



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

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## BOT UPDATE

Kia ora koutou. Ko Ranui Calman tōku ingoa. Ko Ngāti Raukawa te iwi. I am the current Whānau Group representative on the Board of Trustees. As it has been a bit of a strange start to the year, you haven't heard anything from the Whānau Group yet and we wanted to let you know more about the Whānau Group and my role on the BoT.

The Whānau Group is open to everyone from Hato Mātene and their whānau. We usually meet once a month in the staffroom at school or at someone's house on a Friday evening to share kai, catch up and talk about things Māori at the school. As the Whānau Group Representative, I go along to the BoT meetings as well as our Whānau Group hui. I share a Māori perspective on the Board and can raise any issues. I also share relevant information from the Board meetings at the Whānau Group hui or via email or our Facebook page. As Kate Hodgins mentioned in the last newsletter, the Board is currently going through a cultural responsiveness review which is a really useful and interesting process.

We hope to get back into Whānau Group in Term 2. Please get in touch ([ranui@greenwoodroche.com](mailto:ranui@greenwoodroche.com) or 027 594 8514) if you have any questions or you would like to be added to our email list and/or Facebook page or just look out for the next reminder of a catch up and come along. Kāua e whakamā. Don't be shy – we would love to see you.

In the meantime, stay safe and reach out if you need anything. He rā ki tua – better times are coming!

Noho ora mai.

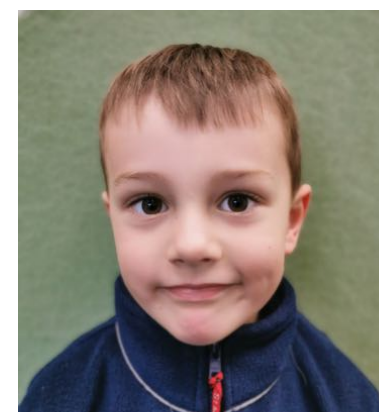
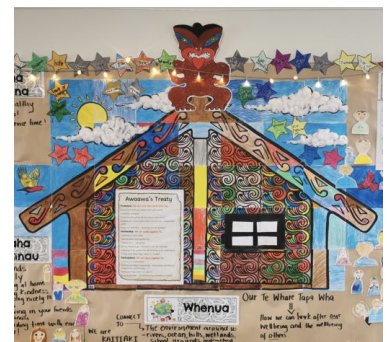
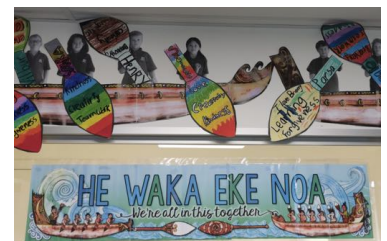
## SCHOOL UPDATE

Thank you to the student council for running the sports themed mufti day this week. The children have raised \$386 for Ignite Sport.

Thanks to everyone participating.

There continues to be a flow in and out of the school at the moment. Our current student numbers are 52 tested positive, 40 household contacts and 53 returned to school. We have three staff members away either testing positive or household contacts. This week we changed our approach slightly with combining classes. This is only taken into consideration when the class numbers are low enough to do so or we are unable to find a reliever for the time period. Rooms 16, 19 and 20 have shared children from Rm 19 across the two rooms with Tamara Saxon and either Julie Young or Sarah Williams, Wednesday - Friday.

Due to the fluctuations in the number of children at school and possibly adult helpers we have decided to postpone the term one Y7 / 8 camp. We have a date in term four that we look forward to utilising.



During this time it is important that we continue to have up to date contact details of parents. If your email, home phone, cell phone or address has changed could you please contact Diane in the office ( [office@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:office@stmartins.school.nz) )

At the end of term one we usually finish with face to face learning conversations. These focus on how children have settled into their learning and developing class relationships. We are currently discussing the timing of these and the format. We hope to have this finalised so we can update you next week. If your child has settled in well and have no questions regarding learning or behaviour you may want to consider holding off until the term two learning conference.

We welcome Janek, Ada, Clara, Abbie, Hailey, Tait and Theo to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope that you and your families enjoy your school experience.

We look forward to seeing the contributions you will be able to make.

Wonderful to have the ninja warrior competition starting yesterday.

Have a lovely weekend everyone, stay safe and well.

Andrew



## COVID UPDATE

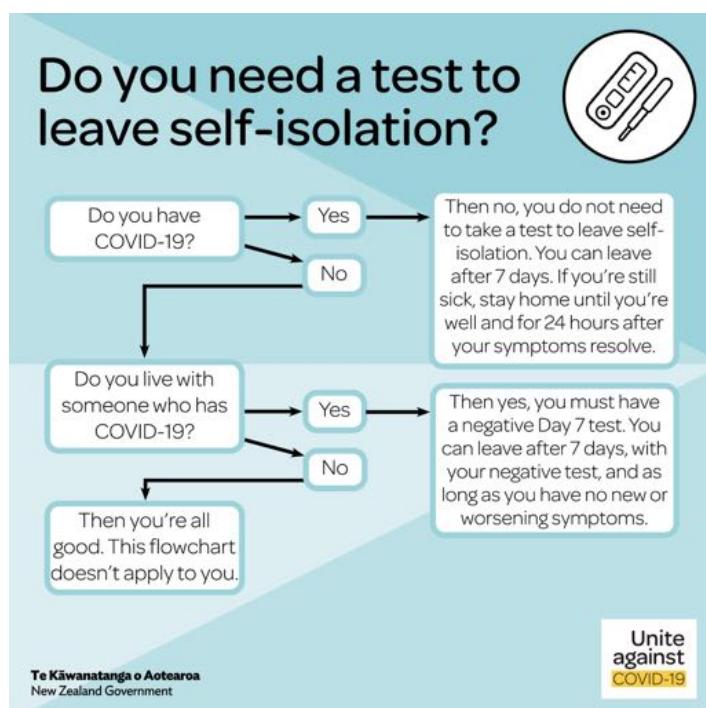
Thank you for continuing to update us when your child is unwell. If your child is a household contact and then test positive could you please let the school know their new day 0 so we can anticipate the day of their return.

The Ministry of Health has provided further clarity on when household contacts should isolate.

For households where someone has COVID-19, the Ministry of Health recommends you apply the following guidance.

- If someone becomes a confirmed COVID-19 case, then that case and all other people in their household must isolate for seven days.
- If **someone else** in the household then tests positive for COVID-19 during those seven days:
  - the isolation period for **that person only** re-sets – that person must isolate for an additional seven days from the day they test positive or symptoms begin
  - other household contacts who do not test positive are still able to leave isolation after the original case has completed their seven days isolation.
- For the **next 10 days** after a household completes seven days isolation, evidence shows that due to their exposure to COVID-19 they are less likely to catch or transmit the virus. This means:
  - if someone else in the household tests positive **within those 10 days**, the whole household will not have to re-isolate, only the positive case
  - if someone else in the household tests positive and it has been **more than 10 days** since the household completed isolation, household contacts **should re-isolate** along with the new case for seven days.
- Any person who has had COVID-19 within the last 90 days/three months **will not need to isolate** as a household contact unless they become symptomatic and test positive again. This is because reinfection rates for people who have had COVID-19 are low for the three months after they have the virus.

Remember, Day 0 for isolation is the day symptoms began or the day the positive test was taken (whichever came first). You should then count your seven days from there.



With the news yesterday we will be able to go back to having team assemblies in the hall with the indoor number now being doubled as well as opening up our playground to be an area for everyone to move around in rather than our four current areas.

## POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

The School Policies and Procedures under Parent/Caregiver review this term are:

- Visitors
- Contact in an Emergency
- COVID-19 Information and Procedures To read and review these policies:
- Go to the School Docs Policies and Procedures site:  
<https://www.stmartins.school.nz/about-st-martins/policiesprocedures/>
- Enter the username (stmartins) and password (huntsbury).
- Click on the **Current Review** tab, read the information and if you would like to provide feedback click on the red "Under Review" tab. The closing date to provide feedback is Thursday 17th March.



## SCHOOL NOTICES

**House Tee Orders** - pre-order now!

Orders can be made via [office@stmartins.school.nz](mailto:office@stmartins.school.nz) or call us on 3326121. The last date for orders will be Wednesday the 13th April. We do not hold much stock of these t-shirts so pre-orders are recommended.

T-shirts are available in sizes 6-14 and are only \$15 each. If you are unsure of your child's/ren's house please inquire when ordering. You can pay via Eftpos or into the school account: 12-3240-0111723-00

Reference: child's name/'House T-shirt' so we can identify your payment.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Christchurch City Council - Public consultation**

The CCC would like to hear what you think about the **proposed New Port to Port bus route** improvements between Lyttelton and the airport.

You can find out more about this consultation and give feedback online. Feedback is open until 12 April 2022. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please email Sam Sharland on

[Samantha.Sharland@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:Samantha.Sharland@ccc.govt.nz) or call 03 941 8793

**The Homework Club Holiday Programme**

The Club offers a high standard of quality care and operates from 8-6pm during the holidays.

We also have an after school care Programme that operates during the term time from 3-6pm.

**Spaces are available** for the following dates:

Tuesday 19th April to and including Friday 29th April:

5-9 years' **age group based at Cashmere Primary, 135 Hackthorne Road. 9-13**

**years' age group based at Landsdowne Community Centre (8 Landsdowne**

Terrace, Cashmere) For more information visit our website: [www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz](http://www.thehomeworkclub.co.nz) or email Sara

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

	Day 0	Day 3	Day 7	
<b>OG Case</b>	<b>A</b> +	Self-isolates for 7 days. Can leave after 7 days if no new or worsening symptoms.		
<b>Household Contacts</b>	<b>B</b>	+	Self-isolates, and tests positive on Day 3. Starts a new 7 days of self-isolation. Can leave after 7 days if no new or worsening symptoms.	
	<b>C</b>	Self-isolates, and tests negative on Day 3. Tests positive on Day 7.	+	Starts a new 7 days of self-isolation. Can leave after 7 days if no new or worsening symptoms.
	<b>D</b>	Self-isolates for 7 days. Can leave after 7 days if they have a negative Day 7 test and no new or worsening symptoms.		

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+ when you test positive, or when you first develop symptoms, whichever comes first, is your Day 0.

Unite against COVID-19



## Sydenham Rugby Registrations OPEN!

To make sure you're a part of the greatest, family-focused club, register and pay online at:

<https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/175943>

Further information regarding uniform fittings, updates will be added to our web club calendar, emailed to those who register early, or you can follow our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SydenhamRC/Juniors> (Under 6 - Under 13) \$95\* (2 children \$140 | 3 children \$160 | \$190 for 4+)

\*Includes use of playing jersey and game day jacket which are returned at the end of the season. Note: If you're

14 - 18 you can register with Cashmere Rugby: <https://www.sporty.co.nz/viewform/141635>

For more information contact the Junior Club Liaison, Andrew King 027 281 7355

## ON THE CALENDAR

8	Mon 21 Mar	Tue 22 Mar	Wed 23 Mar	Thu 24 Mar	Fri 25 Mar
		BoT Meeting 6.30pm	GTT Rm 23/24	Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball
9	Mon 28 Mar	Tues 29 Mar	Wed 30 Mar	Thu 31 Mar	Fri 1 Apr
	Y8 GRIP Leaders Smart Community meeting 7.30pm staffroom		GTT Rm 21/22 William Pike Trip-Port Hills		Y7 / 8 Tech Y5 / 6 Korfball
10	Mon 4 Apr	Tue 5 Apr	Wed 6 Apr	Thu 7 Apr	Fri 8 Apr
			GTT Rm 23/24	Newsletter	Y7 / 8 Tech
11	Mon 11 Apr	Tues 12 Apr	Wed 13 Apr	Thurs 14 Apr	Fri 15 Apr
			GTT Rm 21/22	<b>Last day of T1</b>	Good Friday