



LAST DAY OF TERM 1: 3pm Friday 12th April

St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene

Newsletter 5 : Thursday 4 April 2024

SCHOOL BOARD UPDATE

We would like to acknowledge Ranui Calman who has resigned from the school board due to relocation. We are sad to see you go and greatly appreciate the contribution you have made to our school board over the last few years. Wishing you all the best for the future.



SCHOOL UPDATE

It's hard to believe how quickly this term has flown by! We've packed it full of fabulous learning experiences, exciting class trips, sports opportunities, camps, and of course, continued to instil our school values in everything we do.

Welcome to Lati, Emme, Riley and Monty. We hope you enjoy your experiences at St Martins | Hato Mātene, we look forward to sharing in your learning.



Last week we welcomed Teigen Reid to our teaching and learning staff. Teigen has joined the Learning Assistant team, currently working in the Y0 - 2 and Y5/6 area of the school. This year we have been invited to participate in a new ANZAC Day Service for the St Martins / Waltham / Opawa community. 9.30am Thursday 25th April at the Waltham Park Memorial Gates, cnr of Waltham Road and Fifield Terrace. Honouring and remembering the lives of 43 local young men who died in WWI. Our school will be represented by Owen and Ruby. This service is open to the public and school families, if you would like to join us, it has been asked that children come in their school uniform.



As part of the Explorers Social Sciences unit this term we had educators from the Christchurch Museum teach us about Canterbury's early settlers. The students were involved in an engaging activity where they put themselves in the shoes of the first settlers and what the journey might have been like on board The Charlotte Jane, one of the first four ships to arrive in Christchurch. Our year 3/4 Discoverers students have enjoyed their recent trip to Victoria Square and the Margaret Mahy Playground, where they have been learning about how the mana whenua lived and worked around this area in the past. The trip involved a scavenger hunt to find various features and art installations to gather information and help gain an understanding of what life was like during that time.



This term, our year 5/6 Navigators have delved into an Inquiry unit centred on 'Women's Suffrage / Tirohanga whānui o te manapōti wāhine.' In this unit, students have been tasked with formulating questions and investigating the history of women's voting rights in New Zealand, with a special focus on the inspiring Kate Sheppard and her activism. As part of this exploration, each class had the opportunity to visit Kate Sheppard House in Ilam. Here, they engaged with the museum exhibits and participated in games reminiscent of those Kate might have played during her childhood.



Our Year 7/8 High Fliers had a wonderful time at Camp Wainui recently. Two nights of adventure including costeering, archery, raft building, low ropes, team building and of course the famous Big Swing. It was fantastic to see ākonga pushing themselves out of their comfort zone. The groups were fortunate to have great weather. A huge thanks to the SMS teaching team and parent volunteers for their support.



I want to extend a special thank you to all the parents and guardians who took the time to join us for our Structured Literacy Parents Evening or Open Morning. Your active participation truly enriches our school community.

A big shout-out goes to our dedicated teachers for their hard work and commitment to our students' growth. As we approach the holiday break, I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable time off. Rest up, recharge, and let's return ready for another fantastic term ahead. See you all soon!

Leanne Parnham and Alice Denley



PB4L SCHOOL FOCUS

Term 1 focus for Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L) continues with the school value of Respect, specifically how to communicate in a respectful manner. During week 8-10 all students are being encouraged to be active and attentive listeners, to speak politely to others, and to actively participate and share their ideas. These valuable communication skills are being developed through classroom lessons, syndicate hui and school assemblies. It would be great if whānau could help to reinforce these at home.

- Speaking politely
- Smile and acknowledge people
- Actively participate
- Actively listen
- Let others share ideas



SCHOOL NOTICES

LOST UNIFORM

We now have 3 large blue bins for lost property, placed around the school grounds and 2 bins in the office. Students and parents are encouraged to check these bins regularly for lost uniform and other items. We will continue to return named items to classrooms as well, so please continue to name your child's school uniform to make this process easier for our team.



PTA UPDATE

Second Hand Uniform Sale: Monday 6th May 8.30 - 9am, School Hall, cash or internet banking available. Donations of uniform items can be left at the school office, thank you.

Bingo Night: Saturday 15th June! We have locked in the hosts; the all-important licence is being applied for and the auction items are starting to mount up. If you have a business or a set of skills you would like to offer as an auction night item, please get in touch.

Product Fundraiser: We are excited to bring you a fundraiser of beautifully designed high-quality lint free tea towels produced by a talented school parent and owner of Strawberry Hill Tea Towels. Two bespoke St Martins School designs will be available, available to order from Thursday 11th April. Take a look at the large images on the PTA noticeboard.

Thank You: A massive thank you to all the families who came along to the working bee and helped move masses of bark to replenish the tyre playground cover. Shout out to all the children who work tirelessly, some for three hours, we hope you enjoyed the Easter Egg Hunt reward.

From the Rogaine Team: School Rogaine event planning is underway and shaping up to be a great family friendly event! Rogaining is similar to orienteering, teams of 2-4 work together with their map showing markers to collect points. Keep Friday 17th May free, start time 4pm at the school hall. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

Entertainment App: If you are thinking about purchasing the Entertainment App, here's the PTA code to use: <https://subscribe.entertainmentnz.com/fundraiser/134177w>

Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

Facebook: St Martins School PTA

Next Meeting: AGM, Monday 6th May, 7.30pm, School Hall



WHĀNAU GROUP

Kia ora e te whānau. Thank you to those who attended our hui in week 6. It was exciting to have new whānau join us and share their ideas for the year ahead. The new time of 3:30pm worked really well. We shared kai and the tamariki played together outside while the adults chatted.

The purpose of our group is to foster a strong sense of whanaungatanga (kinship) and provide a supportive space for whānau to connect, share experiences, and celebrate their cultural heritage. This year we want to hold community based activities and sports events to encourage a more informal gathering of whānau. If you're interested in connecting with other whānau and being a part of a supportive community, this is a great place to start!

Meetings are held at 3:30pm in Ms Barakat's room on the top courts. Dates for Term 2, 2024: 2 May, 6 June, 4 July

Our first event for the year is: Ki o Rahi, Friday 5th April 3:30pm. On the bottom field. Please come and join us to learn an exciting new game!

Ngā mihi

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TERM 1 2024

10	Mon 1 Apr	Tues 2 Apr	Wed 3 Apr	Thur 4 Apr	Fri 5 Apr
	Easter Monday School closed	Easter Tuesday School closed	GTT Room 15 & 16 Navigators - Kate Sheppard House Trip	School Newsletter Year 5 & 6 Korfball	
11	Mon 8 Apr	Tues 9 Apr	Wed 10 Apr	Thur 11 Apr	Fri 12 Apr
	Year 5 - 8 Korfball	Yr 7/8 League Tournament		Year 5 & 6 Korfball	Last day of Term 1
					End of Term School Assembly

TERM 2 2024

1	Mon 29 Apr	Tues 30 Apr	Wed 1 May	Thur 2 May	Fri 3 May
	First day of Term 2		EPro 8 Trials	EPro 8 Trials Whānau Group Hui 3.30-4.30pm School Newsletter	9-9.45am Year 0-4 Assembly Year 8 Ara team building
2	Mon 6 May	Tues 7 May	Wed 8 May	Thur 9 May	Fri 10 May
	8.30-9am Second Hand uniform sale (hall)	8.30-3pm WP Trip to Spencer Park	GTT - room 13 & 14		Year 8 Ara team building Assemblies 9-9.45am yr 0-4 2.15-3pm yr 5-8

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Cashmere High Presents POP ROCKS!

I just wanted to let you know about our first Music Event of the year. Pop Rocks is your chance to see the Best Contemporary Musicians that Cashmere High School has to offer. Wednesday 10th April, 7pm McCombs Performing Arts Centre, 172 Rose Street. [Tickets from eventbrite](#)

MILO Fantails has arrived at Cashmere Technical FC!

MILO Fantails Hubs are designed to develop values and skills that can be used in everyday life. Football is an excellent environment to learn fundamentals for life such as making new friends, overcoming challenges, having a positive attitude, working as a team and respecting others. CTFC's MILO Fantails Hub will provide coaches who are excited to help our girls learn and develop these attributes as well as have fun playing football. This Girls Only hub is designed for girls aged 4-12. Register now below for Term 2! Contact our Women's Football Development Officer Ella for any further questions at wfdo@ctfc.nz.

April holidays Rams & Pouākai basketball camps

Coached by Tall Blacks Taylor Britt, Walter Brown and Max Darling, and Tall Fern Esra McGoldrick!

Junior camps year 5-8. Senior camps years 9-13. Registrations close April 14th.

Rams Camps: <https://canterburyrams.basketball/camps/>

Pouākai Camps: <https://pouakai.basketball/camps/>

Also, make sure to vote for your classroom in our competition to win Sal's Pizza delivered by the Canterbury Rams team. For more information, head to: <https://canterburyrams.basketball/win-sals-pizza-with-the-rams/>

Visions Art Classes

We are excited to offer new class spaces at St Martins school to support your child through a series of art experiences as well as child choice painting and drawing.


Visions Art works in room 8 through the school term, art class running weekly from 4-6pm in Teacher Kate Keenan's classroom.

We have the ability to enrol 3 more students in term 2 term so please get in contact if you'd like your child to join this class. Children are welcome to come to the classroom from 3.30pm on Wednesday, to eat an afternoon snack while the art teacher is setting up the class. To learn more about this class please phone or text Kylie on 0212435955 or visit www.visionsandvino.co.nz


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Childrens Art
- 1hr = \$25
- 2hrs = \$35
12 Spaces T1
Wednesday 4-6
INFO@VISIONSANDVINO.CO.NZ

Significance of Creativity
- HELPS YOUR CHILD GROW IN MANY WAYS
- SUPPLEMENTS THEIR LEARNING
- DRAWING DEVELOPS A CHILD'S FINE MOTOR SKILLS
- ENHANCES A CHILD'S CREATIVITY
- HELPS A CHILD'S EMOTIONAL FUNCTIONING



POP ROCKS



THE ANNUAL POP AND ROCK BAND MUSIC NIGHT
COME AND SEE THE BEST CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS
CASHMERE HIGH HAS TO OFFER!
MCCOMBS AUDITORIUM
WED 10TH APRIL
07.00PM

www.facebook.com/cashmerehighmusic

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

APRIL
WHEN?: Anytime from 10AM - 1PM
WHERE?: Kiosk in the Christchurch Botanic Gardens (except April 13th & 27th)
FREE

**6**
Ōtautahi's small marine invertebrates: Under the microscope with Joyce Yager!
Prepare to be captivated by the stunning diversity of creatures that inhabit our waters.

**13**
Litter Intelligence Survey & Audit (Beach Clean-Up) with Sustainable Coastlines at Summer Beach
The event is free however we do ask you to PLEASE REGISTER so we know numbers. Spaces are limited.

**20**
Sow You Want to be a Gardener: Pumpkins
Join us for a collaboration with Canterbury Horticultural Society on the basics of gardening and sowing seeds.

**27**
River Rubbish Sort: Avon-Ōtākaro Network & Without Waste at Riverlution EcoPark
Be prepared to sort through rubbish that has come out of the Avon-Ōtākaro River. Hosted at the Riverlution EcoPark (46a Vogel St. Richmond).

For more information:
 @ChchEnviorkids

World Wars In Miniature
DISPLAY & MEMORABILIA
ANZAC DAY 25 APRIL

**Free Entry**
St Nicholas Church
231 Barrington St
@11am-3pm