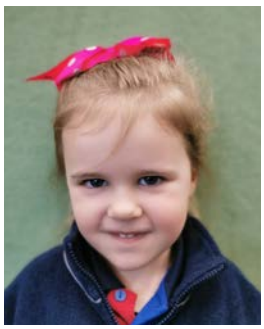
St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
Date: 28 July 2022

SCHOOL UPDATE











Welcome back to term three. We have wonderful stories from the children about their holidays. Lots of board / card games, swimming, movies, trampolining and books. A number of new experiences for some including hitting the slopes for some skiing.

It was great to have the children outside yesterday and see the sunshine at the end of the day. Let's hope we can get some more fine weather (perhaps August will be better than the wettest July since records began in 1943) so we can have more skipping happening through structured learning time as well as break times. We are looking forward to our skipping day later in the term.

Thank you to the parents who were able to join teachers for the learning conferences in week ten last term. We hope you found these beneficial to be able to have a follow up conversation on your child's written report. There was a good uptake of our hybrid model with families using all of the face to face, online, children attending or not attending options.

This term we welcome Cate, Theo, Dom, Nina, Zoe, Felix, Ollie and Penny to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

Last week we shared that the Y5 - 8 children would continue in masks for the winter months. This was followed up by the strong recommendation and request from the MoE that all Y4 - 8s were to be in masks for the first four weeks of the term. We have put this request in place and are providing masks for those that do not have their own. Ventilation through opening windows, air purifiers and providing hand sanitising continue to be a part of our protection against covid.

Looking at the calendar for the term we have lots on. Wonderful to see events like the Koru Games coming back after a two year absence. In advance we thank all of the parents who will join us for the trips and events through the term. The Y3 / 4 team are looking forward to their 'Grow Your Mind Day' in week 7 this term. We look forward to parents sharing their expertise in the workshops.

This term the Y5/6 children will be going to camp in week 8. Megan and Hamish have been working together to put in a funding application to reduce the cost. We are pleased to be able to share with you that we have received $10,000 in outside funding for this camp. We are able to reduce the cost from $200 per student to $140 for this camp. If you have already paid we will leave a $60 credit on your account, if you would like the $60 refunded please contact Megan (meganm@stmartins.school.nz). It would be appreciated if you could pay the $140

for camp before Monday 14th Sept, there is also the opportunity to make weekly payments if you would prefer, please contact Megan for details around this.

A reminder if your child wants to participate in the yr 4-8 ICAS exams, they need to be booked online. The final date for students wishing to participate is **Monday 1st August.**

To register please following these steps:

1. Go to Parent Portal **(https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps)**
2. Enter our school's access code – **CNI273**
3. Enter your child's details, select the tests you would like to purchase, then proceed to payment.

We are proud to offer ICAS and look forward to some fantastic results later in the year.

It is lovely to see how settled the children have come back into the learning environment. This week the class programmes were back in full swing. Our playground focus for the term will be on the school value of respect. Once again the duty teachers will be looking for this value being displayed, we have a class certificate, house points and prize box awards for children showing respect in the playground.

We look forward to seeing you in and around the school this term. Stay warm, dry and healthy.

Ngā mihi,

Andrew







PROPERTY UPDATE

During the holidays we had a light touch up for the hall kitchen completed and some paint added to the walls of the hall itself - thank you to the SMART Community for paying for this. Thanks to Adrian for stepping in and installing the benchtop rather than having to wait for outside contractors to complete this.

Due to the weather through July the Council have been unable to complete the drainage work beyond the new classroom build. We hope that it will be completed next week (I guess weather permitting). Our handover date has been moved from this week (end of July) to the middle of August. We are unable to get the services into the room until the Council has completed the drain laying. Fingers crossed we can get the children in Jarad and Nicky's classes in as soon as possible.

S'MART COMMUNITY UPDATE

Our next meeting is **Monday 1 August at 7.30pm in the staffroom**. Feel free to come along and join in.

The school Disco is taking place on Friday 12th August. The theme will be 'the 90s'.

Junior Disco (NE - Y4) is 5.30pm-7pm

Senior Disco (Y5 - 8) is 7.30pm-9pm

We will be asking for parent support of this event in the next few weeks.

SCHOOL BOARD PARENT ELECTIONS 2022

Nominations to become a Board member are currently open and will close on Wednesday 3rd August. Get on Board!

By now you will have hopefully received notification via email or by post of the School Board Elections taking place this Term. If you have not received information and would like to know more please contact our school office on 3326121.

The school board elections are the opportunity to vote for candidates who will make a positive difference for children's education. We need more people willing to use their skills and experiences for the benefit of students! Parents/caregivers and people in the wider community can be parent representatives.
To find out more about what it means to be a Board member or to nominate yourself or someone you know visit the St Martin's BOT Election website: https://stmartins.boardelections.nz/

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES REVIEW

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

- Abuse Recognition and Reporting
- Care and Management of Students
- Supporting Student Wellbeing

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 18th August.

SCHOOL NOTICES

We have a pile of polar fleeces in lost property which we would love to be able to return to their owners. If your child lost a polar fleece last term it may be in the pile. We can't reiterate that all polar fleeces need to be named so that we can return them to their rightful owner. If your child has lost theirs please call into the office and we can direct you to the pile.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Private Tutoring - Boost your Learning

Would your child benefit from bespoke and nurturing learning sessions from a highly experienced teacher designed to accelerate learning and boost confidence? We would love to help. We are a team of dedicated teachers, specialising in English and Maths support, for primary, intermediate and college students. Visit www.boostyourlearning.co.nz for more information or contact Jenny 021 223 3349 to book a free consultation.



BMX - Have-a-go Registration Day

To kick off the Canterbury BMX season, local clubs are having a Have-a-go day on Sunday 21st August. For more information on times and locations see the attached flyer.



St Martins Cub Scouts Leader Opportunity

St Martins Cub Group is looking for a leader for their Monday night Scouts (7pm to 8.30pm) and Wednesday night Cubs (6.30 to 8 pm) during School Term time. Challenge and fun are the focus of the Cub/Scout programme. Hikes, weekend camps, and an introduction to water activities are just a few of the fun outdoor adventures that we enjoy. This volunteer leadership role will involve running of weekly sessions and planning of sessions with other leaders and an occasional overnight camp (usually 1 per school term on a weekend)

If this sounds like something that would interest you or you'd like to know more, please contact the Cubs section leader on scouts@smartscouts.co.nz

ON THE CALENDAR

1	Mon 25 Jul	Tue 26 Jul	Wed 27 Jul	Thu 28 Jul	Fri 29 Jul
				Newsletter Winter Sport Y5-8 Epro8 Inter school 5-8pm	EPro8 Inter School event 9-12pm
2	Mon 1 Aug	Tue 2 Aug	Wed 3 Aug	Thu 4 Aug	Fri 5 Aug
	Y7/8 Canterbury volleyball SMART Community Meeting	Zone Winter Tournament	Y5/6 Zone Basketball	Winter Sport Y5-8	School Assembly NZCAF Hip Hop Saturday 6 August
3	Mon 8 Aug	Tue 9 Aug	Wed 10 Aug	Thu 11 Aug	Fri 12 Aug
	Digital Tech ICAS 111.30 - 12.30pm		Zone Winter Tournament pp	Newsletter Winter Sport Y5-8	School Disco
4	Mon 15 Aug	Tues 16 Aug	Wed 17 Aug	Thu 18 Aug	Fri 19 Aug
	Year 5/6 Cant Basketball	ICAS English 9am-11am		Winter Sport Y5-8	School Assembly
5	Mon 22 Aug	Tue 23 Aug	Wed 24 Aug	Thu 25 Aug	Fri 26 Aug
	School Duathlon Spelling ICAS 11.30-12.30	SMS BOT Meeting 6.30-8.30pm	Cantamath School duathlon pp Science ICAS 1.30-2.30pm	Newsletter Winter Sport Y5-8 Y0-2 SJCC Cricket	SMS vs Cashmere Football Match
6	Mon 29 Aug	Tue 30 Aug	Wed 31 Aug	Thu 1 Sept	Fri 2 Sept
	St John - Clued up Camper Y5/6	St John - Clued up Camper Y5/6	ICAS Maths 9am	Winter Sport Y5-8	School Assembly Y7/8 ScienceFair Entries
7	Mon 5 Sept	Tue 6 Sept	Wed 7 Sept	Thu 8 Sept	Fri 9 Sept
				Newsletter Y7/8 Ski Trip	
8	Mon 12 Sept	Tue 13 Sept	Wed 14 Sept	Thu 15 Sept	Fri 16 Sept
	Navigators 2 Rm16/19/20 Camp	Navigators 2 Rm16/19/20 Camp	Navigators 2 Rm16/19/20 Camp Navigators 1 Rm17 / 18 Camp	Navigators 1 Rm17 / 18 Camp Canterbury Winter Tournament	Navigators 1 Rm17 / 18 Camp School Assembly
9	Mon 19 Sept	Tue 20 Sept	Wed 21 Sept	Thu 22 Sept	Fri 23 Sept
	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Korfball Tournament	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Koru Games Y7/8	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Koru Games Y7/8	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Koru Games Y7/8	Keeping Ourselves Safe Programme Y7/8 Cant Science Fair Saturday 24th
10	Mon 26 Sept	Tue 27 Sept	Wed 28 Sept	Thu 29 Sept	Fri 30 Sept
	Canterbury Duathlon Y7/8 Zone Rotary Storytelling Competition	Cashmere High School Y8 testing		Current Events Quiz 5-8	School Assembly Last day of Term 3