St Martins School | Te Kura o Hato Mātene
Newsletter 15 : Thursday 21st September 2023

Last day of Term 3 is this Friday 22nd September at 3pm

First day of Term 4 is Monday 9th October - enjoy the school holidays!

BOT UPDATE



Board elections 2023

Nominations open tomorrow 22 October

We have 2 vacancies to fill so we encourage anyone who would like to 'Get on Board' to register a nomination here: www.boardelections.nz Further information regarding the nomination process will be coming out via email (or post for those who do not have an email address registered with the school)

To learn more about becoming a board member please visit: Becoming a board member

We welcome visitors to board meetings. If you wish to attend a meeting please email me, Presiding member Kate Hodgins, at bot@stmartins.school.nz We look forward to seeing some new faces!

Ngā mihi

Kate Hodgins (Presiding member)

SCHOOL UPDATE







This week we welcome Fergus to St Martins School | Hato Mātene. We hope you enjoy your time with us and look forward to your contributions to school.

Congratulations to Mrs Caitlin Ross (Pari | Rm 16) and Nick, expecting their third tamariki to the whānau. We know this will be fabulous news for Grace and Ollie to have a new brother or sister. We wish the Ross family all the best and to Caitlin an easy pregnancy and good health.

Thank you to the PTA for organising a fabulous community quiz night. Sounds like it was lots of fun, congratulations to "Never going to Quiz you up" the winning team.

The school is exceptionally appreciative of the aspects the PTA are putting into place, we look forward to being able to use some of these funds for future enhancements of the school.

We have had lovely weather for our Rāpaki Marae visits. We know that the tamariki of Hato Mātene have enjoyed the opportunity and experience. We look forward to continuing to develop our relationship with Ngāti Wheke.

The Y7 / 8 ākonga have enjoyed the warmth of the sun during their first couple of days during the Koru Games. We wish them all the best on finals day today.

We are looking forward to our Wearable Arts event in week two next term. We will be having four shows, two for each syndicate (Y0 - 4 / Y5 - 8). Show times are:

- **Y5 - 8 : Wednesday 18th October 1.00pm and 6.30pm**
- **Y0 - 4 : Thursday 19th October 1.00pm and 6.30pm**

Tickets go on sale Monday 9th October, a HERO post with a link will be sent out on Monday as well as an information sheet. Tickets are $5, children and preschoolers are free. We will be selling on a first in first served basis. We would appreciate children being

at school 30 minutes before the show starts so we have time to get children into their creations.

This term we are starting the preparations for the 2024 class organisation. Class placements involve a number of discussions to enable us to make the best decisions for each student. We take into consideration a number of factors, meeting together on numerous occasions to discuss the make-up of groupings. At St Martins School | Hato Mātene we have mixed ability classes. We use the following definition for placing children: groups of children working at similar levels - with consideration of ages, social, behavioural and emotional aspects. As with previous years we extend an invitation to you, as parents, to make us aware of any information that might be relevant to the placement of your child / children. This is an opportunity to give us information that will help us with our process, it is not an invitation to select your child's 2024 teacher. Please be aware that there is a close off for this information – **Friday October 13 2023**. Please use the link to the survey to share your information. If you have children to enrol or are transitioning to another school could you please let the office know.

The NZ curriculum is currently being refreshed. We have started by adding a focus on the Aotearoa NZ Histories curriculum as a section of the Social Sciences curriculum and are next moving on to the Maths and Literacy curriculum. With the refresh the Ministry of Education has allocated four staff only days. These need to be taken during certain times of the year. Our curriculum refresh staff only day will be Thursday November 16. This is inline with the schools in our Kahui Ako | Cluster including Cashmere High. School will be closed on this day.

The school dates for next year have been ratified by the Board and are as follows:

2024 Term 1

Wed 31 January to Fri 12 April

- Wed 31 Jan & Thu 1 Feb - Whānau Connect
- Fri 2 Feb - All classes

- Waitangi Day – Tuesday 6 February – School Closed
- Easter Weekend – Friday 29 March – Tuesday 2 April – School Closed

2024 Term 2

Monday 29 April to Friday 5 July

- King's Birthday – Monday 3 June – School Closed
- Matariki – Friday 28 June – School Closed
- + 1 MoE Curriculum Refresh Staff Only Day - Date to be Confirmed

2024 Term 3

Monday 22 July to Friday 27 September

- Staff Only Day - Date to be Confirmed

2024 Term 4

Monday 14 October to Wednesday 18 December

- Labour Day – Monday 28 October – School Closed
- Canterbury Anniversary – Friday 15 November – School Closed
- + 1 MoE Curriculum Refresh Staff Only Day - Date to be Confirmed

Thanks for a wonderful term three, it has been busy with learning and Education Outside the Classroom experiences. Next term we look forward to our Wearable Arts Showcase, Y0 - 4 swimming sessions, athletics, willowbank trip, cycle safety as well as our everyday teaching and learning.

Have a wonderful holiday, enjoy having your tamariki home for the break. Let's hope we get more of this sunshine to be able to get out and about.

Andrew.















WHĀNAU GROUP UPDATE

Kia ora e te whānau. Ngā mihi to all those tamariki who got up and did their mihi/pepeha in their classrooms and in the hall. Thanks to Alice Barakat for organising the mihi competition and also to all the kaiako for their awesome work during Te wiki o te reo Māori. It was great to see lots of people at the values hui last week too. We will be having another one next term so look out for it.

With the holidays and Labour Day coming up, our next Whānau Group hui is 13 November.



PTA UPDATE













Thank you! To everyone who came along to Quiz Night, a sincere thank you for supporting this event. To all the behind-the-scenes organisers, heartfelt thanks for all the work and your time that went into making it a great night. The success confirms what an amazing school community we are part of. We hope all the auction prize winners enjoy their purchases; we are very grateful for your generosity. We particularly hope the "Principal" and "Deputy Principal" have a great day running school next term.

Touch Rugby

Sign Up Genius: As always we need your support to run this event, please sign up here to help out on the day:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0444A5AA28ABFB6-stmartins6#/
Payment: Team payments by 19th October to the PTA account: 12-3147-0420521-51 (Reference: school, team name and grade).
Website: www.sporty.co.nz/smarttouch/
Questions: smart.touch@stmartins.school.nz

2024 Fundraising and Events

At our next PTA meeting we will start planning for 2024. If there are any opportunities for fundraising in the community, please get in touch. If there is a particular fundraiser you would like us to run, we would love to hear from you, email: chairperson@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

Family Portraits

If you're thinking about doing a family portrait in time for Christmas, Green Melon Photos are booked for 11th & 12th November – family pooch is welcome too. $20 for a family portrait.

All Blacks and Black Ferns Oodies

A fundraising opportunity to sell All Blacks and Black Ferns oodies for $85 has come up. Samples available in the school office. Retail through www.allblackshop.com for $150. Order here

Next PTA Meeting: Monday 16th October, 7.30pm, Staff Room
Contact Us: info@stmartinsschoolpta.org.nz

STUDENT CORNER

Grade 11 Football player of the year

William Hyslop of Room 10 won player of the year for his football team recently. He plays for the 11th grade Barracudas at Ferrymead Football Club. Well done William

Canterbury School Orienteering Champs

The Canterbury School Orienteering Festival was held on September 9th & 10th a number of St Martins Students gained 6 top placings in the competitive yr 1-6 grade:

Sprint Boys
1st place: Tor Prince
4th Place: Josh Head
Sprint Girls
5th Place: Sophia Axelrad
6th Place: Louise Mulliner
Forest Boys
4th Place: Tor Prince
5th Place: Harry Foote
Well done to all those who participated!



SCHOOL NOTICES

Thank you!

Many thanks to Zealandia Horticulture for this most generous donation of over 120 vegetable plant seedlings to our Garden to Table programme. We look forward to planting them and cooking some delicious meals with the students this season!!

Uniform mending service

Do some of your uniform items need some love and attention? My name is Amy, I am a school parent offering a service for mending and simple alterations.
Prices for services are:

- Sewing on badges - $2
- Hems - $6
- Adjusting waistband - $10
- Replacing polo fleece zip including zip - $20
- Mending holes etc - priced on item

Simply place the clean items in a bag and drop it into the box provided in the school office. Please include the following information with your items:

- Your child's name & class number
- Your contact number
- Cash payment
- Details of what needs to be done

I will contact you when your items are ready. Feel free to contact me with any questions, Amy 021347715

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

We are in the process of updating our school records on HERO. If you have recently had a change of contact details (address/phone number/emergency contacts etc) please call the school office on 3326121 or let us know via email office@stmartins.school.nz

TERM 3 COSTS

Term 3 donations and activity costs have been updated on Hero
Thank you to everyone who has already made payments this term.
If your child/ren have participated in Hagley Winter Sport, EPro8, Koru Games, Korfball Tournaments - these are all **non-donation activities** and payment is required now please. Donation payments can be claimed back for 33% of the donation amount through the Inland Revenue website, by uploading your donation receipt from Hero.

The donation receipt is found on the finance ($) tab of your child(ren) student account/view all payments/view donation payments and download.
Note: this receipt can only be accessed via desktop computer, not the phone app.
Please contact Megan on accounts@stmartins.school.nz if you have any questions.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Weetbix TRYathlon 2024

Entries for the Christchurch Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlonTM taking place on Sunday 25th February are **NOW OPEN!**
Register your child(ren) here: **Weetbix TRYathlon registration** and use the code 'GIVEITATRY' to secure the OPENING WEEK SPECIAL price of $44 - a massive saving of $25 off the full price! Limited entries, ONLY 100 entries per event at this price will be available so make sure your students get in quick!
Visit https://tryathlon.co.nz/ for more information.



Make your own lip balm - School Holiday classes

Aimed especially at primary school aged children, come along and make your own Lip balms.
To book visit Kids lipbalm holiday classes
For more information about McGinns Madefresh visit www.mcginnmadefresh.com



Kelly Sports September/October Holiday Programmes

Limited bookings for our upcoming Kelly Sports Holiday Programmes at Hillview Christian School, Hillmorton High School and Westburn School are still 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 or contact Mahina on chch@kellysports.co.nz for more information

TERM THREE

	Mon 18 Sept	Tues 19 Sept	Wed 20 Sept	Thurs 21 Sept	Fri 22 Sept
10				Koru Games Yr 7&8 SMS Newsletter	Yr 7&8 technology Te Reo Group End of Term Full school Assembly 2pm **Term 3 ENDS**

TERM FOUR - week 1 & 2

	Mon 9 Oct	Tues 10 Oct	Wed 11 Oct	Thurs 12 Oct	Fri 13 Oct
1	**Term 4 Begins** Yr 5-8 Athletic Training Whanau Group Hui (6pm staffroom)	Yr 5-8 Athletic Training	Yr5-8 Athletic training **Board election nominations close**		Yr 7/8 technology Te Reo Group
	Mon 16 Oct	Tues 17 Oct	Wed 18 Oct	Thurs 19 Oct	Fri 20 Oct
2	PTA meeting (7.30pm staffroom)	Yr 5-8 Athletic Training	Senior Wearable Arts Show 1.00 pm & 6.30pm	Junior Wearable Arts Show 1.00pm & 6.30pm Yr 5-8 Athletics Day SMS Newsletter	Yr 7/8 technology Yr 0-4 Assembly 9.00am Yr 5-8 Assembly 2.15pm