St Martins School
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Inspiring a passion for learning

School will finish at **12.30pm** next Friday 8th July for Learning Conferences

St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
Date: 30 June 2022









BOT UPDATE

Kia ora tatou,
At last week's board meeting we discussed the approaching ERO (education review office) review. This year the ministry are taking a new approach. Rather than having a one-off visit every few years to assess a school's performance. They will be working with schools over three years. This will hopefully allow for better understanding and a more holistic relationship. Our next meeting is on August 23rd. If any of you are considering standing for board elections in September, I would strongly encourage you to come along and listen in.
Ngā mihi
Kate

SCHOOL UPDATE

We get to finish off a very eventful term next week. We have come in and out and back into masks. Observed the covid numbers drop and the winter flu season begin. We hope everyone has the opportunity for some rest and recuperation during the break. Of course on the flip side it has been wonderful to have parents back on site, get some trips underway and have the children return to a number of in school and out of school sports events. I've watched a number of Y5 - 8 basketball teams competing at Pioneer over the last few weeks, great to see the teamwork across all of the teams.
I enjoyed the opportunity to see the Y7 / 8 EPAC team on the stage at the town hall last week and look forward to seeing the recorded version when it is released.
Thanks to all the families able to support the Matariki assemblies last week. Thank you to Heperi for sharing his expertise at the assemblies to increase our knowledge and understanding of Matariki. We hope you enjoyed the kapa haka, writing, visual art, hip hop and music presentations.
This week we have another set of 'school' assemblies. At this stage we are continuing to hold these in two teams: NE - Y4 at 9.00am and Y5 - 8 at 2.15pm. Next Friday 8th July we will have our end of term assemblies with the term awards being presented for each class. Again, these will be held at two times, NE - Y4 at 9.00am and Y5 - 8 at 11.45am.

Next week we finish off the term with our mid term reports and learning conferences. As you will know from our HERO post last week we are trying a hybrid approach to offer face to face or online discussions. At this stage we have a number of both options being used. Written reports go home on Monday afternoon, we hope you can use these as a discussion point at the learning conferences where teachers will elaborate on the next steps in learning. As always if there is anything that you would like to discuss first, teachers will start with this topic. Please read on below for further information on how to book in a meeting time.



Kiran, Vincent, Callum, Fletcher, Mason, Rory, Fergus, Jai and Jett have been selected into the Cashmere Technical Football Club 10th, 11th and 12th grades Christchurch International Cup teams.



The 12th grade team of 13 players will compete in a three day tournament based at the state-of-the-art Christchurch Football Centre in Yaldhurst in the school holidays on the 16th, 17th and 18th of July. The team plays Wanaka and then Onslow from Wellington on the first day of the tournament. What a great achievement boys and good luck.



We welcome Elodie, Fraser and Ian to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

Thanks for your support with the honey sales this morning, we hope you enjoy this locally produced product.

Have a lovely break.

Ngā mihi,

Andrew



COVID UPDATE

Thank you to the Year 5-8 children for your positive response going back to masks this week.

As you'll be aware, the Ministry of Education still asks us to have ventilation in the classrooms during the winter months. We are asked that windows are being kept ajar in these cold winter days, but continue to have heat pumps on to keep rooms warm. We currently have 7 purifiers in some classrooms, which also helps keep classes clean and warm.



With the current cold temperatures, we respect that your child requires extra warmth. For this reason, thermals can be worn under uniforms. We are also happy for jackets to be worn if needed. Year 8 students are allowed to wear their hoodies underneath their Senior Jackets Monday to Thursday. Due to Health and Safety reasons, they cannot wear hoodies on Friday's at Technology.

TRAVEL PLAN UPDATE

After recent Christchurch City Council and public consultation a new travel plan has been created with a strong focus on safe access and pedestrian safety within the surrounding St Martins School area. The finalised travel plan for 2022 which includes timelines of changes proposed to the surrounding roads can be found here. A big thank you to those involved with the process.

JUMPING JUNE (IN AUGUST)

You will have received some information this week about Jumping June. It is not too late to sign up. Our event day will be held on Monday 15th August. Please see the attached newsletter for more information. So far we've raised over $2000 - well done St Martins, keep up the amazing work.

WHĀNAU GROUP UPDATE

Kia ora e te whānau
We hope you all enjoyed celebrating our first Matariki public holiday with your whānau and friends; connecting and sharing kai, remembering, and setting intentions for the year ahead. It was a pleasure to attend the Matariki assemblies and other awesome events around the city.
We have a whānau group hui in the staff room at 6pm on Tuesday 5th July.
Nau mai, haere mai.
Ngā mihi
Ranui

S'MART COMMUNITY UPDATE

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
This year we have contributed • $6000 extra for the hall kitchen upgrade	**Future ideas:** • Quiz night term 4 in planning phase	**We need you!** • Requests for volunteers will be placed here - watch this space!

Upcoming events:

Second hand uniform sale

A second hand uniform sale is planned for the **start of term 3** just with already donated items. Information will be coming out soon about how to create a seller account so hang on to any unwanted uniform items and keep an eye out on Hero for updates!

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.

PARENT CONFERENCES

Hopefully you will have received an email about the week 10 learning conferences, taking place Monday 4 July - Friday 8 July. **School will close early on Friday 8th July at 12.30pm so teachers can continue their conferences.** This is an opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and discuss the first six months of learning. We will be offering the following options:

- Face to face meetings (with or without your child present)
- Online via Google Meet

To book a meeting with your child's teacher please book in as usual through the school interviews website

- Go to www.schoolinterviews.co.nz
    - Enter code **rphfb**
- Or click on the link http://www.schoolinterviews.co.nz/code/rphfb
- Enter your child's name, child's name, room
- Select your child's home teacher
- Select the tie you would like to meet
- When you book in your time you will be sent a confirmation email with information on how to attend your meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Alice Denley - aliced@stmartins.school.nz

PROPERTY UPDATE

Thank you to Steve Anngow for supplying and installing the new block out blinds in the hall, these look great. The next step in the hall will be to complete a kitchen refresh during the holidays. Thank you to the SMART Community for organizing and paying for this.
During the two week break, there will be asbestos pipes and cladding being removed from the fenced off build area. It would be best if we could stay away from this area while the work is being completed.

SCHOOL NOTICES

Spare uniform donations

From time to time we need to lend children clean uniforms when they have fallen over in the wet. We do have a supply of uniforms here, however if your child has some items you would like to donate or any of the borrowed uniform items still to return we would appreciate them for our office use. You may also like to also provide a change of underwear in your own child's school bag in case they are needed throughout the term.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Huntsbury Community Preschool has an enviable natural outdoor play area and is currently offering FREE FEES for two-year-olds. 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!

Huntsbury Preschool

Studio One Performing Arts
Your local dance school is currently giving Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and Acro lessons in your area. The school's director is teacher, choreographer & ex-ballet dancer Patricia Paul A.R.A.D. (London). Ballet lessons from 3 years through to Advanced, and all levels in Jazz and Contemporary starting from age 7. For all enquiries please phone 372-9191 or email info@studioone.co.nz

Predator Free Port Hills - Trap building Workshop
You are invited to attend a free Predator trap building workshop on Saturday 2 July from 2pm-3.30pm on the top court, St Martins School. All materials will be provided. Help bring back our native birds, lizards and invertebrates by trapping rats in your backyard.
For more information please contact Marie on 0274702020 or marie@predatorfreeporthills.org.nz

Elements Nature Based Play - holiday programmes
Elements has a great mix of planned experiences and play throughout our programmes. For July School holidays Elements we are offering themes such as 'Robin Hood', 'Wild Adventures', 'Magic & Spells' & 'Farm n Fire', at Riccarton, Redcliffs and a Westmorland farm. Ages 5-13 yrs or 'stay n play Kidsfest' for 2-7yrs. For more information see our website https://www.elementsnature.co.nz/

Giant Leaps Speech & Drama
Enrol now for Term 3! At Giant Leaps Co. we believe communication is everything! Every interaction we have with others is defined by our ability to effectively communicate. Giant Leaps Speech Co. was established from the dream that every child, teen and adult can achieve their very best communication skills to succeed in life. These skills are needed more today than ever before! For more information visit www.giantleaps.nz

Mainland Distribution - Flyer delivery jobs
Be part of a new and developing team for a reputable publisher. Mainland Distribution are looking for deliverers of "The Star" newspaper in and around the area. Deliverers need to be honest and reliable and over the age of 11yrs. Further information can be obtained by Emailing: deliveries@alliedpress.co.nz – with your Name, Street Address, Suburb and contact number.

ON THE CALENDAR

	Mon 27 June	Tue 28 June	Wed 29 June	Thu 30 June	Fri 1 July
9	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	Assemblies
	Mon 4 July	**Tue 5 July**	**Wed 6 July**	**Thu 7 July**	**Fri 8 July**
10	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				