Y6 – 8 Y 0 / 2 Marae trip Rm 7 and 8	Wed 14 Apr Y 3 / 4 GTT Y 0 / 2 Marae trip Rm 5 and 6 <b>Learning Conversations 3.15 – 5.30pm</b>	Thurs 15 Apr <b>Learning Conversations 1.00 – 7.30pm</b> <b>School closes at 1pm</b>	Fri 16 Apr Y7 / 8 Tech Last day of term 1