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Te Kura o **Hato Mātene**



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BOARD UPDATE

Policies and Procedures Review

Policies and Procedures under review this term are Maori Educational Success. 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, select Maori Educational Success 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 Wednesday 1st December.



SCHOOL UPDATE



Kia ora e te Whānau,

Thanks to the members of the Student Council who support Alice D and Kate Hodgins with the traffic submission to the Community Board. The video can be viewed on our school Facebook page. We look forward to the possibility of some improvements to the traffic flow particularly at the roundabout.

Congratulations to the children involved in the Summer Tournament this week, we hope you enjoyed the opportunity to represent the school and have a day playing sports in the sunshine. Some placings from the day included; first and second in the Rogaine and Orienteering, first in Grade B Ripper Rugby, second in Cricket.



It has been great to see the improvement in walking bikes, scooters and skateboards in and out of the school. Let's keep working on it as we head towards the end of the year.

On Tuesday this week the High Fliers sent out information regarding the end of year graduation. We are simply repeating this in the newsletter today:



We have an update for you regarding the much anticipated Year 8 Graduation. We have been waiting to find out what we will be able to do within the parameters of Level 2.

Date: Friday 10 December

Time: 6.30pm

Location: Hillview Auditorium



Due to remaining in Level 2 we are only able to invite one parent (this may be any significant caregiver) to attend graduation in person. We know how disappointing this will be for you, and we really do appreciate how unfortunate this is. However, we are up with the technological era and we will be live streaming graduation.

Students and staff will be seated in the downstairs area, whilst parents will be seated in the upstairs area.

The Year 8s had three fantastic dance sessions, and it worked really well to learn their dances outdoors. They all got into it enthusiastically! Formal invitations will be sent home with your child in the next couple of weeks.

We look forward to being able to put on this event for the children.

As always, you will find Alice D, Leanne or myself at the Waharoa some mornings (although currently I'm on the Centaurus crossing in the morning) or some afternoons. If there is anything you would like to discuss please do approach us.
We have a number of trips and events coming up. In advance we thank the family members who are able to join us for these.
Ngā mihi,
Andrew Mouat (andrew@stmartins.school.nz)



CLASS PLACEMENTS

We are well underway with our class placements with all children now placed in 2022 classes. During the next few weeks we will continue our discussions and look to finalise these. This week we are sharing with families the physical placement of classroom spaces as we have a few changes (please note the class numbers stay the same as this year).







	Year Level	Learning Space
Explorers		
Charlotte Bates	NE / Y1	Aruhe – Rm 7
Paige Hampton	NE / Y1	Aruhe – Rm 8
Helen Norcliffe	Y1 / 2	Raupō – Rm 9
Kate Keenan	Y2	Raupō – Rm 10
Michelle Parsons	Y1 / 2	Harakeke – Rm 4
Discoverers		
Chris Sumer	Y3 / 4	Awaawa – Rm 21
Susie Keenan	Y3 / 4	Awaawa – Rm 22
Catherine Dalley	Y3 / 4	Pari – Rm 23
Caitlin Ross / Jenny Oldridge	Y3 / 4	Pari – Rm 24
Navigators		
Hamish Lancaster	Y5 / 6	Rm 16
Jane Williams	Y5 / 6	Tawhatanga – Rm 17
Amy Kenel	Y5 / 6	Tawhatanga – Rm 17
Chantal Ward	Y5 / 6	Kaniuniu – Rm 19
Tamara Saxon	Y5 / 6	Kaniuniu – Rm 20
High Fliers		
Alice Perry	Y7 / 8	Rm 11
Alice Barakat	Y7 / 8	Rm 12
Jarad Pateman	Y7 / 8	Rm 14
Nicky Pateman	Y7 / 8	Ti Kouka – Rm 5

MUFTI DAY

Our recent mufti day raised $770.00 for Diabetes Awareness. A great effort everyone thank you so much.



COVID UPDATES

The Public Health Order (PHO) is now in place. As a school we are able to assure all families that we are meeting the requirements of the PHO.
The Ministry of Education has shared further information regarding vaccinations for whānau supporting in the school setting.

Example	Do they need to meet the PHO vaccination requirements?
Parents or caregivers dropping off, picking up, or settling children at a school	**No.** The Order does not apply to people who are visiting the school.
Parents or caregivers attending meetings or events on site (e.g. for parent-teacher interviews)	**No.** The Order does not apply to people who are visiting the school.
Parents, caregivers or volunteers at an EOTC programme, excursion or event	**Yes.** These people are required to be vaccinated because they are carrying out work (unpaid) at or for a school they may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present.
Parents, caregivers and members of the community who are volunteers at a school	**Yes.** These people are required to be vaccinated because they are carrying out work (unpaid) at or for a school and they may have contact with children or students or will be present at a time when children and students are also present. If the volunteer is working offsite and will not have any contact with children or students as part of their role, then they are not required to be vaccinated.

DROP OFF AND PICK UP

A reminder that the guidelines remain the same for drop off / pick up and gatherings.
The preferred option is for this to occur outside with parents using social distancing of 2m. If you are coming onsite, sign in using the tracer app and wear a mask. If you are entering the classroom space ensure you fill in the paper contact form.

GATHERINGS

At this point in time the MoE prefer schools use the gathering rule of a max of 100 inside / outside. This rule comes into practice when we are joined by whānau who may be observing / spectating (anything other than supporting the learning or an EOTC event). This means that we are unable to offer the opportunity for families to spectate at the Explorers and Discoverers Athletic events. Without the hall we are also rethinking what we can offer in the way of end of year assemblies.

PROPERTY UPDATE

The Ministry of Education have placed the PHO requirements on all contractors working on school sites. This has meant that our team working on the hall has been reduced to one person at this point in time. The hall unfortunately will not be ready for the end of the year, we look forward to a new year with a larger space.
The new build work will see some demolition starting in the next few weeks.

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

Student Absences

When your child/children are away from school sick or for an appointment could you please notify the office either by leaving a phone message or using the student absences link at the top of the school website homepage https://www.stmartins.school.nz/contact/report-an-absence/ This ensures we know where all students are as early as possible each morning. Emailing teachers should be secondary as they aren't always available to check their emails/text before school or they may not be in the classroom that particular day so an absence isn't always noted.

Overdue sports uniform

We need a big push to get these back please. Items are being returned slowly so thank you to those who have returned them. To those that haven't, we will be contacting you to remind you. We are happy to lend tops to students and its great the school has managed to have these available for our teams, however it is important items are returned so other students can make use of them. Returns should be dropped to the school office. Queries or concerns can be made by email to dianem@stmartins.school.nz

STUDENT'S CORNER

Wind caresses my cheek cradling the garden in its arms as the scent drifts away.
Light shines on my back, though the aroma gives sadness once more.
The gardens fate entrusted to me, now vanished into the mists colliding with darkness once more
By David Magon (Age 11 Room 14)

STUDENT NOTICES

St Martins had a big team at the Canterbury School Orienteering Festival with lots of good results. Judging by the photos they look like they had a great day.

Sprint at The Groynes

Yr 0-6 Competition Girls
5th: Ana Mulliner

Yr 0-6 Competition Boys
4th: Tor Prince
6th: Henry Pratt
5th: Sam Foote

Long at Bottle Lake forest

Yr 0-6 Competition Boys
2nd: Joshua Head

Yr 7-8 Competition Girls
1st: Greta Prince

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Monster Music

Some of our Tamariki have been learning a musical instrument with Monster Music this year. If you would like to see some talented musicians from St Martins School, feel free to head along to the End of Year Concerts held on the 3rd and 4th of December.
Check out the event page for more info! https://fb.me/e/2GFKgSbx4 $5 cash entry fee

Huntsbury Community Preschool is offering FREE FEES for two-year-olds who enrol and start their sessions with us in Term 4 of 2021. Conditions apply, phone 03 332 6001 or email: info@huntsbury-preschool.org.nz for more details if you'd like to secure a place in this limited-availability promotion!



Kelly Sports Summer Holiday Programmes

Bookings for our upcoming Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes at Hillview Christian School and Hillmorton High School are now available online.

The focus of our Programmes is to ensure kids are active throughout with a great mixture of games and activities to suit everyone. WINZ Subsidies are available for families that qualify and we have options of Half Day sessions, School Day sessions and Full Day sessions available.

To register and for more information please visit www.kellysports.co.nz/christchurch-east or contact Steve on steve@kellysports.co.nz for more information

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/

6	Mon 22 Nov	Tue 23 Nov	Wed 24 Nov	Thu 25 Nov	Fri 26 Nov
	Y6 Cycle Safety Itinerant Music Concert 6.30 to 8.00pm Yr & & 8 Production 11.30 to 12.30(TBC)	Y6 Cycle Safety Year 3 & 4 Athletics	Y6 Cycle Safety GTT Rm 9 / 10	Y0-2 Athletics Day	Whānau Group hui in staffroom 6-8pm
7	Mon 29 Nov	Tue 3 0 Nov	Wed 1 Dec	Thu 2 Dec	Fri 3 Dec
	Careers Day Y7 / 8		Canterbury Athletics GTT Rm 21 / 22	Newsletter Y5 / 6 Kiwi Tag	Fix It Club Penguin Trip
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	GTT Rm 23 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 2022 Teacher NE – Y4 Waltham Pool 12-2.30pm Y8 Amazing Race	Y7 / 8 Adventure Day Y5 Sailing	Newsletter Y6 Sailing	Final Day School Closes 12.30



ITS COOKIE TIME!!!
SMART COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

The S'Mart Committee is running a Xmas fundraiser with one of everyone's favourite things...Cookie Time cookies!!!

You'll need to be quick, though, don't miss out!!!

Payments can be made via cash to the School office or online to the S'Mart Community account: ASB: 12 3147 0420521 00

Orders close tomorrow Friday 19th November

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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/

BIG COMMUNITY SKATE
-@ Alpine Ice-



Looking forward to seeing everyone THIS SUNDAY at Alpine Ice for our Big Community Skate!
Doors open at 4:20 with a skating time from 4:30-6.
Please bring along your pink tickets handed out this week (or from Diane) and parents please only supervise if your child needs you.
We need to keep spectators to under 50.
Around 20 tickets are still available so see Diane if you want to join the fun!
Tickets are $15 each 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.

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