



St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Date: 16 June 2022

BOT UPDATE

BoT elections are taking place next term. If you think that you (or perhaps someone else you know) would like to be part of our board and to contribute to the success of our school and community, we would encourage you to attend one of our meetings in the next couple of months. The next Board of Trustees meeting will take place Tuesday 21st June at 6.30pm in the staff room. If you are interested in finding out more or would like to attend, please contact the board chair at bot@stmartins.school.nz.

Ngā mihi nui

Kate Hodgins

Chair, Board of Trustees

SCHOOL UPDATE

We have been gearing up for Matariki next week. Across the school we have been discussing and researching Matariki, the names of the stars and what they represent as well as the different ways Matariki can be celebrated. We have shared Matariki stories, waiata and created artwork (some of which will be on display in the hall) personal stories around what Matariki means to whānau and using digital technologies as a tool for Matariki exploration and creation. We look forward to whānau joining us next week for our Matariki show cases which will include; waiata, kapahaka performances, stories, concert band and performing arts (please note, teams have a variety of these aspects included in their showcase events). We hope you can make it along to one of the events.

- NE - Y4 = Monday 20 June at 1.30 - 2.10pm in the school hall
- Y5 - 8 = Monday 20 June at 2.15 - 3.00pm in the school hall

While our Covid numbers continue to decrease we have noticed an increase in winter bugs. Currently there seems to be a stomach / vomiting bug in some areas of the school. Thanks for your continued support keeping children home if they are unwell, a reminder that if your child has been vomiting they need to stay home for 48 hours.

Congratulations to Glenelg winning the house basketball competition this week. A great round robin of games in the sunshine. Thanks to the House Captains

Good luck to the 45 Y7 / 8 Extension Performing Arts Crew (EPAC) performing in the showquest event today. Mrs Amy Kenel has been working



with these children during term two to create, choreograph and record their own show to enter into this year's competition. Amy has been released so the children have been able to have extra sessions throughout the term to be able to fine tune and polish their performance. With a couple of last minute technical difficulties the cast and crew have been able to re-record their entry - after all, the show must go on. We hope everyone involved enjoys this performing arts opportunity.

At the end of this term Miss Alice Perry will be leaving to go on maternity leave. We wish Alice and Aaron all the best for the end of the pregnancy and know that they will have a fabulous time being parents. We have appointed Mr Ben Irvine as the teacher for Room 11 for the remainder of 2022. Ben has been in the school during term one as a student teacher and during two as a relieving teacher in various classes. We also welcome Jennie Gough who leads the concert band each week, a group of 15 talented musicians who will perform at one of our Matariki assemblies as well as at the end of the year.

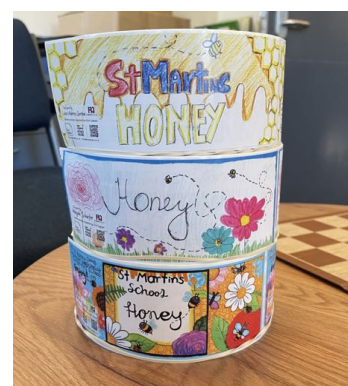
We continue to have a focus on developing structured literacy across the school in 2022. This week a number of Explorers teachers will be visiting another school to see programmes in action, in the Y4 - 6 area we are involved in a Ministry of Education funded trial working with an outside agency on very focussed deliberate teaching of small groups and to round off in the senior school we are looking at implementing the key components of the Writing Revolution. We would like to thank the S'Mart Community for their generous donation to continue increasing the resources available in the school

If you have visited one of our assemblies this term you may have heard about our Caring playground tokens, or perhaps your child has received one. This term our focus in the playground has been on the school value of Caring. Duty teachers have been actively looking for examples of Caring in the playground and acknowledging this positive behaviour with our tokens. At the end of each fortnight the House Captains count up the tokens and house points are awarded, as well as this when each house gets to 500 tokens they are able to have a dress up day.. We also have a Caring certificate for the class with the most tokens for the fortnight and round off with individual awards from the prize box for children from all teams across the school. Part of this initiative is to also bring conversations about Caring behaviours to the classroom on a regular basis.

During the last week of school we will be sending home written reports on the Monday, these will be followed up by learning conferences with your child's classroom teacher. This term we are offering a hybrid model, whānau can choose to have these meetings in person at school or online. We are also asking parents if they prefer to bring their children to share their learning and engage in the meeting or if preferred to have the parents attend only. See below for further details.

We welcome Benjamin and Clementine to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

Ngā mihi,
Andrew



WHĀNAU GROUP UPDATE

Kia ora e te whānau. We would like to encourage you to mānawatia a Matariki (celebrate Matariki) with your whānau. Take some time to remember those who have passed in the last year, share a hot meal, celebrate the present and plan for the future. You may like to check out the stars on a clear morning. We suggest going where there is limited light pollution - the beach is good! There are a number of events out there. Check out Tirama Mai (the light festival in Cathedral Square) or one of the many events at the Arts Centre or libraries.. <https://www.artscentre.org.nz/whats-on/matariki-2022/>
<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/matariki-for-kids-2/>

Ngā mihi

Ranui

S'MART COMMUNITY UPDATE

S'Mart Community

The S'Mart Community is the St Martins School parent community that helps the school by fundraising, giving practical support and by helping develop a stronger parent community.

Where your fundraising goes	Fundraisers/events	Call to action
In 2021 we funded: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• \$2000 for garden to table• \$89000 towards the hall upgrade• \$500 landscaping• \$5000 for Literacy Resources	Future ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Movie night - date TBC• Quiz night - T3 or 4• Disco - date TBC• Touch Tournament - T4• Iceblocks in summer	We need you! Requests for volunteers will be placed here - watch this space!

Upcoming events:

Second hand uniform sale

At the end of term 2 we are looking to run a trial second hand uniform sale, with existing stock and any donated items. We are using a new online system. **Keep your eye out for dates and times of this**

SCHOOL BOARD PARENT ELECTIONS 2022

Nomination Round

Our school will be undertaking a parent election for 3 School Board vacancies. This process will start with the issuing of nomination papers to our caregiver community by Friday 15th July 2022.

We have employed CES to undertake the election process on our behalf. This year with legislative change, our nomination form and full instructions on how to place your nomination into our own School's Election website will be emailed to you if we have your email address in our database or you will receive it by post if we don't have your email in our database.

Nomination papers will also be available at the school office. The school will send those on to CES for processing upon receipt from candidates.

Important dates to remember:

- Nominations close on Wednesday 3rd August at 12 noon.
- Election day is Wednesday 7th September.

We look forward to your participation in this process.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

The School Policies and Procedures under review this term are:

- Managing Minor/Moderate Injury
- Bullying & Online Bullying

To read and review these policies:

Go to the School Docs Policies and Procedures site:

<https://www.stmartins.school.nz/about-st-martins/policiesprocedures/>

1. Enter the username: stmartins & Password: huntsbury
2. Click on the **Current Review tab**
3. 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 16th June.

PROPERTY UPDATE

Our new classrooms are coming along nicely. At this point we continue to have a finish date at the end of July. Once the building is completed and blessed we will be able to move into the new space. Mrs Nicky Pateman and Mr Jarad Pateman will move from their current rooms into the new spaces. This means that the four High Fliers classes will once again be grouped closer together.

Once the children move into their new spaces we will start unlocking some of the jigsaw puzzle at school. The current library will move into the purpose built library space, while teaching resources and music equipment will move into the empty rooms on the top court.

This week a new bench top will be put into the hall kitchen, starting the S'Mart Community funded makeover of the kitchen. We have blinds for the hall ordered and are currently waiting for these to be finished and put up. The last phase of the hall refurbishment will be the roof. The MoE are currently pricing a couple of different options, one being to replace the iron on the top of the hall and to paint the lower or tray sections of the roof. We look forward to finding out more and having this last stage start soon.

PARENT CONFERENCES

On Wednesday next week we will be opening up the bookings for mid year learning conferences. These will be held throughout the final week of term, with the school closing early on Friday – to offer our usual early afternoon sessions. Your child's written report will go home on Monday and may be the starting point for the conversations. Teachers will be able to answer any questions you may have from the report as well as your child presenting a piece of work they have completed.

This term we will be trailing a hybrid model of conferences. When booking online you will be able to choose whether you would like to

- Meet face to face with your child's teacher
- Have an online meeting with your child's teacher (you will be sent a link for this meeting just like our term one meetings)
- Meet with your child present for them to share some learning
- Meet without your child present

Keep an eye out on HERO for the login information to come home on Wednesday next week.

SCHOOL NOTICES

We note that some parents are not using the school crossing on Centaurus road with their younger children and would like to encourage using this and not crossing near the roundabout. The crossing provides a safe area for whānau to cross together, please take the time to walk the few extra metres to use this wonderful resource.

Kia ora tātou, my name is Nick Williamson and I am a new kaimahi for Mana Ake in this area. I have been a social worker for over 20 years and I really enjoy working with children and their whanau. Mana Ake kaimahi work alongside schools and whanau when they have noticed a concern about a child's wellbeing

or mental health. Kaimahi can provide individual sessions or work in groups with children. If you feel that your child might benefit from support from Mana Ake, talk to your child's teacher or a member of staff to check if Mana Ake is the right service to support your child. If you want to talk about ways you can support your child at home then a Mana Ake kaimahi can phone you with some ideas. Ask your school to put your name on the drop in list. Come and say hello if you see me around school.

Ka kite anō, Nick

Sushi & Subway Lunches

Just a reminder that Sushi lunches are available on Fridays through Lunch online at www.lunchonline.co.nz. Please refer to their website for more information.

Subway lunches can also be ordered online and are delivered to school on Fridays. Please find more information here: www.subwayexpress.co.nz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Marching Canterbury

Don't knock the sport of Marching, until you try it! We cater for all ages 4yrs- 30yrs+ and are currently looking for more members to join our teams. Marching encourages teamwork, discipline, and friendship. It's great for coordination, posture and brain development. If you would like to see what we are all about and give it a go, get in touch with us at

Publicitymarchingcanterbury@gmail.com or Kylie Dowers 021930434. We have teams in all areas of Christchurch.

Re-opening of Lancaster Park

Christchurch City Council would like to invite you to celebrate the re-opening of Lancaster Park to the public on Sunday 19th June. This is a significant milestone for the city's Earthquake recovery. Please join the Mayor and colleagues in celebrating this event, the focus will be on remembering the rich history and inspiring Christchurch's sporting stars of the future

Sewing Classes Ferrymead

Hello, my name is Jo and I run The Stitchery, a sewing studio in Ferrymead that teaches sewing classes to both children and adults throughout the term. I will also be offering School Holiday classes these July school holidays so please feel free to check out my website www.valleythreads.com to see what we offer. So if you are looking to take up a new hobby or just want to give sewing a go, please feel free to contact me and have a chat about what you are after.

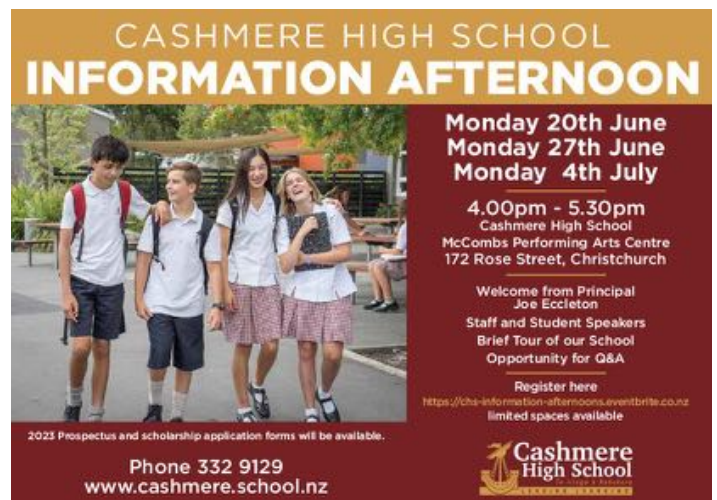
Thanks Jo

STUDENTS CORNER

Honey Label Competition

Congratulations to Mayah, Summer and Luca who recently won our SMS honey label design competition. The girls labels will all feature on jars of honey, produced by the beehives here at St Martins.

On Monday 13th June we were lucky enough to visit **Kiwi Labels** in Heathcote to see these being printed and cut. A huge thanks to the Kiwi Labels team for sponsoring these labels for our school. We look forward to labeling and selling the honey jars. www.kiwilabels.co.nz



CASHMERE HIGH SCHOOL
INFORMATION AFTERNOON

Monday 20th June
Monday 27th June
Monday 4th July

4.00pm - 5.30pm
Cashmere High School
McCombs Performing Arts Centre
172 Rose Street, Christchurch

Welcome from Principal
Joe Eccleston
Staff and Student Speakers
Brief Tour of our School
Opportunity for Q&A

Register here
<https://chs-information-afternoons.eventbrite.com.au>
limited spaces available

2023 Prospectus and scholarship application forms will be available.

Phone 332 9129
www.cashmere.school.nz

Cashmere High School

ON THE CALENDAR

7	Mon 13 June	Tue 14 June	Wed 15 June	Thu 16 June	Fri 17 June
	Smart Community Meeting - staffroom 7.30pm	House basketball competition	Yr 7&8 Zone Basketball	Newsletter Yr 5-8 Winter Sport Show Quest EPAC Town Hall	
8	Mon 20 June	Tue 21 Jun	Wed 22 June	Thu 23 June	Fri 24 June
	Yr 5-8 Zone Swimming Y0-4 Matariki Assembly 1.30-2.15 Yr 5-8 Matariki Assembly 2.15 -3.00		GTT Rm 21 & 22 Canterbury Cross Country	Yr 5-8 Winter Sport	Matariki Public Holiday
9	Mon 27 June	Tue 28 June	Wed 29 June	Thu 30 June	Fri 1 July
	Yr 0-2 Huff & Puff Time 11.45-12.30 Yr 3-4 Cross Country 1.30-3.00	Yr 0-2 Huff & Puff PP	GTT Rm 23 & 24 Matariki Library lessons yr 7&8	Newsletter Yr 5-8 Winter Sport	
10	Mon 4 July	Tue 5 July	Wed 6 July	Thu 7 July	Fri 8 July
	Yr 5-8 Korfball Tournament	Yr 0-4 Zone Cross Country EPRO Yr 7&8	Yr 5 - 8 Hip Hop Competition	Yr 5-8 Winter Sport Yr 7 & 8 Volleyball Tournament 9.00-11.00am	Last day of Term 2 Early finish for learning conferences 12.30pm
Learning Conferences					