



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

Te Kura o Hato Mātene



Newsletter 15 – 21 October 2021

SCHOOL UPDATE

Kia ora e te Whānau,

Welcome back to term four. We hope that everyone enjoyed the two week break. It was great to hear about the exciting aspects the children were involved in during the holidays, this could have been the family games on the wet days, trips to places like Orana Park, visit friends and family as well as the day trips and mini breaks away from home. Lots of exploring of the South Island.

We have a number of exciting aspects to be involved in this term. We are looking at a wonderful nine weeks of learning to finish the year off. The Y5 – 8 children have started their athletics training for our school event in a few weeks. At this stage at L2 the event will be held for students only. The gatherings rule does not apply to our school group, however, it would apply if we invited parents to spectate. We thank you in advance for your understanding as we work within the guidelines provided to us, ensuring the safety of all.

The calendar for the term is at the bottom of the newsletter, however, as events are added or changed this will be reflected on our online calendar, <https://www.stmartins.school.nz/calendar-2/> Wherever possible we continue to offer the out of school learning experiences if the provider can meet the guidelines of Alert L2 and if appropriate approved by the Health and Safety Team.

The policy of St Martins School is for all children to wear either a wide brimmed or bucket hat for term four. New Entrant to Y7 children must wear a school uniform hat. The Y8s are able to wear a mufti hat, this however needs to be a wide brimmed or bucket hat (no caps).

As always we look forward to a fabulous term of learning, we hope to see you in and around the school through the term. If you have any aspects you would like to discuss, Alice, Leanne or myself can often be found at the Waharoa before school each day. This week we welcome, Tilly, Cooper, Kaea, Huxley, Finlay, Matilda, Mia and Marina. We look forward to sharing in your positive learning journey at St Martins School. Enjoy the long weekend everyone.

Ngā mihi,

Andrew Mouat (andrew@stmartins.school.nz)

SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 25 OCTOBER FOR LABOUR DAY



Covid Updates

We continue to adjust to the new guidelines put in place by the Ministry of Health and Ministry Of Education. From last term we continue to focus on providing air flow in all learning spaces. This involves ensuring that windows and doors are open whenever possible and at a minimum during break times.

Thank you to the parents who have picked up the new change to being onsite, face coverings are now a requirement for parents coming onsite. A reminder of the new MoE guidelines for drop off and pick up;

- These should occur in an outdoor environment where face coverings must be worn, and physical distancing measures retained.
- Parents, whānau and caregivers are not required to be vaccinated or tested in order to pick up or drop off children.

Face coverings are required to be worn by students aged 12 and over while on any school transport service under all alert levels. Could families please provide children with a face mask for Friday's technology transport.

The mandate for those working in education to be vaccinated includes parents who are working with children, from 1 Jan 2022 this would include parent helps on camp etc. At this stage we are waiting for further information around this.

2022 Class Placements

During the holidays Teachers started grouping children for placement, this week children will be asked to nominate three children they learn well with in the classroom setting. We aim to have at least one of these nominations in the home room or across the pod.

We have provided the last six weeks as an opportunity for parents to provide further information to be considered about the placement of their child. The survey closes tomorrow, Friday 22nd October at 4pm <https://forms.gle/V35DeRfN4ePjuBvo6>. Information shared from parents that nominates a teacher for their child will be set aside as this is not an opportunity for parents to select their child's teacher for 2022.

PROPERTY UPDATE

The extension of the hall continues to progress. With the hall being enclosed the next phase will see the team moving to complete the new bathroom configurations, flooring, interior and exterior painting. The new timeline is for the hall to be completed around the 11th of Nov with a week or two after that for the Council to sign off completion.

The Friendship Garden is in the last throws of completion with a finalised opening date of October 30. Thank you to everyone involved in getting this space ready for the children to use. We look forward to this space being open and offering the students a unique space to meet, relax and learn in.

Our last build program of demolishing four classrooms and building two new rooms is still waiting at the consenting phase. The builders are ready and waiting to get the green light to start demolishing the rooms. What feels like an ever hopeful timeframe would be the start in November.

2022 TERM DATES

T1 = 3 Feb - 14 Apr

T2 = 2 May - 8 July

T3 = 25 July - 30 Sept

T4 = 17 Oct - 16 Dec

SCHOOL NOTICES

Children's Cancer foundation donations

Kia Ora St Martins community,

I'm sure you've heard of the children's cancer foundation, this is a New Zealand-established charity that offers support to children suffering from cancer.

This is an amazing cause to donate to as it helps save and change many children's lives. That is exactly why we three girls: Isla Ramsay, Isabella Hyslop, and Elana Weaver have the goal of raising \$1000 for them in our community. Once we have reached this goal we are going to donate our hair to be made into wigs for children with cancer who partake in the chemotherapy, where there are nasty side effects such as fatigue, nausea, and hair loss.

If you wish to donate to this cause make sure you check out this site where you can easily donate online:

<https://wigwednesday.org.nz/islaramsayandelanaweaver/>

We know that our school community can help these children live better lives.

Nga Mihi

Isla Ramsay, Isabella Hyslop, and Elana Weaver

Mana Ake Parent Meetings

Mana Ake – Stronger for Tomorrow provides mental health and wellbeing support for children in primary school years 1-8 across Canterbury. Mana Ake Parent Meetings

Mana Ake kaimahi (workers) are employed by one of 13 NGO providers and support schools, families and whānau when children are experiencing issues that impact their wellbeing such as managing emotions, friendships and bullying, parental separation and grief and loss. You can talk to Natasha from Mana Ake, here at St Martins, if you think your child would benefit from support from the Mana Ake team. Natasha is available to meet with parents on:

- Monday 8th November -1:40pm, 2.00pm, 2:20pm or 2:40pm.
- Monday 22nd November- 1:40pm, 2.00pm, 2:20pm or 2:40pm.
- Monday 6th December - 1:40pm, 2.00pm, 2:20pm or 2:40pm.

Please contact Kate in the school office katet@stmartins.school.nz to book an appointment.

Term 4 Parents Evening

How to Talk to our Kids about Food

Monday 8th November from 7.00pm - 8.00pm

St Martins School - Whare Kukuwai

Koha - gold coin

To register please email leannep@stmartins.school.nz

Overdue sports uniform

Please remember to return items of sports uniform your child no longer needs. Often a student will have more than one item on loan. Returns should be dropped at the school office. Queries or concerns can be made by email to dianem@stmartins.school.nz

Thank you to all those who have already returned items.

Lost Property

We still have a lot of polar fleeces around the school that haven't been claimed and that haven't been named. Please I can't reiterate enough how important it is to NAME your child's polar fleece. We haven't got a designated place for lost property/ polar fleeces at the moment few, but we would love to be able to get them back to their owners but without names this is almost impossible. If your child has lost one please call into to see me Diane in the office in the first instance.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

A huge thank you to the St Martins Community from our 40 Hour Famine Leaders, Harvey Sanderson, Kahutaiki Calman, Elana Weaver and Danica Neels. We set a target of \$5000.00 and more than doubled it, raising \$10309.76!! This money will provide life saving food to 252 children in Sub-Saharan Africa. Awesome effort!



THE GREAT DOOM

Wheels scratched against steel as the rollercoaster trundled up a slanting slope that reached up to the low woolly clouds. A penultimate peril filled the air as the coaster slowly reached its climax. There was a slight pause as the rollercoaster mustered its strength. Then, like a burst of golden flame, it rocketed down the pitch-

black track towards what seemed like impenetrable iron bars. But it was just a hologram! Suddenly, a jet-black tunnel enveloped the coaster and oil sprinkled onto the polished iron of the track. The coaster was sliding past sparking chunks of dynamite when it emerged into blindingly bright light and giant rubber hammers took swings at the rollercoaster. One smashed into its side but surprisingly bounced off the thin titanium! The coaster suddenly launched into a crazy 'loop the loop' and lurched into the air! It plunged into the other side and turned upside down. It then came to a juddering halt. The ride was over.

Tom Burnett Age 8 years
Year 4 Room 21

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Missing Cat Freddie – Freddie is a black fluffy beloved family pet who is missing. She is a female - desexed - microchipped missing from 147 Centaurus Road. She has food allergies so if you find her please do not feed her. If you have seen Freddie can you please phone Ashlii on 021 232 7531

Studio One Performing Arts, your local dance school, is currently giving Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and Acro lessons in your area. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London). Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Contemporary starting from age 7. For all enquiries please phone 372-9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz

Orienteering

The Canterbury Schools Orienteering Festival is coming up. Thanks to Sara Prince who is taking charge of this for St Martins School. There will be 3 weeks of practices leading up to the races which are on Saturday 6-7th November. To register visit the website www.papo.org.nz then email Sara on sara.prince@talbot.co.nz with the size of the sports top your child would require.

Huntsbury Preschool is hosting an OPEN DAY, Tuesday 26 October from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Spaces available for 2-5 year olds, Monday-Friday, Come check out our special little preschool on the hill.



Navigation training events

Ideal for beginners and learners - have a try!

Come along to our training events leading up to the Canterbury School Champs. Run on different evenings so you have many chances to avoid a clash with a sport night. To guarantee your training maps we encourage schools to sign up as a group on the papo.org.nz webpage. Note: there may be changes to the training schedule, so do check the webpage for the latest information. All welcome have a run with a map, suitable for both primary and secondary school students.

- Mon 18 Oct | Old School Reserve Mt Pleasant** | Meet Scout Hall Carpark
- Wed 20 Oct | Kirkwood Intermediate** | Kirkwood Avenue entrance
- Tue 26 Oct | Halswell Quarry** | Finlay's Picnic Area at the end of the main road into the park
- Wed 27 Oct | Barnett Park** | End of the car park near the field
- Mon 1 Nov | Heathcote Domain** | Meet by Cricket pavilion
- Tue 2 Nov | Hansen Park / Rudolf Steiner School** | Playground in Hansen Park

Time: Starts at 4pm and finishes at 5pm .
Cost: \$2 per child and they get a printed map - make sure your school has booked a group for maps if you have a large group.
Guarantee your maps: Register your numbers for training at the individual events on: papo.org.nz

Add the Canterbury Champ dates in your diary and secure your place at the champs by registering before Friday 29 October:

- Saturday 6 November | Canterbury Schools park event - The Groynes**
- Sunday 7 November | Canterbury Schools forest event - Bottle Lake**



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COMMUNITY BIG SKATE

-@Alpine Ice-



Let's Try This Again!! The Big Winter Skate.... Round 2!

Thanks to all the 103 people who bought tickets for our ice skating fundraiser that was unfortunately cancelled due to the level change.

The good news is we have booked another date and we have 43 tickets still available, so get in quick! It's this year's fun community event — no disco scheduled so let's make it a fun Sunday afternoon for the kids.

Tickets are \$15 payable in cash to Diane in the office or the S'mart account ASB 12-3147-0420521-00. Please email Diane if you pay this way so we can keep track of tickets. Thanks to those who have paid from last time, we'll get tickets out to you shortly.

Date: NOVEMBER 21

Time: 4:20-6:00PM

Spectators are limited to 50 so please only come if your little one needs you. Social distancing encouraged and masks required for adult spectators.

The S'Mart Community is on Facebook! Like and Share our page here:
<https://www.facebook.com/StMartinsSmartCommunity/>

S'Mart Community

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The S'Mart Community is the St Martins School parent community (replacing the PTA and fundraising committees) that helps the school by fundraising, giving practical support and by helping develop a stronger parent community. Check out our website for more details: <https://www.smartcommunity.org.nz/>
<https://www.facebook.com/StMartinsSmartCommunity/>

TOUCH RUGBY RETURNS

Touch Rugby season is here. Games begin next Thursday 28th October and will run for 6 weeks finishing on Thursday 9th Dec. Note: There are no games on 11th Nov due to Show Weekend. Also, please look out for the sign up genius on HERO as we will be needing helpers again this year to make the touch competition a success.

Thanks, Sandy Jones



Smart Touch 2021

We're pleased to be able to run SmartTouch down at Waltham Park this year under Covid Level 2. Thank you to all the teams who have already entered. This year we will only be running with 32 teams. Games will start at 4pm and will be a duration of 25 mins 12 min halves. We will be having a 15minute gap between rounds so that teams have time to exit the fields and the next round teams can come onto the field 5 mins before their games. Coaches and managers please check the website regularly for updates. www.sporty.co.nz/smarttouch

Looking forward to some great games of touch rugby.

SmartTouch Team

Touch Canterbury Module

ON THE CALENDAR

We update this calendar for each newsletter, the most up to date calendar will always be our online calendar -

<https://www.stmartins.school.nz/calendar-2/>

1	Mon 18 Oct	Tue 19 Oct	Wed 20 Oct	Thu 21 Oct	Fri 22 Oct
	Rapaki Marae Visit Rm 15(Group 1) & 16	Rapaki Marae Visit Rm 14 & 15 Group 2	Y5 – 8 Athletics Day	Ara Bush Leaders 7/8S' Mart Touch Newsletter	
2	Mon 25 Oct	Tue 26 Oct	Wed 27 Oct	Thu 28 Oct	Fri 29 Oct
	Labour Day	BoT Meeting 6.30 – 8.30pm	Cantamaths Teams Competition Science ICAS testing	House Tug of War	Whānau Group hui in staffroom 6-8pm
3	Mon 1 Nov	Tue 2 Nov	Wed 3Nov	Thu 4 Nov	Fri 5 Nov
	Spelling ICAS testing Smart Community Meeting 7.30 in staffroom	Athletics Day Yr 5 -8	Maths ICAS testing	Newsletter Huxter Mountain Bike Race Athletics PP	
4	Mon 8 Nov	Tue 9 Nov	Wed 10 Nov	Thu 11 Nov	Fri 12 Nov
	Canterbury Duathlon Rm21 / 22 Trip to Victoria Park Zone Athletics Day How to Talk to our Kids about Food 7.00pm - 8.00pm	Rm9 / 10 Trip to Victoria Park	Navigator Speech Finals	Teacher Only Day – School closed.	Show Day
5	Mon 15 Nov	Tue 16 Nov	Wed 17 Nov	Thu 18 Nov	Fri 19 Nov
	Zone Athletic PP	BoT Meeting	PP Explorers Athletics Day Y8 Dance Lessons	Newsletter	
6	Mon 22 Nov	Tue 23 Nov	Wed 24 Nov	Thu 25 Nov	Fri 26 Nov
	Itinerant Music Concert 6.30 to 8.00pm	Year 3 & 4 Athletics		Y0-2 Athletics Day	Whānau Group hui in staffroom 6-8pm
7	Mon 29 Nov	Tue 30 Nov	Wed 1 Dec	Thu 2 Dec	Fri 3 Dec
			Canterbury Athletics	Newsletter	
8	Mon 6 Dec	Tue 7 Dec	Wed 8 Dec	Thu 9 Dec	Fri 10 Dec
	Y0-4 Swimming 11.15-2.45 Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming	Y0-4 Swimming Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming BOT Meeting 6.30-8.30	Year 0 -4 Swimming Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming	Year 0 -4 Swimming Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming	Year 0-4 Swimming Navigators Yr 5 & 6 Swimming Y8 Graduation
9	Mon 13 Dec	Tue 14 Dec	Wed 15 Dec	Thu 16 Dec	Fri 17 Dec
	Y3 / 4 Christmas Extravaganza 9.15 Y7 – 8 Pool Day Y0-2 Christmas Concert 11.45 to 12.30 Reports and Classes Go Home	Meet your Teacher NE – Y4 Waltham Pool 12-2.30pm Y8 Amazing Race	Y7 / 8 Adventure Day	Newsletter	Final Assembly 10.30am